



Wessex Blues

78th Meeting Minutes

Started 12th December 2019 20:00

Closed 12th December 2019 20:30

Location: Barking Cat, Ashley Road, Parkstone

1. Welcome and Introduction

Dave thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and apologised that not everyone had a copy of the agenda. Rich apologised that he had printed them but forgot to bring them with him! Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed by Bryan and seconded by Gavin.

Feedback from previous games, it was mentioned that some games were not great but then we did have some good games in the period since the last meeting. No comments regarding forthcoming meetings.

Dave mentioned that he had heard in a conversation and gossip for want of a better term that there's a rival group looking to set up another supporters' club in our area. He asked if anyone had heard about this. It appears from what has been heard that it is previous members of the Wessex Blues possibly looking to set this up.

We are not sure because we don't know the technicalities but from City's point of view, how they would look on another supporters' club. Rich mentioned it wouldn't look good as there has got to be certain distances between the clubs and it may be classed as being too close. They would also need to have a minimum of 20 members to be accepted.

2. General Secretary Update (Richard Wild)

Rich stated as most of you know, every three months he has to send back to the club how many members we've got and September was the last time, just so you know that October he sent our membership subscription through and pleased to say we've got 30 paid up members So again, next couple weeks he will have to review that so hopefully that will still continue to

be accepted. Also, as you all know, we have a website and every two years we must pay for the domain to keep going which is as you know www.wessexblues.co.uk and we've renewed it for another two years at a price of £11.99 which will expire in September 2021. Rich can update 80% of how it's arranged and set out, the other 20% Marco does. Photographs and videos can be uploaded by Marco so send them to Rich if anyone has anything to put on.

Andy H mentioned the Facebook page how it was a closed page and if there was a reason for this. Claire was outside the room, so this was brought up later in the meeting.

Ticket requests since early October were made for the following games
Oxford - We requested five tickets for Rich, Norman, Claire, Andy M and Dave and we got two, these were allocated to Andy M and Dave.
We didn't apply for any tickets for home games against Sheffield United, Everton, Crystal Palace, Leicester and Manchester United. Away games Sheffield United and Burnley no requests. Wolves we applied for three and got two so allocated to Rich and Claire.
Aston Villa, we apply for three. We still haven't had an allocation yet and again, Rich, Norman and Claire asked for those. Lastly Arsenal, asked for two tickets and got two allocated to Dave and Andy P.

Birthday wishes and there's two people on the list, firstly Mustafa on 30th December and the second one, as Claire piped in, is for Rich on his big 50 on 2nd January.

The topic of the Facebook page was revisited when Claire came back. As she is in control of it, primarily she stated she felt due to the type of things that we put on there generally is about ticket requests and things so not for public eyes. It's not an advertising tool is more for group communication.

Andy H suggested maybe a WhatsApp group could be a better option. Gavin stated the ticket issues were a sensitive subject so wanted to keep that information in the right hands. Claire stated what would the Facebook page be used for if not that? As we use the website for advertising.

A vote was cast to see on members views on keeping it closed and it was voted to be kept closed.

3. Treasurer Update (Claire Wild)

Claire mentioned she had not touched the accounts for a little while; however, she was pleased they were up to date. She thanked Andy P for prompt payments for his tickets without being asked and thanked him for this.

Account balance currently is £302.55.

4. AOB

Michael raised the issue of the change of dates for next years' meetings with a situation arising regarding a holiday he had booked and whether he would be penalised as absent for the meeting. A discussion took place amongst the members on this being allowed on this instance as a waiver. Dave was concerned about a precedent being started but everyone agreed that this would be allowed on a 'one off' instance.

Rich also mentioned that David's been our chairman for last two years and re-election is due. Rich will be sending an email asking for nominations in and then you've got X amount of days to respond and then votes will be asked for. Claire stated as standard you cannot nominate anyone else, only yourself.

Dave mentioned lastly, thank you to everybody that's turned up and thank you to Brian for his help with the raffle prizes. Thanks to Rich for the quiz and Claire for doing all the food as usual. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

5. Next Meeting:

Next meeting to be held on the 9th January 2020 at 19:45 at the Barking Cat, Ashley Road, Parkstone.

Minutes taken by Richard & Claire Wild