

THE WESSEX BLUES

4th Meeting

Minutes of Meeting 29th November 2012 Ex Serviceman's Club, North Road, Poole

The Chairman welcomed 20 attendees to the meeting and said that formalities would be kept to a minimum as the meeting was to be a Christmas Social event

The Treasurer outlined the difficulties that had been encountered in opening an account with Barclays, caused by misadministration and failure to make promised phone calls on their part. There was also a strong possibility that they had lost our application pack.

The Treasurer said that he had been promised a phone call at 0900 on Friday 30th November and someone would meet us to complete the process but this would mean starting from scratch again. He pointed out that other banks in Poole offered similar accounts and should we look elsewhere as we had to start the whole process again whichever route we went down. Mr D. Craig proposed that we give Barclays another chance to put things right, the Treasurer seconded this and over 50% of the attendees agreed. It was also agreed that we would look elsewhere if Barclays let us down again.

Mr D. Eaton raised the issue of compensation, the Treasurer said that might prove difficult as we were not yet Barclays customers but it did raise an interesting question that Barclays are the Premier League sponsors and this does not show them in a good light. There may be further issues of data protection that need addressing.

The Treasurer said that he had completed the Great South Run at the end of October and members had pledged £34 by way of sponsorship that would be paid into branch funds (should we ever get a bank account)

The Treasurer thanks those members for their support.

The Treasurer said that he had spent £28 on raffle prizes and we would need to raise at least that for the branch to break even, it was agreed that tickets would be priced at £1.

The sale of tickets produced the sum of £51, the Treasurer then announced that one of the attendees that wished to remain anonymous had donated £30 to cover the cost of the prizes, this gesture was met with a well deserved round of applause.

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer wish to place on record their thanks for this magnanimous gesture.

The Treasurer passed around some "football team name cards" and explained how these could be used as a further fundraiser at future meetings and it was agreed that we would adopt this.

The formalities then concluded and the attendees then enjoyed a City related quiz (well done to Robert and Sue for organising this) and an excellent spread of food (thanks to all those who contributed).

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. C'mon City

Next meeting 10th January 2013 at 1945 for 2000. Ex Serviceman's Club, North Road, Poole