



Central, South West and Wales Celtic Supporters Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Saturday 20th January 2018

Venue: Oxon Shamrock CSC

Present:

Reading Martin O'Neill CSC (MON): Alisdair Ferguson, Fiona Wheatley, Iain Mooze and Nya Grace.

Oxon Shamrock CSC (OS): George Deans, Ian Wallace, Eddie Birnly, Andrew Moffat and Jimmy Moffat.

Black Country Che Guevara CSC (BC): Dave Bradshaw and Mick Winston.

Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC (WS): Ros Harris and Derek Kelly.

Birmingham Sons of Erin 32 CSC (SOE): Chris Kane.

Swindon Shamrock CSC (SS): Mike Elliott.

Apologies: None.

Dave chaired the meeting, welcomed everyone and ran through the order of events for the day. He also extended thanks on behalf of the Association for all those who had made the journey to attend today's meeting and to Oxon Shamrock for hosting.

1. Minutes of the last AGM.

Minutes from last Annual General Meeting held on 3/12/16 at Birmingham Sons of Erin 32 CSC were read with the following matter arising:

1. Possibility of us purchasing Association season book(s), but following brief discussion it was felt that there would be little or no benefit to the CSA.

DB (BC) proposed these be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Seconded: Derek (WS).

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8/10/17 were also tabled and accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Dave (BC)
Seconded: George (OS)

2. Matters Arising.

See above.

3. Officer Reports:

▪ **Chairman's Report.**

Dave said things were still looking very positive for the Association. Things are financially sound and there is a vibrancy that runs through the Association and it is reflected in its continued growth. We have a core membership of active CSC's and links remain very positive with Celtic Football Club, a case in point being the hospitality package that is provided each season.

He gave credit to all the committee for all their hard work throughout the year, testament of which is evidenced by the work being done on the forthcoming Association Day at Celtic Park and the Jimmy Johnstone Trophy tournament later in the year.

A slight area of concern was the growth aspect of the Association and the issue of the role of any Recruitment Officer. There was some discussion around this and in the main very positive, there was some discussion as to how we try to promote the Association's values and benefits, Perhaps a "flyer" of sorts at the JJ Trophy weekend was suggested.

Dave concluded by thanking committee members for their fantastic support as ever who help to ensure the efficient running of the Association.

▪ **Treasurers Report.**

Ros reported that the balance at this time was £3,078.00; this includes an amount of £232.00 that was agreed to be written off. Expenditure for items such as flowers for E. O'Neill and the webpage £50.00 per annum for the Domain fee stood at £128.00. Ros concluded by confirming that we currently have 116 registered members of the Association across the 6 CSC's.

▪ **Secretary's Report.**

George provided a brief description of his role as Secretary; outlining how it all works with the various templates we have as an Association. He outlined that he has liaised with Eleanor O'Neill (PA to the CEO) for the Hospitality Package for a number Seasons. He has also liaised closely

with John Paul Taylor this season with regard to the Guard of Honour for the upcoming Association Day. In the main he works to try and keep our profile at Celtic Park constant.

▪ **Ticket Officer's Report.**

Alisdair reported that there had been a slight issue regarding tickets for the Hearts game but other than that everything seems to be going along nicely. Alisdair pointed out that all CSC's should by now have indicated ticket requirements to AF for the Association Day.

4. Election of Officers.

Dave explained that as per constitution all committee members are required to stand down but are eligible for re-election should they wish. Current officer's roles are: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Ticket Officer.

As there had been no interest from any other members in standing for any of these roles Dave proposed that the present Committee was re-elected en bloc.

Chair: DB

Treasurer: RH

Ticket Officer: AF

Secretary: GD

Seconded: Fiona (MON)

There was also some discussion regarding the introduction of a Communications Officer to take care of our social media output via Facebook. Chris (SOE) expressed a willingness to take this on and so was duly elected.

Proposed: Dave (BC)

Seconded: Fiona (MON)

5. Recruitment Officers Role.

This had been deferred from our previous meeting for further discussion at this AGM. Despite further discussion around this there was still no definitive agreement as to the way forward; however it was agreed that this role would be kept and remain vacant for the time being. Members were encouraged to consider alternative mechanisms of promoting the Association in an effort to develop our membership.

6. Membership and Club Fee's.

Ros had already reported on the current status of members being 116 for last year. It was agreed that CSC fees remain at £2.00 per member for the forthcoming year.

Ros agreed to email all member CSC's to remind them that membership is payable as well as sending a separate email to Nottingham Shamrock CSC to clarify their position on membership/involvement in the Association.

7. CSA Constitution.

Dave reported that there had been no proposed amendments received for the constitution so this was circulated for review. Changes agreed at the last AGM had been made and pointed out, namely movement of our AGM to January and the requirement for quorum for all meetings to be 25% of the CSA's membership.

8. Review of CSA Aims and Objectives.

Dave reported that there had been no proposed amendments to the Aims and Objectives and so this document was circulated for review. It was agreed that this document was still fit for purpose. Some changes that had been agreed at our last AGM had been made and pointed out.

Two minor amendments were agreed:

1. Remove Coventry Emerald CSC from list of members.
2. Add Chris Kane as Communications Officer.

9. Ticket Allocation Policy.

There had been no proposed amendments to the Ticket Allocation Policy, so this was circulated for review and agreed.

10. Hospitality Package

All eligible CSC's were balloted for next season's hospitality package which this year is awarded to Black Country Che Guevara CSC.

The Club should contact George once they have selected the game they wish to attend and he will liaise with Eleanor O'Neill on this.

11. Association Day.

There was a lot of discussion around this with a lot of work to do regarding the Guard of Honour and ticketing requirements.

The date of the game has been re-arranged to 18/2/18 but we had anticipated this and all goes ahead as planned with an overnight stay arranged.

George has been in regular contact with JPT and the ticket office with regard to final ticket numbers, it is anticipated that we will be taking between 60-70 tickets. George, Dave and Alisdair agreed to liaise on this regarding the final ticket order.

Celtic Football Club has agreed that they will subsidise the tickets for 14 children and 1 guardian who will be making up the Guard of Honour on the day. This was understandably oversubscribed so it was agreed that Sons of Erin, Reading and Black Country would take 4 places each with the remaining two places taken by Wolverhampton. George has collated T shirt sizes and will get them off to JPT this week.

12. Jimmy Johnstone Memorial Trophy.

Gary Reeves is organising this event and as he couldn't attend the meeting today had put together an extensive briefing document which Dave presented. The tournament will be played on the 12th May at Burnham FC with 8 teams competing. There will also be entertainment planned for the evening and the day/night will be a charity fundraiser. CSC's interested in entering should liaise with Gary directly.

13. Any Other Business

- Ian from Oxon spoke a little about a project they are supporting in Kenya for an expedition next year in the local community. A Flyer was circulated with information on how people can support this worthwhile cause, please see www.gofundme.com/kenya-volunteer-trip-2019 if you would like to make a donation.
- Chris from Sons of Erin circulated a design for a new CSA banner which is a gift from SOE and that he hopes will be ready for the Association Day. All present thanked Chris for his kind donation.

- Dave from Black Country said that they are putting on Damian Quinn at St. Patrick's Club on 20/4/18 in conjunction with Sons of Erin. All are welcome to attend for what promises to be a good night.

14. Date and venue of next meeting.

Next Meeting:

- **Saturday 5th May 2018**
- **Black Country Che Guevara CSC, St. Patrick's Club, 381 Rotton Park Road, Birmingham, B16 0LB. Time to be confirmed.**

Huge thanks to Sheila and John at the White Hart for their excellent hospitality. All those present were encouraged to post/like their Facebook page.

Meeting Closed.

George Deans, Secretary. On Behalf of Central South West and Wales CSA.