

# Wessex Blues

**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes**

11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2012 8PM

## **1. Welcome & Introduction**

Rob Clarke thanked everyone for attending the second meeting (16 in attendance) and welcomed new arrivals.

## **2. Previous Minutes**

Rob in brief touched on minutes from last meeting highlighting main points.

The key reason for being here tonight is to have an official committee elected.

For the benefit of the new comers, Rob explained that this is everyone's club and it was to always be run with transparency, openness and fairness.

(Previous minutes are available on request)

## **3. Election of Branch Officials**

Rob gave brief descriptions of roles and responsibilities for each position. Reference was made to particular skill sets and experience that people have to fulfill these roles.

The positions were offered to the floor.

Steve Hayhurst was first to see an opportunity to fund his addiction of following City so offered to be treasurer.\*

Paul Greenwood explained that he had run the social side for a football team so would happily put himself forward for Social Secretary (the lads think a trip to Amsterdam would be a good initiation).

Susie Clarke agreed to be Minutes Secretary (must remember to bring her glasses to make her look more secretarial).

As Ash Jones was not in attendance for the first part of this meeting (or there to defend himself, as he was moonlighting at another committee meeting) the group agreed that with his contacts and knowledge, Ash would be best suited for Travel Secretary. It was later agreed that a Vice Chairman was needed and this position was also appointed to Ash. With Dave Eaton's enthusiasm and more importantly his contacts, he has been appointed Wessex Blues Recruitment Officer (I don't know if we will have enough room for the coach loads?). The floor agreed that Rob would be Chairman.

There was a deathly silence for the big one....the General Secretary..... Step forward our very own doctor, Dr. Richard Wild offered his services. The floor gave Richard a large and well deserved round of applause.

\*(this notion is entirely Rob's theory and by no means represents the group.....)

## **4. Updates**

The issue of Transport was touched on again (this was good timing as Ash joined the meeting). Ash explained that he had made contact with 'Oakhampton south west club' about them meeting down here and sharing coaches. This could defray the costs by taking on other supporters clubs? Ash confirmed that this would be on Oakhampton's agenda and they would discuss this option with its members. The question was raised regarding coach pricing, Ash explained that the cost for a 52 seater would roughly be around £520 for full size coach to Manchester and back – so in full - 10 pounds ahead. It was suggested we could possibly charge £15 per person if coach full (x52) so club can make some money, but obviously still early days.

Reference was made to our website, this is the link; <http://wessexblues.wetpaint.com/>

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Peter Birbeck raised a good point about opportunities when meeting fellow blues or seeing city related material in cars. He advised that we have some type of card that we can leave with our details on. Rob agreed that he would design this (keep it simple) and Paul mentioned that he knows a printers and would more than likely be able to get him to print these off for us.

We touched on the format of future meetings in terms of having a quiz, raffle etc. Please feel free to come forward with any ideas or things you would like to see at future meetings.

## **5. Acknowledgements**

A big thanks to all those who offered to be officials, as well as the members these roles are needed to be a Manchester City official supporters club.

Wessex Branch Committee

General Secretary: Dr. Richard Wild

Chairman: Mr. Rob Clarke

Vice Chairman: Mr. Ashley Jones

Treasurer: Mr. Steve Hayhurst

Social Secretary: Mr. Paul Greenwood

Travel Secretary: Mr. Ashley Jones

Minutes Secretary: Mrs. Susie Clarke

Recruitment Officer: Mr. Dave Eaton