



Wessex Blues

31st Meeting Minutes

Started 9th July 2015 20:00

Closed 9th July 2015 20:45

Location: Royal British Legion/Ex Servicemen's Club, 66 North Road, Poole, Dorset

1. Welcome and Introduction

Richard thanked everyone for attending the July meeting (26 in attendance). Richard chaired the meeting as Alan was not present as it was his birthday, while Ashley was in Sweden. Two new members attended this meeting (Oliver Hughes and Michael Lally) while Rob Clarke (previous member) returned to become a member for the following season.

Apologies were mentioned from Daniel Speller, Peter Birbeck, Joanne Shelley, Douglas Craig, Alan Crumley, Ashley Jones and Dave Logan.

2. General Secretary Update (Dr. Richard Wild)

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

Richard gave birthday wishes to current members (Alan Crumley (9th July), Gary Forsey (23rd July) and Dave Wood (1st August)).

Richard asked members if they were happy with the new branch/ticket allocation rules based on the committees meeting which was held in June. Everybody was satisfied; however four possible amendments were mentioned. Firstly, Alan Lawrence suggested if meetings were missed due to attending and/or returning from a mid week football game such as UEFA Champions League etc., would it be possible not to be penalised for this. Colin, Pete, Andy and Dave O'Brien suggested similar points of concern on this matter. Secondly, Martin commented on allowing members who have two season cards to use/request more than one ticket and then for the ticket to be used for other friends/family. Thirdly, Rob, Paul and Andy Hebblewaite suggested that junior members should not be penalised for not attending evening meetings due to the lateness of the meeting/school etc. if they wish to apply for home and away tickets with their parents. Finally, Bill Whistance suggested that working away on days of monthly meetings should not be penalised for non attendance due to distance.

New members Oliver and Mike stood up and gave account of themselves and why they wanted to become new members. Oliver mentioned he was from Wilmslow originally but now lives in Poole. He travels to every game and is a seasoncard holder, while Mike mentioned he was retired and originally from Collyhurst, Manchester but now lives in Weymouth and has now achieved his first ever season ticket recently and would like to share the cost of travelling to the Etihad.

Richard sadly announced that branch member Wayne Millington has got terminal cancer. This news clearly shocked branch members present. Martin asked if we could have an auction at the next meeting to auction off some of Wayne's City merchandise, will all proceeds to go to Forest Holme.

Richard mentioned that he had not received any news about meetings at the IOW/A34 branches in the summer months.

4. AOB

Paul asked if Ashley was going to prepare a barbeque for the next meeting. Andy commented that the Wessex Blues twitter account had 288 followers. Many members asked Richard if he could provide the General Secretary's agenda on an A4 page rather than on A5 page as certain members were unable to read the contents as the font size was too small.

5. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on the 13th August starting from 19:45.

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