



# Wessex Blues

37th Meeting Minutes

Started 14th January 2016 20:00

Closed 14th January 2015 20:35

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

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

Dave thanked everyone for attending the January meeting (15 in attendance). Members present were asked if the previous minutes from the last meeting were satisfactory....no objections were made. Branch members wished Dave good luck in his new role.

Apologies were mentioned from Oliver Hughes, Claire Wootten, Michael Lally, Tom Ockenden, Russell Smith, Dave Eaton, Gary Forsey, Andy Hebblethwaite and Martin Ockenden.

Congratulations were mentioned from branch members that Richard and Claire were getting married at Manchester City football ground on the 16<sup>th</sup> April with an evening reception at the Electric Club, near the Broadway on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

## 2. General Secretary Update (Dr. Richard Wild)

Richard mentioned that ticket requests in the last month were made for the following games: West Ham (Paul Greenwood, Joseph Greenwood, Joe Price, David Mountford, Gary Forsey, Andy Parkin, Penny Ree, Andy Mountford, Jamie Webb and Bill Whistance), Everton (No requests), Leicester (No requests), Norwich (Paul Greenwood, Joe Price) and Sunderland (No requests).

Several branch members commented on their trips and the matches that were played during late December and early January including parking problems at the Leicester and Watford games and the Everton game where Manchester City was not given a blatant penalty.

Nobody had any comments about any future football games; however Andy Mountford asked if anybody was meeting up for the West Ham game and commented about Weatherspoons near to the football stadium was a good venue to meet.

Colin mentioned that he was still having issues with the new flag design and that his cousin was still redesigning the flag. Branch members asked what the purpose of the

flag was. The committee commented that the flag would be taken to away games to display our branch.

Richard confirmed that half of Stephen's membership for the season was returned (£7.50) and that besides a twitter message from Alan Crumley, no one had heard from Alan since he resigned. Ashley mentioned that no further comments are now necessary with reference to Alan and Stephen.

Richard commented that no one won any prizes from the Xmas draw that was commissioned by MCFC.

Richard passed around a letter of thanks from Forest Holme Hospice letter saying thank you for raising £167.52 on completing the Great North Run in memory of Wayne Millington.

Richard reminded branch members of the Supporter's Club Dinner on the 18<sup>th</sup> March if anyone would like to go.

Richard mentioned that he had received a letter from Kevin Parker about ticket applications. Kevin commented that an increasing number of incorrect Seasoncard and Cityzens card numbers and card holders already purchasing tickets outside the supporter branch were happening. Kevin commented that this was causing additional work and if these issues were stopped at source, then MCFC may review the ticketing process.

Richard confirmed that membership numbers for the club stood at 35.

With Claire not being present, Richard stated that the Branch funds stood at £380 and that the Fish and Chips came to £90 and the round of drinks was £35.

Birthday wishes went out to Ashley (22<sup>nd</sup> January), Colin (29<sup>th</sup> January), Dave E (10<sup>th</sup> February) and Andy M (10<sup>th</sup> February)

### **3. AOB**

Branch members mentioned that the fish and chip deal at Christmas was ideal.

Bill mentioned that the Facebook group that was set up was good.

Branch members commented that the new City logo was good; however via Facebook it was mentioned that Stephen and Phil was trying to organise a petition to prevent the new logo to proceed. Bill commented that the new logo should have had the shield contained inside the circle.

Ashley mentioned that some Manchester City books had been donated to the club. Prior to this, the only book that was present in the library was Frank Swift. It came to light that this book was in Paul's possession and the committee confirmed that Paul would be the club's librarian and would look after the books.

#### **4. Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February starting from 19:45.

Meeting was followed by a quiz originated by Richard with 25 questions about Manchester City.

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