

Wessex Blues

5th Meeting Minutes

10 Jan 2013 8PM

1. Welcome & Introduction

15 members attended the meeting.

A warm welcome to Ian Barton

Apologies for Bob & Rosemary Clarke, Peter Birbeck and Joanne Sherry

2. Treasurer Update (Steve Hayhurst)

Those of you who were present at the last meeting will remember the trouble that we were having with Barclays in trying to open a bank account and it was agreed at that meeting that we would give Barclays one more chance to put matters right.

That lasted until about 1030 a.m. the next day when they didn't make the promised call to us to meet the Chairman and myself to sort things out.

As a result of that, the Chairman and I decided that we would approach the Nat West who offered a similar account but needed the passing of a resolution to set the ball in motion. Due to time constraints, we set up a small quorum of members to pass this resolution on your behalf. I hope you all got the email that I sent about this.

We now have a bank account with the Nat West and all the monies that I was holding have now been paid in.

This has caused me a slight problem in that when we completed the forms and in order to get money in to the account quickly, I authorised the transfer of £230 from my own account in to the branch account, to cover the possibility of the account being opened whilst I was on holiday.

I received notification on the 22nd December that the account had been opened and no notification that they had effected the transfer from my own account. I therefore paid in all the monies that I held.

I later received the first bank statement that showed they had effected the transfer on the 14th December. I will now need to re-coup that money.

I mention this now because when we come to verify the accounts at the end of our accounting period, they will show a large withdrawal payable to me

Following on from a comment made by Dave Eaton, I made a formal complaint to Barclays about the manner of their dealings with us and the loss of personal data. They offered us £100 in compensation and the Chairman and I accepted that offer and it has also been banked. I did drop a few hints about some tickets for either Southampton or Reading but I doubt that would have equated to the £100.

I will always bring the branch account book to our meetings that you can peruse if you wish.

I will come around with a "football name card" during the evening, which will give someone the chance to win some money and boost our income a little. We need to sell 40 names to complete the card. The proceeds will be split 50/50 to the winner and the Branch. We need to set a cost of the "names" on a once for all time basis. 50p a name would raise £20 giving a £10 split and perhaps encourage the purchase of more than one name to ensure we fill the card. £1 a name would of course double that.

3. Membership

The Chairman explained that he had almost everything in place to get the 'Official Supporters Club' (OSC) status. He explained that Manchester City F.C state that to be an OSC you must have at least 20 members, **however**, at least 20 members must hold a City supporters card. The tier system (Card System) that City run was explained - Blue City Card, Priority, Gold, Platinum & Superbia.

Although we have well over the 20 members there was an initial concern that we would fall short of the criteria as not all had supporter cards. The Chairman contacted the General Secretary at the OSC and explained the situation 'highlighting' that we are situated over 250 miles away. He was informed that exceptions can be made and we would be ok with 18.

On the night we had a quick count and realized that we did have enough members with supporter cards. Card numbers were taken down but there are a few outstanding that need to be sent.

Reminder – If you have not sent your supporter card number please send immediately to Rob on robclarke18@hotmail.com

Note: City Supporter Cards can be purchased from ten pounds (Blue Card), Priority – 20 pounds. These run for the season. For more info visit <http://www.mcfc.co.uk/Tickets-and-Membership/Memberships>

4. Saints Game – 9th Feb KO 5.30

This was discussed. Looks Like City will be bringing a good following to this game so tickets maybe difficult to get hold of. If you have any contacts and can get tickets please make this known.

For those of you with the following loyalty points this is the scenario;

The club has received an allocation of 3,000 tickets priced as follows:

£38.00 Adult

£21.00 Under 17s

£33.00 Over 65s/17-20yrs

£35.00 Disabled adult

£15.00 Disabled under 17s

£23.00 Over 65s/17-20yrs

2012/13 Platinum/Gold Members with 9,000 or more loyalty points – Monday 14th January at 9am.

- 2012/13 Platinum/Gold Members with 8,000 or more loyalty points – Tuesday 15th January at 9am.
- 2012/13 Platinum/Gold Members with 7,000 or more loyalty points – Wednesday 16th January at 9am.
- 2012/13 Platinum/Gold Members with 6,000 or more loyalty points – Thursday 17th January at 9am.
- 2012/13 Platinum/Gold Members with 5,000 or more loyalty points – Friday 18th January at 9am.
- 2012/13 Platinum/Gold Members with 4,000 or more loyalty points – Saturday 19th January at 9am.
- 2012/13 Platinum/Gold Members with 2,000 or more loyalty points – Monday 21st January at 9am.

Looks like priority is on 22nd so have your supporters cards ready.

Next meeting 7th February 7.45PM