



# Wessex Blues

49<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Started 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 20:05

Closed 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 20:30

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

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

Richard thanked everyone for attending the February meeting (15 in attendance). Rich chaired the meeting as Dave was on holiday in New Zealand. Members present were asked if the previous minutes from the last meeting were satisfactory, no objections were made, with Billy and Penny approving the minutes. Rich mentioned that from the previous meeting that Andy M asked about if I did an audit on who had used their joker cards. Rich confirmed by showing a small section of his database on who had used their joker card and who had attended the last five meetings to clarify this.

Apologies were mentioned as of 5pm for Dave O'Brien, Annie O'Brien, Paul Greenwood, Joe Price, Pete Armstrong, Gary Forsey, Andy Mountford and Joe Price. Gary mentioned that he would like to play his joker card; however based on previous meetings he had already played this in October. Andy Mountford also asked he could play his joker card which was fine.

Rich merged feedback and attendance from previous games in late January and early February with forthcoming games in late February and early March. Several branch members commented on matches that were played during late January and early February, but no significant points were made with the exception of the following. Billy commented about the performance of Jesus so far with his three tap ins, while Gavin said that Jesus was 'looking tasty', while Billy and Gavin commented on how Sane had played so well so far and had not received a great deal of credit. Rich commented that after the match that he had met Andy Hinchcliffe and while signing his programme he commented that Jesus had got talent as his face was on the front of the programme. I told him that I agreed however I mentioned that Jesus had not yet scored a bullet header from about 10 yards....hmmm Andy said followed up by 'good point mate'. Billy then mentioned that David White's autobiography was now out.

Gavin asked if anybody was meeting up before the Bournemouth game. Billy mentioned that he was going to Weatherspoon's.

Rich confirmed that the April meeting will be held at the Smugglers Inn on the same night the 13th, while December's meeting will continue to be at the Ex Serviceman's Club but one week later on the 21st.

Rich asked if members were happy that ticket requests were also requested via Facebook – Wessex Blues Group and/or via Claire's email....no objections were made.

Rich confirmed that our next meeting would be the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the reformed Wessex Blues since September 2012. Rich asked would branch members like to do something special. Bill asked if we could have free beer. Claire suggested that he have a free round of drinks. After discussing with members and taking a vote it was agreed that the branch would pay for one round of drinks and a portion of fish and chips for each member who attend at the March meeting.

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

Richard mentioned that ticket requests had been made for the following: Stoke City (H), Liverpool (H), Hull City (H), West Bromwich Albion (H), Crystal Palace (A), Leicester City (H), Sunderland (A) – (all none) and Huddersfield Town (A) – Pete, Billy and Jamie.

Richard and Claire gave out Bournemouth (Away) tickets.

With respect to Monaco (A), Rich confirmed that the branch had been allocated two tickets, unlike most branches who had only received one. Rich confirmed that if he heard of any further tickets becoming available he would let branch members know.

Rich asked if anybody was going to the St Patrick's Cheltenham Gold Cup Event and Mother's Day Event at the Etihad (based on Rich's email that was sent out on the 27<sup>th</sup> January) – Members confirmed that no-one was going to either event.

Birthday wishes were sent out for Andy Mountford (10<sup>th</sup>), David Cox (4<sup>th</sup>) and Douglas Craig (8<sup>th</sup>)

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

Claire mentioned that the current balance was £657.71; however a few people had not paid for their tickets to date including games against Bournemouth, Huddersfield and Monaco; however Claire thanked everyone generally for their recent purchases.

## **4. AOB**

A new member was present, called Harry Williams. Harry mentioned that he had become a City fan since 2012. Harry used to despise football; however due to a bet at school with respect to the World Cup, Harry followed Argentina and loved watching Tevez. This resulted in Harry watching City, as Tevez was a City player at the time. Harry mentioned that his first game at City was the recent meeting against Swansea.

Andy H added that he would like to see more tweets from branch members. Andy H further asked what had happened to the new member David Cox as he had not reappeared since his first attendance. Rich confirmed that he had heard no news. Gavin asked did we know roughly when the allocation for Southampton tickets will be announced. Rich confirmed it was normally around four weeks before the scheduled game.

Rich mentioned that he would do a quiz for the next meeting.

#### **5. Next Meeting:**

Next meeting to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 19:45 at the Ex Serviceman's Club.

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