



Wessex Blues

53rd Meeting Minutes

Started 13th July 2017 20:00

Closed 13th July 2017 20:17

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

1. Welcome and Introduction

Dave thanked everyone for attending the July meeting (23 in attendance). Members present were asked if the previous minutes from the last meeting were satisfactory, no objections were made, with Billy and Paul approving the minutes.

Apologies received were from Harry, Doug and Margie.

Dave asked if anyone had any feedback on recent games and games to be played in late May and early July. No comments were forthcoming about recent games.

Billy mentioned that it was very likely that we will sign Kyle Walker and Benjamin Mendy this week. Andy M mentioned that it was likely we would be signing Bertrand from Southampton. No one was planning to go to the US to watch the team in the International Champions Cup or in Iceland. Billy considered going to Iceland but mentioned that the flights to Iceland were £470.....'bollocks to that....I will be watching it on the tele'. Branch members also confirmed that no one was going to the Robbie Williams and Ed Sheeran concert. Dave confirmed that he had purchased five home tickets for next season including Liverpool, Manchester United, Arsenal, Tottenham and Chelsea. Pete said that Dave was a 'big game Charlie' and Dave confirmed that he was one. Andy M said those games were not 'big game Charlie's' that's when you go to Bayern Munich, Barcelona, Juventus and Real Madrid. No one also had not purchased Darius Vassell's autobiography. Rich hoped that someone would buy it for him to add to his collection at Christmas or for his birthday.

Wessex Blues were pleased to announce a new member in the form of Martin Brown who has been supporting Man City since 1971 and originally from Sussex, but currently now lives in West Parley.

2. General Secretary Update (Dr. Richard Wild)

Rich confirmed that no ticket requests in the last month were made. Rich reminded people about letting him know about ticket requests for Brighton, Bournemouth, Liverpool and Everton by 4pm on Friday. Dave mentioned that travelling to Brighton

via the train may be problematic due to strike disruption....Andy H suggested a mini bus....Dave said this will depend on the number of tickets allocated, Gary offered to drive if this was the case. Claire confirmed that the seating capacity of Brighton was 30,750. Rich confirmed that the season does not start until August the 1st, but branch members were welcome to re-join for the new season as he had brought new membership forms and branch rules.

Birthday wishes were sent out to Gary (23rd July).

3. Treasurer Update (Claire Wild)

Claire mentioned that the current balance was £696.00 and all members had paid for all their ticket transactions and the account was up to date.

4. AOB

Paul confirmed that his wife who did the sponsored project for Amelia's Rainbow for terminally ill children raised £10,460 in total with Wessex Blues contributing £85. Billy asked if we were going to have a Vice Chairperson for next season. Rich confirmed that this was going to be brought up on the agenda next month. Andy H suggested that our branch held a breakfast for supporters travelling down from Manchester etc. As the Wetherspoons in Boscombe has closed down, Dave suggested that it would be too much of a logistical issue/nightmare. Rich said about having a breakfast at the Ex Serviceman's; however it was considered that this was too far from the ground. Andy H also asked if we could enquire about how to a mascot at the Bournemouth game when Manchester City play. Pete confirmed he would try and help Andy out with this request. Penny and Andy confirmed that they would be missing the next two meetings.

The rest of the meeting was taken up enrolling new members for the next season.

Next meeting to be held on the 10th August 2017 at 19:45 at the Ex Serviceman's Club.

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