



Wessex Blues

72nd Meeting Minutes

Started 11th April 2019 20:00

Closed 11th April 2019 20:30

Location: Ex Serviceman's Club, North Road, Poole

1. Welcome and Introduction

Dave thanked everyone for attending the meeting and hoped that everyone had read the minutes after sending them out twice. The minutes were proposed correct by Billy and seconded by Martin. Apologies were given from Graham who is playing his joker, Michael also was playing his joker after just getting back from his holiday. Mustafa and Mete were both working therefore were exempt. Rana and Paul were also absent. Andy M wanted some clarity on jokers, and it was stated they would now appear on the minutes if someone has used theirs and it will also be mentioned in the signing in book.

Feedback on previous games between late March and early April. Billy stated that Swansea was a great game. Gavin and Dave also said that Fulham was a good game. A couple of members said that they were unsuccessful in the Champions League final draw. Tottenham game was mentioned, Dave said that the new stadium was nice, what you would expect from a billion-pound stadium. Andy M said that the away fans weren't shown any of the posh areas.

The Wessex Blues website was mentioned, Richard stated that this was updated every month with the minutes, Dave said it looked a little dormant so could have some new photos put on etc. Rather than putting everything on Facebook, send some pictures to Rich and he will get them put onto the website, so this was put on a 'to-do' list.

A stocktake was also mentioned, Dave was curious what Wessex Blues items were available to 'borrow' between members. Billy mentioned that he had some books that members could borrow if they wished. The subject would be raised again next month when Paul returns.

Treasurer re-election is now due in May after Claire having the role for 2 years. Richard will be sending out an email to members asking for any nominations for the position and then another email will be sent asking for votes for the nominees. The successful candidate will take the position from the next meeting. Billy asked if we could do the voting there and then as there were over 16 members at the meeting, but Rich stated that the opportunity needs to be given to absent members to nominate themselves if they wished.

2. General Secretary Update (Richard Wild)

Richard mentioned about Bernard Burke who was one of our newest members and the oldest at 87 but due to ill health never made it to any meetings. He unfortunately passed away, therefore our membership is now at 30. He was also fond of Manchester City and always wanted to attend one of our meetings, but his health would not allow.

An email had been received from Kevin Parker regarding Brighton requests and how so many tickets over the clubs had been requested. He pre-warned that a lot of branches may receive 0 or 1 ticket. The draw however will take place this evening prior to receiving allocation.

No birthday wishes for this month.

3. Treasurer Update (Claire Wild)

Claire mentioned the bank balance was £406.68 a few debts have been chased. Andy P was handed his Crystal Palace ticket.

The draw for Brighton in preparation for our allocation then took place. The result being in order of drawn from the hat: Andy Parkin, Dave OB, Annie, Bill G, Michael, Gavin, Charlotte, Rich, Billy W, Norman, Jamie, Andy H, Claire, Martin and Margie.

4. AOB

Penny stated she checked the dates for holding the meeting at the Barking Cat and that there were 3 dates that clashed with the quiz held there so we would need alternative arrangements for those months.

Some discussions took place around how secure our place was at the Ex Serviceman's. It was stated they were safe now. The car parking at the Barking Cat is the only issue. It was decided to remain at the Ex Serviceman's and hold the Christmas meeting at the Barking Cat with the food being next door.

Rich mentioned that he was unable to now go to the Tottenham Champions League game so offered his season ticket out to anyone that wanted it for £35.

5. Next Meeting:

Next meeting to be held on the 9th May 2019 at 19:45 at the Ex Serviceman's Club, North Road, Poole.

Minutes taken by Dr Richard Wild – General Secretary