



Wessex Blues

51st Meeting Minutes

Started 13th April 2017 20:00

Closed 13th April 2017 20:20

Location: Smugglers Run, Ashley Road, Poole, Dorset, BH14 0LY

1. Welcome and Introduction

Dave thanked everyone for attending the April meeting (15 in attendance, plus one guest). Members present were asked if the previous minutes from the last meeting were satisfactory, no objections were made, with Pete and Penny approving the minutes.

Apologies received were from Rana, Mustafa, Mete, Gavin, Gary, Joe, Jamie, Annie and Doug.

Dave asked if anyone had any feedback on recent games, Pete and Bill mentioned that they will never go to Middlesbrough again due to the early start of 4am being one reason. Billy mentioned that the game was great and should have won six or seven nil and was pleased he did not have to drive. Andy and Penny mentioned that Monaco itself was great, especially the shopping, however the game and the result was poor. Andy confirmed that the flag was taken to the game and was noticed on the TV. Dave mentioned it was interesting getting back from the Chelsea game. Rich confirmed that himself and his dad had to walk to Earl's Court from Stamford Bridge as the tube was not running from Fulham Broadway, as they had left their car at Richmond. With reference to the game at Southampton, Dave asked if anyone was going to meet up for a drink before the game and how branch members were getting to the game. Penny mentioned how people were getting to Wembley for the Arsenal game. Penny and Pete mentioned the group saver ticket as a possible option.

2. General Secretary Update (Dr. Richard Wild)

Ticket requests in the last month were made for the following games:

Arsenal (FA Cup) – Claire, Penny, Andy, Joe, Paul, Paul (Carer), Gavin, Gary, Margaret, Bill, Oli, Jamie, Billy, Andy P, Andy H, Dave, Richard, Norman and Pete. Watford (A) – Joe, Pete, Gavin, Andy P, Billy, Jamie, Norman and Richard. Rich confirmed that Pete had asked for a ticket for this game; however Rich mentioned and apologised to Pete personally that he had forgotten to put Pete's name forward to the club for a ticket and actually only seven requests had been submitted.

Middlesbrough: None.

Rich confirmed the re-election of the treasurer result. Rich mentioned that out of the 30 branch members eligible to vote that Rich had received 22 votes, therefore Claire was reinstated as treasurer for a further 2 years, as she received more than half of the total branch member numbers.

Rich confirmed that at the end of March that the branch now stood at 30 members. Our newest branch member was Harry and Rich confirmed that £5 had been sent to the club for Harry's membership.

Birthday wishes were sent out for Oli (21st)

3. Treasurer Update (Claire Wild)

Claire mentioned that the current balance was £633.57. Claire mentioned that the only person who had not paid for their tickets was Harry for his Man Utd ticket which was for £53.

4. AOB

Andy M asked that are the Wembley tickets only £40 and not £50 as originally mentioned. Claire confirmed that several branch members would be getting a refund as they had over paid. Claire mentioned that paying for the Wembley tickets was a sore point as Rich had to pay into the Wessex Blues account £950 of his own money to cover the cost of tickets as the branch had not informed branch members of the actual cost of the tickets as they could have been anything between £30 and £50. As the money for the Southampton game had been taken the day before, the club's funds did not have sufficient funds in the account to cover the Wembley ticket cost as well, therefore the initial request to obtain funds for these tickets declined until Rich paid money from his own account to cover the costs at the second attempt. Rich confirmed that he has now withdrawn his personal money back from the account. Andy P asked if we could have an overdraft on the account. Rich confirmed that this was not possible. Pete asked were we paying Rich for loss of interest...Rich confirmed that nobody needed to worry about that. Andy H mentioned that it was disappointing that the attendance was poor this evening with loads of apologies. Andy H further asked do we know the names who rarely attend and/or do not give apologies etc. and to find out why they have not been attending more regularly and are they coming back. Rich mentioned that he was concerned about eight or so members that may/may not re-new their membership and would take us close to the minimum branch members of twenty. Rich confirmed that every year at the end of the season, that he sends out emails to people who have not renewed and/or have low attendance from the previous 12 months. Very little response was forthcoming, however with the responses received the reasons were work commitments, moved away from the area and sadly several members had of course passed away. Pete confirmed that you could get two extra tickets for Wembley if required on your Cityzens card if required. Andy M mentioned that if numbers were forthcoming that we could arrange a mini-bus for the Leicester City game on the 13th May and stay overnight and come back on the Sunday.

Tickets were given out for Wembley and Southampton, while Claire gave back overpayments to branch members for the Wembley tickets.

Paul turned up after the meeting finished and was included in the attendance for the evening.

5. Next Meeting:

Next meeting to be held on the 11th May 2017 at 19:45 at the Ex Serviceman's Club.

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