



Wessex Blues

34th Meeting Minutes

Started 8th October 2015 20:05

Closed 8th October 2015 20:55

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

1. Welcome and Introduction

Ashley thanked everyone for attending the October meeting (25 in attendance). Ashley chaired the meeting as Alan was not present. Members present were asked if the previous minutes from the last meeting were satisfactory....no objections were made.

Apologies were mentioned from Alan Lawrence, Dave Wood, Michael Lally, Doug Craig, Martin Ockenden, Tom Ockenden and Pete Armstrong.

A minutes silence was held in respect to Wayne Millington's recent passing.

2. General Secretary Update (Dr. Richard Wild)

Richard mentioned that ticket requests in the last month were made for the following games: Aston Villa (Gary Forsey), Norwich City (No requests), Man United (Jamie Webb, Bill Whistance, Alan Lawrence, Andy Parkin), Seville (Alan Lawrence (x2), Jamie Webb, Bill Whistance, Dr Richard Wild), Bournemouth (Gary Forsey, Dave O'Brien, Penny Ree, Andy Mountford) and Liverpool (No requests).

Several branch members commented on their trips and the matches for the Crystal Palace, Juventus, West Ham United, Sunderland, Tottenham, Borussia Monchengladbach and Newcastle games that were played during September and early October. Several members commented on how Kevin de Bruyne was a good player and the new UEFA strip had gone down well. The Tottenham ticket(s) that had not arrived with certain members was mentioned, while Paul commented on how bad the traffic was getting to the Juventus match.

Birthday wishes went out to Margaret (12th October), Pete (28th October) and Penny (3rd October).

Colin said that he had not had the chance to design a Wessex Blues flag as mentioned at the last meeting and hope to have some designs for the next meeting.

Richard handed out membership cards to branch members that have joined/rejoined that were not present at the previous meeting. Membership as of the end of September was 31 members (24 adults, 1 junior, 1 life member, 5 OAPs).

Richard commented that he completed the Great North Run in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on the 13th September in 3 hours, 9 minutes and 11 seconds and thanked members for their donations. Richard confirmed that £155 had been raised and a cheque for £85 (offline fundraising) would be sent to Forest Holme shortly.

Richard mentioned that Tom had completed the Bournemouth marathon in just under 6 hours, besides having problems with his knee after 10 miles.

Richard reminded members that a request for Seville and Crystal Palace tickets needed to be made by Sunday the 11th October.

3. Treasurer Update (Claire Wootten)

Claire commented that the current account balance was £817.

4. AOB

Dave O' Brien commented and asked if there was a reason why ticket confirmation was much later than last season. Dave O'Brien also commented about the opening of City Circle where old/new players were also present.

Paul asked that he had spare places in his car for the Seville match. Richard confirmed that he would like one of those spaces.

5. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on the 12th November starting from 19:45.

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