



Wessex Blues

41st Meeting Minutes

Started 12th May 2016 20:05

Closed 12th May 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 May meeting (20 in attendance). Members present were asked if the previous minutes from the last meeting were satisfactory, no objections were made, with Claire and Russell approving the minutes.

Apologies were mentioned from Colin Brooks, David Mountford, Tom Ockenden and Martin Ockenden.

Several members, particularly Dave O'Brien commented on how well Claire and Richard's wedding went at the Etihad on the 16th April and the reception on the 30th.

With reference to Pete's resignation and what was mentioned on Facebook etc., Richard confirmed that Pete would remain a member of the branch until the end of the season and at that point his resignation would commence. Richard also confirmed that he was able to get Pete a ticket for the Real Madrid away match.

After discussions with branch members it was decided that due cost and time, that the Capital One Trophy would not be considered visiting the branch.

Branch members confirmed that no-one visited the IOW Branch on the 29th April.

Several branch members commented on their trips and the matches that were played during late April and May. No significant points were made with the exception that the team did not turn up against Real Madrid and that they played brilliantly for the win against Chelsea and the best team won at Southampton.

Nobody had any significant comments about any future football games with the exception that it was likely that Swansea would play a weakened team in Manchester City's last game and we all hoped that West Ham would do us a favour against Manchester United so that fourth place would be back in our hands.

Andy M commented that him and Dave were interviewed by MCFC/MEN and other media sources while in Madrid. The flag was also shown on the interviews. Andy M

also mentioned that him and Dave met Zabaleta and Demichelis in the players' hotel. Both players signed the flag.

Penny confirmed that the flag would have a maroon backing in next week or so.

2. General Secretary Update (Dr. Richard Wild)

Richard mentioned that ticket requests in the last month were made for the following games: Real Madrid (H) (David M, Andy M), Real Madrid (A) (Richard, Billy, Andy M, David M, Pete, Joe, Tom, Martin), Arsenal (No requests) and Swansea (Tom, Martin, Billy and Jamie).

Richard confirmed that he had received several emails recently from MCFC, apologising for the lateness of tickets being sent out to branches.

Birthday wishes were sent out for Martin (29th May)

3. Treasurer Update (Claire Wild)

Claire mentioned that the current balance was £365.79 and that the payment for the flag had been done (£240). Richard confirmed that the domain name www.wessexblues.co.uk had been paid for the next two years at a cost of £8.39. Claire also confirmed that £18.94 had been made for Lyndsey's wedding and a thank you note had been received.

4. AOB

Richard mentioned that MCFC were now asking for votes for Player of the Season

Paul and Andy mentioned the potential of having a barbeque at the next meeting.

The Smugglers venue was mentioned again as an alternative to the Royal British Legion on certain occasions as many members enjoyed the venue when a branch meeting was held there earlier this year. Certain members described the British Legion as a coffin dodging venue.

Billy was asked if he would like to take the flag to the Swansea match. Billy was not keen to take on the responsibility of taking the flag to the match as they may lose it.

After discussing with branch members it was confirmed that we would take have a break from a meeting in June.

The committee confirmed that membership fees would not increase for the season 2016/2017.

5. Next Meeting:

Next meeting to be held on the 14th July 2016 at 19:45.

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