



# Wessex Blues

39th Meeting Minutes

Started 10th March 2016 20:05

Closed 10th March 2016 20:45

Location: Smugglers Run, 184 Ashley Road, Parkstone, Poole, BH14 9BY

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

Dave thanked everyone for attending the March meeting (23 in attendance). Members present were asked if the previous minutes from the last meeting were satisfactory....no objections were made, with Dave M and Penny approving the minutes. Branch members thanked Penny for arranging our temporary location for this month.

Apologies were mentioned from Kay Brooks, Colin Brooks, Ashley Jones, Michael Lally, Gary Forsey and Douglas Craig.

Dave mentioned that branch member Dave Eaton had passed away. Claire would organise flowers to be sent from the branch.

The branch welcomed three new members in the form of Rana Karakan, Mete Sezik and Mustafa Karakan. Each of them gave a brief account of themselves in front of branch members and the reasoning why they support Manchester City....

The draw for the two tickets for the Bournemouth game that the branch were allocated were made.....of the seven qualifying branch members (Andy Mountford, Bill Garner, Andy Parkin, Bill Whistance, David Mountford, Jamie Webb and Richard Wild).....the branch members who were drawn out of the hat were Jamie Webb and Bill Garner. The remaining five branch members were then drawn out of the hat for possible tickets if any more became available....The order of the remaining branch members were Andy Mountford, Richard Wild, Dave Mountford, Bill Whistance and Andy Parkin.

Several branch members commented on their trips and the matches that were played during late February and early March but no significant points were made with the exception on how well City played in the League Cup Final and the away game at Dynamo Kiev. Joe also commented on his trip to the Liverpool game and how much he thought that Liverpool was a great city.

Nobody had any comments about any future football games with the exception of certain branch members wondering on how many tickets the branch were going to get

allocated for the Bournemouth game, while several members asked who was going to the Manchester United game.

No further news about the flag as Colin was not present at the meeting. Many branch members suggested that the flag should be ditched and a few branch members also expressed disappointment that the flag was no further forward in production since the beginning of the year. Dave Mountford suggested that he knew someone that could design it. The task of the flag was therefore given to Dave. Dave said that he hoped to have the flag completed by the April meeting. Several branch members suggested options and designs for the new flag.

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

Richard mentioned that ticket requests in the last month were made for the following games: Bournemouth (Richard, David, Andy H, Colin, Kay, Paul, Paul (Carer), Joseph, Tom, Martin, Bill, Margaret, Joe, Dave O'Brien, Oliver, Andy M, Penny, Gary, Bill, Jamie, Pete, Alan, Andy P) and Dynamo Kiev (No requests).

Richard handed out Norwich tickets to Paul and Joe.

Richard reminded branch members that ticket requests for Chelsea and West Brom were needed to be sent to him via email by the end of Saturday evening.

Richard reminded branch members about the email with reference to the CITC & Nissan West Way Fundraising Competition.

Birthday wishes went sent out to Dave O'Brien (18<sup>th</sup> March), Phil (18<sup>th</sup> March) and Paul (24<sup>th</sup> March)

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

Claire mentioned that the current balance was £1011 and that the branch would pay for fish and chips again at the April meeting for everybody like at the December meeting last year.

## **4. AOB**

Dave O'Brien reminded people of the Supporter's Dinner and Raffle that was going to take place at that dinner and it was agreed that the branch would pay for five tickets for this at a cost of £50 (5 tickets at £10 each). Any prize being won will then be raffled at the next meeting.

The rest of the evening was taken up as a quiz organised by Richard.

## **5. Next Meeting:**

Next meeting to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 19:45 back at the Royal British Legion.

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