



Wessex Blues

40th Meeting Minutes

Started 7th April 2016 20:05

Closed 7th April 2016 20:55

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

1. Welcome and Introduction

Dave thanked everyone for attending the April meeting (19 in attendance). Members present were asked if the previous minutes from the last meeting were satisfactory....no objections were made, with Claire and Billy approving the minutes.

Apologies were mentioned from Kay Brooks, Colin Brooks, Margaret Garner, Bill Garner, Penny Ree, Joe Price and Pete Armstrong.

Russell mentioned that he did not see the flowers that the branch had sent for Dave's funeral. Claire confirmed that a bouquet of flowers was sent at a cost of £50.

Dave O'B, Claire and Rich all commented on the Supporter's Dinner held at the club. It was mentioned that as a branch, we had won two tickets for the Arsenal game in May. Based on an email sent out by Richard in early April asking who would be interested in obtaining these tickets, Ashley pulled out two names out of the hat based on all branch members that had shown interest i.e. Rana, Mete, Dave O'B, Rich, Claire, and Mustafa The two branch members who won the tickets were Rich and Dave O'Brien.

A big thank you went out to Billy for a first class effort for acquiring extra tickets for the Bournemouth game.

Dave mentioned should the branch send a wedding present in the form of a monetary value for Lyndsey Roche. After a brief discussion based on how much to give, a vote was taken and £18.94 was the chosen amount.

After Andy H asking to bring this to the agenda, the branch discussed the possibility of Armani from the Sierra Leone visiting the branch. Again after a brief discussion, the branch agreed that on this occasion, mainly down to time constraints that we would pass on this occasion.

Dave commented that Kay Brooks would not be attending any more meetings this season and would not be renewing her membership in August.

Several branch members commented on their trips and the matches that were played during late March and April no significant points were made with the exception that David and Andy commented on how they had booked a hotel close to Stade de France, when actually the game was to be held at Parc de Princes, while Billy commented on how well the Eurostar train was that took him to Paris. All branch members who went to Bournemouth commented again on how well Billy had obtained extra tickets and on how well Manchester City played, especially Kevin de Bruyne.

Nobody had any comments about any future football games with the exception of the return game of Paris St Germain on the 12th, Dave O'Brien asked for a lift and Billy mentioned he would be able to help if needed.

As mentioned at the last meeting, David M took on the task of designing a Wessex Blues flag. He hoped that the new branch flag would be ready for the April meeting and as promised, David M brought in and showed everybody the new flag. David confirmed that the flag was £200 + Vat. In future weeks, a backing would be placed on the back of the flag as the flag was quite see through, while a hem would also be placed around the edges. It was agreed that David M would be the guardian of the flag and asked branch members who were going to Chelsea would be welcomed in taking the flag to the game.

2. General Secretary Update (Dr. Richard Wild)

Richard mentioned that ticket requests in the last month were made for the following games: West Brom (No requests), Chelsea (Billy, Jamie and Andy Parkin), Newcastle (No requests), Stoke City (No requests), Southampton (Richard, David M, Andy H, Colin, Kay, Paul, Paul (Carer), Joseph, Tom, Martin, Bill G, Margaret, Joe, Dave O'Brien, Andy M, Penny, Billy, Jamie, Alan, Andy P) and PSG (Away) (Bill, Andy M, Dave M and Richard).

Birthday wishes were sent out for Bill G (7th April), Oli (21st April) and Tom (2nd May)

3. Treasurer Update (Claire Wootten)

Claire mentioned that the current balance was £466 and that the fish and chip supper came to £90.

4. AOB

Dave mentioned that Joe had been in touch with him with reference to the video that had appeared on Twitter after the Bournemouth match with Joe demonstrating drunken behaviour. Even though most branch members thought it was funny at the time, Joe had asked if we could remove this video from the Wessex Blues Facebook group. While at the meeting, Claire logged into the Facebook group and removed the video as requested, but as mentioned by Claire and several other branch members, the video was not made by a Wessex Blues branch member and was not possible to remove the video from other parts of the internet.

Rich and Claire received a wedding card and a monetary gift for their wedding on the 16th April. Rich and Claire thanked everybody for their gift and stated that they hoped to see as many branch members as possible at their reception on the 30th April.

The rest of the evening was taken up with a Fish and Chip Supper

5. Next Meeting:

Next meeting to be held on the 12th May 2016 at 19:45.

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