

Wessex Blues

18th Meeting Minutes

Started 27th February 2014 20:10

Closed 27th February 2014 21:05

Location: Royal British Legion/Ex Servicemen's Club, North Road, Poole, Dorset

1. Welcome and Introduction

Rob thanked everyone for attending the February meeting (26 in attendance). Apologies were mentioned from Ian Jakeman and Marc Hayes.

2. Compliant about the Committee

In mid February, Steve had personally received a complaint in writing that the majority of the members take the view that the branch is run for the benefit 'of a selected few'. The committee therefore took this as 'a vote of no confidence'. The committee therefore put this to branch members that were present to invite a motion on this and for it to be seconded. The motion was proposed by Pete Armstrong and seconded by Stephen Eaton. Of the twenty six branch members present, four people voted for the motion (Pete Armstrong, Stephen Eaton, Dave Eaton and Phil Donovan), sixteen people against the motion and seven people did not vote.

On the basis of the motion not being carried, a private meeting with Pete Armstrong took place with the committee to discuss his comments on the integrity of the committee. The comments and the outcome of that meeting remains only with the people concerned that were present.

Several people commented why they did not vote at all (Andy Mountford for instance) as they were not sure/made clear what the issues were for the vote of no confidence. Russell suggested that a clearer transparency on the issues made were needed.

Rob made it clear to everybody why tickets for Barcelona were allocated to Richard and Steve. Rob also made it clear that Richard and Steve took themselves out of the decision on who were allocated the tickets.

Dave E, hoped after this compliant that the branch would unite, with confidence restored and no one left due to the consequences of this meeting.

3 Tickets being obtained through MCFC and also via the Wessex Blues Branch

On the evening of the 24th February, a private meeting took place between Alan Crumley, Phil Donovan, Stephen Eaton, Dave Eaton and the committee with reference to obtain tickets via the Wessex Blues and also through MCFC for the Capital One Cup Final. This was briefly mentioned to all branch members; however the comments and the outcome of that meeting remains with the people concerned that were present.

Several people commented why a private meeting took place with Alan Crumley et al. The Committee made it clear that this was down to not embarrassing the mentioned people over the ticketing issue and secondly that as a vote of confidence had been made, the Committee did not want to face both of these issues at the same meeting.

4. Premiership League Fixture Changes

Rob, commented that following notification from the Premier League the following fixtures had changed

Hull City v Manchester City – Saturday 15th March 2014, kick-off 12:45pm (Live on BT Sport).

Manchester United v Manchester City – Tuesday 25th March 2014, kick-off 19:45pm (Live on Sky Sports).

Arsenal v Manchester City – Saturday 29th March 2014, kick-off 5:30pm (Live on Sky Sports).

5. General Secretary Update (Dr. Richard Wild)

Richard had no business to report. All business matters had been sent out via email in the previous month.

6. Treasurer Update (Mr. Steve Hayhurst)

Steve had no business to report.

7. Transport Forum

Tom raised the issue about the best way of organising transport to home and away games. Ashley confirmed he would be best point of contact and suggested that a forum would be set up on the Wessex Blues website to allow people to mention who and how people are getting to certain matches and meet up with help on travelling to certain matches via text or email Ashley suggested a deposit system so that certain people would not lose out on petrol money if certain people did not turn up.

Alan mentioned that a nine seated coach could be obtained for £40 per head.

Pete suggested that the person who drives should pay nothing and/or half the price if two people drive (one person drove there/one person drove back).

8. AOB

Dave E and Alan would look into organising a Wessex Blues banner
The City Circle was mentioned again. Richard stated that no one had made a decision yet on the contents of the circle as no criteria for the dates had been forthcoming to date.

9. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on the 27th March at 19:45

Minutes taken by Dr. Richard J. Wild – General Secretary