

ASSOCIATION OF TARTAN ARMY CLUBS

Meeting Sunday 25 October 2009 at 1.p.m. 208 Club, Crieff Road, Perth

Present :	Jim Brown	WESTA
	John Kaylor	PTA
	Tam Ferry	EASTA
	Kevin Donnelly	LA
	Scott Pilmer	HBETA
	Hamish Husband	WESTA
	Maurice Hickey	BASTA
	Tam Allan	KoFTA
	Scott Rae	WEBATA
	Dave Webster	WESTA (Minutes)
Apologies :	Simon Johnston	ETA
	David Paterson	Campbeltown TA
	Gary Bannatyne	Cumbernauld TA

1. Minutes of previous meeting and discussion of any action items therein

Jim Brown welcomed everyone. Minutes from the previous meeting (AGM in July) were reviewed

2. Current membership number of ATAC

Tam Ferry said numbers received so far total 1172 which consist of 772 SSC members and 400 non SSC members

Numbers still to be received from the following clubs

- Edinburgh TA
- Armadale TA
- Perthshire TA
- Campbeltown TA
- Blackearnside TA
- Cumbernauld TA
- Tapshop TA

Blackearnside TA had an issue with having to show list and SSC numbers. This was discussed. It was pointed out that there was nothing in our statutes that said membership lists needed to be shown.

It was agreed that upon application to ATAC clubs need to show other clubs their membership numbers. Once an ATAC member all that will be required is for each club to submit their membership numbers each year (broken down into SSC & non SSC members) with no requirement to show names or SSC numbers

3. Statement of Financial account

Tam Ferry reported that ATAC account currently has £231 - £111 is from the No Team GB campaign

The £20 membership fee had been received from the following clubs

Lunnian Albanach
BASTA
Granite City Scots supporters
Kingdom of Fife TA
Kirkcaldy TA
Edinburgh TA
Heb Bar Edinburgh TA
West of Scotland TA

4. Review of communications with SFA /SSC since last meeting

There was an ATAC \ SSC meeting at the end of July which has been minuted (and available on the ATAC website)

Since then there has been no formal communications with the SFA

ACTION : SFA Liaison to contact SFA and organize quarterly meeting dates for the next year

5. No Team GB

LA asked if there were any plans for a joint protest with the Welsh fans before the game

It was agreed that we should have a joint photo call with Scottish & Welsh fans before the game

A couple of potential venues were mentioned but it was decided it was best to go with local knowledge and ask the Welsh fans and also get them to contact the local press for coverage

It was also agreed that we should co-ordinate the use of the banners within the stadium getting one in the Welsh end and the other in our end

ACTION : Simon Johnston, to contact Welsh fans (FSF Cymru) to organise location for photo shoot, get local press involved and co-ordinate showing of banners within the stadium

6. Summary of ATAC Press exposure, contacts and relationships since last meeting

Hamish Husband & Tam Ferry gave an overview of their appearances in the press.

Hamish said he had already been asked a question he expects to be asked quite a lot up to and including the 2010 World Cup – Will we (or why won't we) be supporting England at the world cup.

Hamish had replied to this once saying “In a modern Scotland, of course we wish our neighbours well, we just hope that they lose every game!”

7. European update

Tam Ferry gave an update on the FSE (Football Supporters Europe) which he is now a committee member. The FSE meet on a monthly basis via conference call

The FSE have a set up a message board for discussion and joining the FSE the address is <http://www.footballsupporterseurope.org/>

The next FSE fans congress will be on 17-18 July with the venue to be decided

8. Wales –v- Scotland – Tickets, points

Tam Allan raised issues over the low allocation of tickets for the Wales game, although this has now been alleviated with an extra 2000 tickets. Although this highlighted a much bigger issue that it was becoming increasingly difficult to get on the points ladder.

There was a in depth discussion about this issue and it was agreed that as there was a WESTA meeting that evening, Jim Brown would phrase a question for all clubs to present to their members and provide feedback bay 1st December

The question is :-

“Should we request that ticket distribution on methodology be changed to allow those SSC members with insufficient points for different games the opportunity to participate in a ballot where relevant?”

9. Wales –v- Scotland, Fans Embassy, Cardiff

There will be a Fans Embassy in Cardiff, it will run between 12-1, Tam Ferry has been in contact with the Welsh fans who will recommend a pub for this.

10. ATAC position on new rules of eligibility to play for national team

ETA had raised a question on what ATAC's position on the new eligibility rules was. These are the rules that mean if a player has been to school for more than 5 years in a country they can play for that country

It was agreed that the ATAC position was “If the players are eligible within the rules to play for Scotland then they should be considered”

11. Campaign Review Document

At the end of the last campaign (Euro 2008) Jim Brown from WESTA & Craig McDowall from Loony Alba, prepared a review document with many of the fans concerns. This was used as a basis of discussion with the SSC \ SFA over issues on that campaign and it was a very useful document for all parties involved to learn from

It was proposed that we produce a similar document for the recent world cup qualifying campaign and agreed that this was a very good idea

ACTIONS :

Jim Brown & Craig McDowall to compile a review document on the 2010 World Cup Qualifying campaign

All ATAC clubs to ask their members for submissions over issues

Jim and/or Craig to solicit views from non ATAC clubs or members via the Tartan Army Message Board (TAMB)

12. ATAC 7's 2010

ATAC had been approached to see if they wanted to run the 7's at the Aviemore Gathering that is being held this year. BASTA said that they are based in Aviemore and don't want anything whatsoever to do with the Gathering

It was agreed that the ATAC 7's should be independent

LADTA had proposed 2 venues in Linlithgow (Linlithgow Rose FC & the rugby club). WEBATA had also shown interest in hosting the event

EASTA proposed that 2010 ATAC 7's be held in Linlithgow, and the 2011 7's be held in Airdrie

The dates to be confirmed but would be in the last 2 weeks of June (19th or 26th)

This was agreed

13. Nominations and appointment of ATAC Non Executive positions

At the last meeting it was agreed that ATAC elect non-executive positions
nominations were called for

Coordinator	Stevie Imlach (LA)	Proposed Seconded Carried	LA EASTA
Deputy Coordinator	Scott Rae (WEBATA)	Proposed Seconded Carried	EASTA LA
SFA Liaison	Jim Brown (WESTA)	Proposed Seconded Carried	WESTA BASTA
Treasurer	Scott Pilmer (HBETA)	Proposed Seconded Carried	LA BASTA
Press Liaison	Hamish Husband (WESTA)	Proposed Seconded Carried	WESTA KoFTA
Secretary (Temporarily)	Dave Webster (WESTA)	Proposed Seconded Carried	WESTA EASTA

There were no nominations received for the Secretary role so Dave Webster was proposed temporarily while nominations are sought for someone to do this on a permanent basis

14. AOB

One of the EASTA members that went to Japan recently had a ticket via his SSC membership but managed to also get a Scotland ticket for his wife who was a non SSC member

It was agreed that for once the SSC should be commended for showing some common sense
