



## Wessex Blues

55th Meeting Minutes

Started 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 20:05

Closed 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 20:30

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 September meeting (22 in attendance). The previous minutes from the last meeting were satisfactory; no objections were made, with Billy and Paul approving the minutes.

Apologies were received from Andy and Penny who were on holiday in America (they both used their jokers), also Harry, Joe, Pete and David Mountford.

Feedback regarding previous games and future games was merged, Dave firstly commenting on the Bournemouth game and the ticket situation. It was mentioned that we were not given any preference in being a local supporters club. Mike stated how there were 60 empty seats in front of him and how they should have gone back 'into the pot' earlier in order to reallocate to other members rather than being left to the last day beforehand. Everyone agreed how fortunate we were to all get tickets eventually.

Gary mentioned how far in advance requests were being required for tickets and it has deterred him from requesting them. Rich agreed but stated it was due to all home tickets being released as a bulk so they are putting all requests together at the same time. Dave however thought it was a good idea allowing him to plan but Gavin mentioned that although the requests are being put in early, City are not releasing the allocation any sooner and in some cases it is in fact later than usual. Gary asked why this was which is unknown. Dave and Andy stated that they had received their Cityzens tins but all the vouchers in them were out of date.

Rich mentioned that Steve Redmond is 50 in November and his brother/cousin has asked if branches could get a birthday card together and send it to him which we will arrange next month. It would be a nice touch it was thought.

Dave informed everyone that the Wessex Blues reform was 5 years old on 28<sup>th</sup> August hence why we were having fish and chips this evening as a celebration.

The third away kit was mentioned with Bill asking if it was green or black, on confirmation it was green Bill stated that he did not like it. He also mentioned there

was about 10 different kits that Nike have done for other clubs that are exactly the same pattern, just a different colour and it was so lazy. He thinks City should go back to Umbro.

The Vice Chairperson's position was mentioned and confirmed that no one nominated themselves so we will continue without one and review it in 12 months. Bill thought Andy Mountford was going to nominate himself.

Rich confirmed he had received enquiries from 4 people about joining Wessex Blues but to date after sending membership forms etc had received anything back from them. Andy H stated someone he met has asked to join our Wessex Blues Facebook page so Claire mentioned she would message him.

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

Richard mentioned that ticket requests had been made for Shakhtar Donetsk (A) – Bill and Andy M, Feyenoord (A) – Dave O'Brien and Joe, Napoli (A) – Dave O'Brien and Andy M, WBA (A) – Joe, Pete, Jamie, Billy, Andy P, Paul, Paul (Carer), Gavin, Norman and Rich, Huddersfield (A) – Dave O'B, Jamie, Billy, Gavin, Andy, Penny, Norman and Rich, Leicester (A) – Joe, Jamie, Billy, Andy P, Gavin and Pete, Stoke (H), Napoli (H), Feyenoord (H), Shakhtar (H) – no requests.

Rich confirmed that he had completed the Great North Run in 2 hours 41 minutes and 48 seconds which meant he did it 18 minutes quicker than last year and 10 minutes quicker than his personal test. He thinks black pudding, monster drink, Berocca and a banana helped. After walking around Amsterdam and Rotterdam he walked nearly 50 miles in a week.

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

Claire mentioned that the current balance was £898 before our fish and chips money and quiz prize money were drawn out. The only items that were outstanding were payments from Billy, Joe, Norman and herself. Claire thanked everyone for keeping things up to date.

Tickets were passed out for Watford for Billy and Andy P. Claire also stated that Napoli and Shakhtar away tickets had been confirmed from the club.

## **4. AOB**

Andy H mentioned about the Bournemouth match about the situation with certain members and that can the Wessex Blues be supportive of members if they get into any situations either at home or away matches. Dave agreed that we would of course if there was something concrete in which we could do or indeed if a member was injured whilst away.

Dave asked what members' views were for the December meeting however Rich stated that Penny was organising for us to have it at the Smugglers Inn.

Claire mentioned about reserve lists for matches where we have been given a smaller allocation than names requested. These members not allocated tickets are placed on reserve lists so if the situation like Bournemouth arises, we have a list ready to submit for further tickets. If for any reason anyone no longer needs a ticket or gets one from their own devices, please let her or Rich know so we can remove you from the reserve list and potentially pass to someone else.

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

Next meeting to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 19:45 at the Ex Serviceman's Club.

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