

Association of Tartan Army Clubs (ATAC) Meeting

28/12/2009 – 208 Club, Perth

MINUTES

Attendees:

Jim Brown (WESTA), Stevie Imlach (LA), Tam Ferry (EASTA), Mike Scales (LADTA), Simon Johnson (ETA), John Callaghan (KoFTA), Peter Morton (KTA)

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

SI Opened the meeting and reviewed the minutes from the previous ATAC meeting (25th October 09).

One outstanding (nomination of an ATAC Secretary) was raised and discussed with the position still requiring nominations. Role was outlined, Mike Scales was proposed by WESTA and seconded by EASTA and will now pick up this Non-Executive role.

2. Current Membership of ATAC

ATAC currently has 19 member clubs. Of these, 6 clubs still have their membership numbers outstanding.

AP1 – Armadale Sons of Wallace, PTA, Cambeltown TA, TSTA, Cumbernauld and Blackearnside - to provide their membership numbers (No of SSC members and non-members) to Stevie Imlach

In addition, 9 clubs have still to pay their £20 membership fees.

AP2 – Scott Pilmer – to reconcile (with SI) list of clubs who've not paid and confirm against bank details, and to contact all clubs (SI will provide initial list)

A number of groups have made contact with a view to joining ATAC. Details of membership criteria have been passed to each. Once received, these details will be reviewed and membership agreed at the subsequent ATAC meeting.

3. Financial Summary

In SP's absence, TF confirmed that he has handed over all account details etc... to Scott who will provide an update on accounts ahead of the next meeting.

4. Review of SFA Meeting

JB talked the group through the process, events, meeting and follow-ups to the recent meeting with the SFA. Full details of the discussions are in the minutes to that meeting, however, feedback from all is that this appears to have been a successful process for ATAC. It has served to increase awareness of what we do and how we work, appears to have changed the views of a number of vocal ATAC detractors and, more importantly, has highlighted a number of issues which have been picked up by Scotland fans (ATAC and non-ATAC members alike).

It was agreed that the format of pre-submitting the questions, asking for written answers and then using the meeting to discuss these was effective and should be carried forward. One key learning point from the meeting was to ask the SFA to have their written answers available as ATAC arrive at Hampden to allow them time to review answers, plan follow up questions and ensure a focussed debate.

It was agreed that we should be looking to have a follow up meeting with the SFA in late February.

AP3 – JB – to contact the SFA and arrange the meeting

It was agreed that there should be a number of points picked up from the previous meeting and pushed on with to ensure momentum is not lost in trying to get proper action. These points are:-

1. Transparency of the SSC
 - Where does the SSC membership go?
 - Costs of running SSC?
 - Income from members?
2. Allocation of ticket for new campaign
 - Home season tickets
 - Group bookings (for home and away)
 - Initial responses Euro2012 draw (Groups will be known by then)
 - Feedback from Euro's draw (process for dates, etc...)
3. "SFA/SSC On The Road"
 - ATAC suggestion of roadshows by the SFA
 - ATAC clubs can combine where possible for these events
 - Meetings to be run by TA/ATAC rep/member (ie, not by the SFA)
 - Potentially using pre-submitted questions and points

For roadshows, it was agreed that we need to push the SFA to agree to these events and we should approach them with dates already lined up to try and push these to happen.

AP4 – All Clubs – Where you have set meeting dates (ie, last Sunday of the month), confirm what these dates are to JB. Also to confirm venue's, size of venues and (in event that venue is low

capacity) whether an alternative venue is available if needs be. These events would be opened to non-ATAC members, although some ticketing system to ensure control over number of attendees may be required

For the next SFA meeting, it was agreed that we will review the number of ATAC attendees available to attend and if there is space, we will consider inviting another guest. Anonymity will not be an option this time.

It was also agreed that we'll have set dates for meetings throughout the year to ensure all clubs have plenty of time to arrange attendees. ATAC meetings will be held one month ahead of SFA meetings and will agree key issues for that agenda.

AP5 – JB / SI – to confirm dates for all 2010 ATAC and SFA meetings

5. NoTeamGB

There has been limited activity on the NoTeamGB campaign of late. SJ updated the group on a couple of press interviews he's given.

6. FSE

TF updated the group on activities on the European front. The FSE is gaining a growing reputation amongst FA's and is now being invited to take part in national forums to give a fans view, particularly in relation to Ultra Culture.

AP6 – TF – to email the FSE activities document out to all reps

Fans embassies continue to be discussed and it is our intention to continue with these throughout the new campaign. It was agreed that we should look to approach G4S (as new SSC sponsors) with a view to sponsorship (or any other sponsors anyone can suggest).

AP7 – JB – to raise sponsor issue with Colin Banks (for a contact)

7. ATAC 7's

ATAC 7's 2010 will be held in Linlithgow and hosted by LADTA. Preferred venue is Prestonfield (Linlithgow Rose) with the Rugby Club as a back-up option.

The intended date is the 22nd May and LADTA will co-ordinate the event and the organisation, all help welcome! The venue has a club house and bar etc... which will be used to host the evening social (and will have the Champions League final on show).

AP8 – MS to confirm date and venue

AP9 – JB to approach the SFA about getting a guest (Levein?) to attend for the presentation in the evening

All clubs need to flag an interest in putting a team in. All players must show SSC card to confirm memberships on the day.

8. AOB

- It was agreed that the output from the SSC meeting supersedes the need to produce a review of campaign document
- **AP10 – TF – to arrange a date for session with Henry McLeish's think tank**
- ATAC Dinner Dance - Suggested by Jim Brown
 - annual / bi-annual event
 - Central location (hotel site, ie, Dunblane, Perth, etc...)
 - ATAC player of the year award presented, etc...
 - **AP11 – All – Take suggestion to their clubs and come back with yay's or nay's**
- 11-a-side competition
 - Tam will be issuing forms shortly
 - Dates to be confirmed