



Wessex Blues

24th Meeting Minutes

Started 18th September 2014 19:50

Closed 18th September 2014 20:35

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

1. Welcome and Introduction

Ashley thanked everyone for attending the September meeting (16 in attendance) as Alan was absent due to illness. Two new members were confirmed this meeting (Bill Whistance and Jamie Webb (only Bill was present)).

Apologies were mentioned from Alan Crumley, Sue Ockenden, Gary Forsey, Tom Ockenden, Pete Armstrong, Alan Lawrence, Nick Collins, Dave Logan, Dave Wood, Penny Ree and Andy Mountford.

2. Vice Chairperson Update (Ashley Jones)

Ashley asked members present if the previous minutes from the last meeting were satisfactory....no objections were made.

3. Treasurer Update (Kay Brooks)

Kay confirmed that since taking over the role that the accounts were up to date with all transactions. Kay also confirmed that Richard and herself would be going to the bank on the 25th September, to enable access to the bank account.

4. General Secretary Update (Dr. Richard Wild)

Richard confirmed that the minutes from the previous meeting were now on the website. He mentioned that people willing to fill in their travel forms in the future if they could send their requests directly to Alan. Richard confirmed that we had 35 paid up members for this current season and everybody to date had signed their membership forms and received the branch rules. It was mentioned about trying to spread the 'Wessex Blues word' on forums and via the local paper. Richard confirmed he would do this sometime in October. The new Facebook page was now linked to our new website and Marco had been paid (£200) for the work involved with the development of the website. The website was now complete with the exception of photographs and videos being placed in the gallery. The update of the gallery will be done sometime later this year. The 'City Circle' had been temporary suspended at the football ground due to the stadium expansion and no further applications were currently being taken until the season 2015/2016 at the earliest if at all in the future.

Richard confirmed that he had spoken to the IOW/A34 branches about future joint meetings with the Wessex Blues. Both branches thought the idea was a good one. The

IOW branch (John Nightingale) confirmed that the IOW branch were receiving the Premiership and League trophies in January with several ex Manchester City stars. The IOW branch formally invited ourselves to this event (date to be confirmed shortly). John also passed on positive comments about our new website and confirmed that the next two meetings in Cowes would be the 24th September and the 29th October. The next A34 branch meeting would be the 6th October. Richard confirmed that he had sent details to the web administrator of the website of the OSC to place our contact details and our latest news about the branch.

Richard mentioned that he had received an email from a pin designer called Matt Bradbury who had designed a Supporters Club badge for the Hazel Grove branch. It was put to the floor if the branch would like to purchase the minimum order of 100 badges at £150. This was approved by Paul and seconded by Colin as they would make good Christmas presents and to be given to new and existing members. Richard was asked if we could obtain 50 badges in home colours and 50 badges in away colours. He confirmed he would enquire about that possibility in the next week or so.

Richard confirmed that he had received an email from Doug that he was honoured in receiving his Life Honorary membership.

He confirmed with regret that he had tried to organise a visit from Dave Mooney (author of Wembley 99 book) to come down to the branch; however time and distance would prevent this option.

Richard confirmed that our branch name was missing from the branch list that was currently surrounding the Etihad stadium. He confirmed that he had sent an email to Kevin about this; however to date had no reply.

Richard mentioned that we needed to organise some new Wessex Blues cards via Paul; however with Richard's position on the committee up for re-election next month then this would be finalised at the October meeting about the detail to be present on the card when Richard's position on the committee was known.

Richard confirmed that he was trying to organise getting ex Manchester City player Richard Edgehill down to the branch later this year.

Richard confirmed that himself and Ashley had been on the committee for the last two years and for us to continue or to receive new nominees for our roles, we would require to be voted back in before the October meeting. Richard and Ashley confirmed that they would like to be re-elected in their roles. The timetable for this was that an email would go out on the 22nd September for new nominations and the deadline for this would be 2300 on the 28th. Voting for new nominees (if any)/re-election of current committee members would commence on the 29th September and end at 2300 on the 5th October. New/existing committee members would be announced on the 6th October.

5. AOB

None.....the rest of the evening was made up of a quiz organised by Richard with 25 questions....Team Bill, Russell, Jo and Andy won the prize of £10 that was on offer

with obtaining 14.5 out of 25 correct answers and winning the tie break question. Richard said that at the next meeting a further 25 questions would be asked for another monetary prize.

6. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on the 16th October at 19:45.

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