



# Wessex Blues

32nd Meeting Minutes

Started 13th August 2015 20:00

Closed 13th August 2015 20:45

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

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

Ashley thanked everyone for attending the August meeting (20 in attendance). Ashley chaired the meeting as Alan was not present due to family matters. Doug Craig was present for the first time since his accident last year.

Apologies were mentioned from Rob Clarke, Paul Stark, Stephen Eaton, Dave Eaton, Jamie Webb, Paul Greenwood, Tom Ockenden, Martin Ockenden, Sue Ockenden, Alan Crumley and Andy Hebblewaite.

## 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 mentioned that ticket requests in the last month were made for the following games: West Brom (Joe), Chelsea (Dave O'Brien), Watford and Everton (no requests).

Richard confirmed that the new branch debit card details had been sent to MCFC for ticket applications.

Richard mentioned that membership to Mary D's - Supporters Club was available on an annual membership. Membership for Mary D's for the season 2015/2016 was £3 for adults and £1 for OAP and Juniors.

Citizens Card Renewals was mentioned . Richard commented that the cost is likely to remain the same as last season. The cards will be an annual renewal and not seasonal.

Alan Lawrence commented on his trip to Australia to branch members with reference to the games that Manchester City played against Real Madrid and Roma in pre-season in July.

Bill Whistance commented on his trip to Germany to branch members with reference to the friendly game that Manchester City played against Stuttgart on the 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Branch members present confirmed that no one attended City Live on the 5<sup>th</sup> August or the open training session/test at the Etihad on the 12<sup>th</sup> August. With reference to 'City Live' it was mentioned that having it at the weekend rather than having it during the week, more members would be likely to attend.

Birthday wishes went out to Andy H (17<sup>th</sup> August), Bill (28<sup>th</sup> August) and Stephen Charlton (8<sup>th</sup> September).

Joe and Pete commented to branch members about the game Manchester City v WBA on the 10th August.

Pete and several other branch members complained that their seasoncards were poor and/or were bent

Several branch members commented on the home and away kits, which overall got good reviews.

Richard mentioned that he had received an email from the club that the walkways would be updated for the coming season with the present MCFC Supporter Clubs. Wessex Blues was missing last season so hopefully the branch will be mentioned in the next week or so.

Richard mentioned that he had received an email from the club that a wall was being considered which would include Supporter Clubs branch/logos. As the Wessex Blues had not got a branch logo and the club needed one by the 17<sup>th</sup> August, it was agreed that Colin and Dave O'Brien would try and design one by the 15<sup>th</sup> and branch members would vote on the best design by the 16<sup>th</sup>. The design with the most votes would be sent to the club on the 17th....

Four points were bought up at the previous meeting as amendments to the branch rules/ticket allocation for the new season 2015-2016. The four points were not to be penalised if a meeting is missed by actually attending a football match or returning from one. Secondly, children would not be penalised for non attendance at meetings. Thirdly, penalised for working away (i.e. outside the counties of Dorset and/or Hampshire) and finally branch members who have a second seasoncard would be allowed to use; however should there be a shortfall on tickets, then only one ticket would be considered in a ballot. All these points were approved by the committee.

Richard confirmed that membership cards had been received with a new pennant for the branch. Membership cards were issued to members who renewed their subscription for the forthcoming season.

No new news on Wayne Millington; however Richard confirmed that wishes were sent to Martin and Wayne from branch members.

Richard mentioned that he was doing the Great North Run in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on the 13th September. It was decided that Richard would run for Forest Holme who are currently supporting Wayne with his terminal cancer and any sponsorship would be welcome.

Richard reminded branch members that if they had any photographs or videos and would like to share them on the Wessex Blues website to send them to himself.

Nobody brought any food with the exception of Claire and Richard so the BBQ was cancelled.

### **3. Treasurer Update (Claire Wootten)**

Claire commented that the current account held £891.

### **4. AOB**

None

### **5. Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be held on the 10th September starting from 19:45.

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