



Wessex Blues

35th Meeting Minutes

Started 12th November 2015 20:10

Closed 12th November 2015 21:30

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 (23 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, Gary Forsey and Rob Clarke.

2. General Secretary Update (Dr. Richard Wild)

Richard mentioned that ticket requests in the last month were made for the following games: Stoke City (No requests), Southampton (No requests), Borussia (No requests), Juventus (Penny Ree, Andrew Mountford, Jamie Webb and Bill Whistance), Crystal Palace (No supporters allocation), Swansea (Colin Brooks and Kay Brooks), Arsenal (Andy Parkin, Jamie Webb and Bill Whistance), Badge Lecture (No requests).

Several branch members commented on their trips and the matches for the Bournemouth, Sevilla (Home), Manchester United, Crystal Palace, Norwich City Crystal Palace, Norwich City, Sevilla (Away) and Aston Villa games that were played during late October and early November.

Several members commented on how well Wayne's 49th minute applause was received and on how many supporters Bournemouth brought to the Etihad. Wayne's 49th minute applause was also mentioned that it was covered in the Manchester Evening News. Richard confirmed that his Great North Run article achievement was mentioned in the Crystal Palace home programme.

Martin confirmed that he had not sold his 'Football Legends' picture.

Several branch members commented on proposals for the new 'Man City badge' and the 2014-2015 Annual Report, with the majority suggesting that returning to round design would be favourable for the badge.

Richard commented that he hoped that he would have some Xmas tickets from MCFC to sell at the December meeting, as the Wessex Blues branch missed out on this last year.

Richard commented that Dave Puro has now left Manchester City. Dave was responsible for distributing branch tickets. Richard confirmed that his replacement was Lyndsey Roche....Richard also confirmed that the Wessex Blues had sent a cheque for £10 for a 'whip round' for his leaving present.

Richard stated that Rob Clarke had two tickets for sale for the Southampton match.

Richard reminded branch members that he needed ticket requests for Sunderland and Leicester by the evening of the 14th November.

Richard reminded branch members that if they would like an article to be included in the next available home match programme to send their article to him and Richard would send this to the club.

Richard commented that he had received an email from Kevin moaning about branches that were missing ticket request deadlines, missing deadlines for tickets that had been allocated and ticket payments being declined etc. Richard confirmed that the Wessex branch was not one of them.

Birthday wishes went out to Russell (18th November), Michael (2nd December), Stephen (3rd December), Andy Parkin (3rd December) and David (6th December).

Colin said that he had not had the chance to design a Wessex Blues flag as mentioned at the last meeting and hoped to have some designs for the next meeting. If not, Paul offered the help of his friend.

Martin and Tom commented on how well Wayne's funeral went.

Richard commented that a cheque for £85 had been sent to Forest Holme which was the remaining payment of the confirmed £155 that he had raised in the Great North Run in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on the 13th September.

Tom mentioned that he had raised £800 for Forest Holme with respect to his Bournemouth marathon run back in October.

3. AOB

Colin asked where Alan was.....Ashley commented that we would discuss this at the end of the meeting. Bill and Jamie requested tickets for the Leicester game in December. Paul mentioned to fellow branch members that he had two spare seats for a lift to the Borussia game in December. Martin and Tom confirmed to Richard that membership payment for both of them for this season was to be taken from their

ticket deposit from the previous season. Ashley confirmed that fish and chips would be the food for the Christmas (December) meeting and Richard confirmed that a raffle would also take place. Andy asked if the £5 discount by having a Cityzens card applied when applying for tickets through the branch. Dave O'Brien asked if we could generate a group email address that everybody had access to; however Claire suggested that it would be best to produce a Facebook group instead. Andy Parkin suggested that as a branch we should vote on 'Player of the season'. Dave and Annie remarked that they would be absent from the next meeting due to being on holiday.

Finally, Ashley mentioned that Richard had received a text from Alan on the 8th October stating that he did not like the way that the branch was operating and he did not think he should continue as chairman....with Colin's comment earlier and other comments mentioned about Alan from other branch members on previous meetings concerning his lack of attendance, it was suggested by Ashley to take a vote of no confidence. Pete proposed the motion which was seconded by Dave O'Brien. The vote was passed with 14 members voting no confidence in Alan, 2 voted against, while 7 made no comment/did not vote.

Richard also commented that Alan had not paid up his 2015-2016 branch membership. Based on this, Richard commented that nominations for a new Chairman would be requested via email late in November, with the new chairman chairing their first meeting in December.

4. Next Meeting

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

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