



Wessex Blues

36th Meeting Minutes

Started 10th December 2015 20:00

Closed 10th December 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 December meeting (19 in attendance). Ashley chaired the meeting as Dave was not present as he was on holiday. Members present were asked if the previous minutes from the last meeting were satisfactory....no objections were made.

Apologies were mentioned from Dave Logan, Dave O'Brien, Joe Price, Annie O'Brien, Martin Ockenden, Tom Ockenden, Oliver Hughes and Rob Clarke.

2. General Secretary Update (Dr. Richard Wild)

Richard stated that an email had been sent to Alan Crumley confirming that branch members had voted in favour of no confidence in his chairmanship due to lack of attendance.

Richard confirmed based on nominations received by the 3rd December that the new chairperson role was going to be between Dave O'Brien and Stephen Eaton. Based on voting intentions received by the 9th December, the result was as follows: 28 branch members out of 36 voted, with 23 votes going to Dave O'Brien and 5 votes going to Stephen Eaton. As Dave was on holiday, in his absence he sent the following note via email to read out to the group.

Ladies and Gents – Greetings

Firstly, and obviously – apologies for my absence. It is “Murphy’s Law” that the first meeting of my Chairmanship I/we are away. Secondly, thanks to all of those who voted for me, I hope in due course to repay your confidence. I would also like to thank Ash at this point, for standing in so admirably, I am sure looking ahead that he will keep me on the straight and narrow, as far as procedures are concerned. I would also like to thank Richard for all his concentrated efforts too. Aply assisted by Claire I am sure. Thanks to Claire also for initiating the Facebook page for the club, it is an excellent outlet for the members, and is gaining in use and popularity.

As for the future, I hope to bring some semblance of order, and routine to the club, and help move the club forward. I would also like to think that I can share some of the

workload that Richard has inherited, through one circumstance or another. I don't want to detract from your meeting, especially your Fish and Chips, Raffle etc. So enjoy! In the event that I don't see any of you beforehand, Annie and I, wish you all a very Merry (Blue – in the nicest way) Christmas! And let us hope we have a successful New Year! Cheers for now Dave O'B.

Earlier in the day, Richard also informed that Stephen was unsuccessful in the Chairperson's position.

Richard commented that Dave Wood had been involved in a car accident in the previous week.

Richard mentioned that ticket requests in the last month were made for the following games: Hull City (No supporters allocation), Leicester City (Jamie Webb, Joe Price, Dave O'Brien and Bill Whistance), Watford (Dave O'Brien, Pete Armstrong, Andy Parkin, Paul Greenwood, Joseph Greenwood, Joe Price, Jamie Webb and Bill Whistance), Everton (No requests) and Sunderland (No requests).

Several branch members commented on their trips and the matches for the Liverpool, Juventus, Southampton, Hull City, Stoke City and Borussia Monchengladbach that were played during late November and early December.

Colin mentioned that he was having issues with the new flag design and he was gaining some help from a colleague; however he did show branch members a first draft. Paul also stated that his friend would assist if required.

Richard commented that the Xmas tickets from MCFC had arrived and were distributed to those wishing to purchase on the night.

Richard mentioned that Whizzard Helicopters based at Barton Airport, do pleasure flights across Manchester City centre including flights over the Etihad. A 15% discount would be offered for Man City supporters.

Birthday wishes went out to Dave Logan (10th December), Joe (11th December), Rob (13th December), Nick (17th December) and Richard (2nd January).

3. AOB

Fish and chips were delivered and a raffle took place as planned. After several requests from several members, Ashley confirmed the following dates for 2016 (14 January, 11 February, 10 March, 14 April, 12 May, 9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November and 8 December). Claire confirmed that a Wessex Blues Facebook group had been created and an effort was made to ensure all branch members were put into the group.

4. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on the 14th January starting from 19:45.

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