



Wessex Blues

46th Meeting Minutes

Started 10th November 2016 19:55

Closed 10th November 2016 20:20

Location: Royal British Legion/Ex Servicemen's Club, 66 North Road, Poole, Dorset, BH14 0LY

1. Welcome and Introduction

Dave welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those present for attending (18 in attendance). Dave chaired the meeting alone, as Richard and Claire were absent due to family matters. Members present were asked if they had received and had read the previous minutes, and if they were satisfactory. All concurred and the minutes were agreed, with Pete proposing and Penny seconding.

Apologies had been received from Richard and Claire, David Cox and Andy P. Apologies were also received on behalf of Dave M, who is now located at Swanage, and it was pointed out by Andy M, that this might now preclude him from attending further meetings. Russ was also absent, which was due to illness apparently.

Dave then covered the topic of past and future games, but there was no real response for either.

Dave then asked about the status of the bowling, and it was confirmed pretty much by Penny that the bowling would not take place, mainly due to lack of response.

Dave inquired also as to the status of the proposed mini bus to Leicester (A). Those who made the trip to Manchester agreed that they all had a good time and would be keen for further trips to take place. A discussion followed as to the viability of the Leicester trip, even with 6 people going it could still take place, so it was agreed ultimately that the matter be left 'open' still, with Andy acting as the contact point. Future trips were also discussed with the prospect of selecting a suitable date/match in advance, to also allow for accommodation to be booked, bearing in mind that dates may change due to TV.

The displaying of the Wessex Flag, on the second tier was mentioned, with thanks going to Richard for arranging that process.

2. General Secretary Update

Dave mentioned ticket requests which were; Chelsea (H) Nil, Watford (H) Nil, Burnley (A) Bill and Jamie, Crystal Palace (A) Gary, Gavin, Joe, Rich, Andy P, Jamie and Bill, Leicester

(A) Gary, Penny, Andy M, Andy H, Bill and Jamie, Arsenal (H) Andy P, Hull City (H) Nil, Burnley (H) Nil and Liverpool (A) Jamie and Bill.

Dave reminded members that there would be an Auction and Raffle after the next meeting in December. Auction items from Ashley's City Clothing, and Raffle from the purchases from the City Store, made by Richard, to the tune of £100 from club funds.

With regard to Ashley, the RIP note has still not appeared in the Home programme, and Richard is to chase this to remedy. Andy M did mention that a Beer listed in Ashley's memory, at the recent St Aldhelms Beer Festival, won "best beer" or received very high merit.

Birthday wishes were muted for Russ, Andy P and Dave M. Joe then said he had been by passed, but it was discovered that his birthday is actually in December and would be covered at the next meeting.

3. Treasurers Update

Dave gave the treasurer update in Claire's absence. Stating that the current bank balance, as at 9 Nov, is £525.23. Payments are still required for tickets for the games at Crystal Palace, Burnley and Monchengladbach. Dave asked if the outstanding payments could be paid ASAP.

4. AOB – Any other Business

Paul said that 3.00pm kick offs for matches is the "way forward", with regards to arranging any future 'road trips', allowing time for travel and "social activities".

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held will be at the Poole Ex Servicemen's Club, on Thursday 8th December, 19.45. Dave suggested that "Christmas Jumpers" might be appropriate/welcome, and this was generally agreed. Dave also said he would contact the lady concerned to arrange for the buffet at the December/Christmas meeting. As an aside, future meetings were muted briefly, as Dave said he thought the Smugglers Run were holding Skittles Nights on Thursdays, which would obviously impact on any possible meetings. Penny and Andy seemed to suggest that events had taken place at the Smugglers, which might in fact also preclude us from having meetings there. Dave did know that Mark has moved 'back' from the Smugglers to Poole Ex Club, so the consensus is that we should continue to hold meetings at Poole Ex.

As a final point Dave said he would be driving up to the Chelsea game, and he had space if anyone was interested in a lift, and he is also driving up for the Celtic game, taking Joe P, probably, and Paul G may also be interested. TBC.

Minutes taken by Dave O'Brien - Chairman