



Wessex Blues

23rd Meeting Minutes

Started 28th August 2014 20:25

Closed 28th August 2014 21:45

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

1. Welcome and Introduction

Alan thanked everyone for attending the August meeting (16 in attendance). No new members attended this meeting.

Apologies were mentioned from Bill Garner, Margaret Garner, Peter Birbeck, Joanne Sherry, Rob Clarke, Alan Lawrence, Pete Armstrong, Paul Greenwood, Tom Ockenden and Russell Smith.

Richard, Ash and Alan welcomed Kay to the treasurer position after beating Paul with a 14 to 13 vote decision that was made earlier in the month.

2. Chairperson Update (Mr Alan Crumley)

Alan made it clear that as a branch we were not organised enough when it can to travelling to home and away matches together. Alan gave the trip to Wembley recently against Arsenal as an example where many people made there own way to the game. Alan encouraged branch members to fill in the travel sheet that was available on the website on games where branch members were likely to attend in the future. Based on the information from this sheet, Alan would organise travel in some form as a group via a minibus or as a group booking on the train. Many branch members indicated to Alan that they like to travel independently or at an alternative time that the group travel may take place. Certain members wanted to arrive early to have a few drinks before the game commenced for example, while many branch members indicated that this was not ideal for them and would prefer to go later and arrive just before the game commenced.

Other comments concerning travel were mentioned including that going in a car with four or five people is likely to be cheaper than a minibus. Dave W mentioned about who would drive the minibus or would the travelling be shared. Dave W also mentioned about the option of purchasing a minibus for the branch. Ash indicated that insurance and liability was a concern with this option.

3. General Secretary Update (Dr. Richard Wild)

Richard asked branch members again for photographs and videos of any games they would like to see on the website.

Richard confirmed that he had missed the AGM in Manchester on the 12th July due to a 11am start (earliest train from Bournemouth would not have got Richard into Manchester until 1115).

Richard mentioned that he would try and get Richard Edgehill down to the branch in the New Year.

Richard confirmed that branch member Doug Craig had a road accident back in February in Poole. Richard found out about this incident as Richard contacted Doug recently via telephone as he had not attended a branch meeting since December 2013. Members present at the meeting hoped Doug the best.

Richard asked branch members if the branch wanted to purchase a City Circle for the branch. Branch members voted yes to purchase a City Circle. It was decided that the City Circle would have the words 'Wessex Blues OSC'. This was proposed by Dave W and seconded by Martin.

Richard advised that the tickets for the match against Arsenal had not arrived to date but would inform branch members when they had arrived.

4. AOB

Views on purchasing T shirts, car stickers and other merchandise got a tepid response and will not be pursued going forward.

Ash confirmed that he was unable to help with the Wessex Blues Facebook account and terminating the old Wessex Blues website. Ash mentioned that the old website would cease naturally within the next 12 months. Richard asked Colin to set up a new Facebook account. On setting up a new Facebook account, Richard would ask Marco to link the new website with the content on Facebook.

Based on Doug's longevity on being a branch member from the original Wessex Blues branch from the 1970/1980s, the branch agreed that Doug was to be made a Honorary Life member of the branch. This was proposed by Dave W and seconded by Dave L.

Dave W commented on the latest information that was present on City Voice and asked for comments and views on this.....

5. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on the 18th September at 19:45.

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