



Wessex Blues

81st Meeting Minutes

Started 5th March 2020 19:45

Closed 5th March 2020 20:30

Location: Barking Cat, Ashley Road, Parkstone

1. Welcome and Introduction

Dave thanked our select few members for coming to the meeting and greeted all good evening. Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed by Bill and seconded by Paul

Apologies were received from Phil, Carole, Graham, Michael (E), Andy P (J), Rana, Mete (E) and Mustafa (E) Penny, Mark (J) and Peter (E)

Claire mentioned that it was a good result at Wembley, and everyone enjoyed themselves, although Dave and Andy M said it wasn't a good game particularly but the right result.

Dave and Andy M mentioned Madrid and how they had a good time sightseeing and the game itself was much better than the Cup Final game. It was mentioned about the names on the ticket and how there was a lot of them being passed around even on the understanding their name wasn't on the ticket. A lot of people were being turned away as they didn't have a ticket in the right name. There were a lot of checks Andy M said at the stadium and Claire added was the same at Shakhtar Donetsk.

No new members this evening. Rich added that 20 people had asked to become a member this season and only 3 had turned up. Andy M joked that maybe they are joining the breakaway group. Claire asked if Dave had heard anything more about that of which he hadn't.

Rich added that all requests for the Chelsea game due to being postponed due to the FA Cup were now null and void and will be reapplied for when a new date is arranged. Newcastle Premier League match has also been postponed.

An email from Kevin has been passed on also regarding an issue at Wembley. It stated that City are getting rather fed up with people applying for tickets and not going based on their supporter numbers. When branch members ask for tickets, they are randomly being checked at the stadium on attendance.

He also added that some branches are not issuing tickets to the supporter number that they put on the portal. Some people are asking for tickets outside of their branches also and requesting for other people. At Wembley an issue came up as a duplicate ticket had to be issued to a member of another branch and they had been given a ticket at random, not the one linked to their actual supporter number. Tickets should not be passed on to anyone else.

Gavin added that scenarios always come up that someone can't go to a game then they will do all they can to get rid of the ticket so this will always happen somewhere.

Rich said that if City were to check on a seat and find that someone totally different is in that seat and it has been passed on, the supporter club could get a slap on the wrist for passing it on.

Annie also added how does that affect us as sometimes we use other members supporter numbers to get a couple of extra tickets and Claire moves seats around to ensure that people are sat together who want to be i.e Martin maybe sat in Mustafa's seat.

It's more so the fact of not applying for tickets for anyone that is not an official member and tickets cannot be passed on if brought under your own supporter number. If tickets are passed to other Wessex Blues members then this would be more acceptable but passing to members outside of the branch is more so the issue.

Rich mentioned that Graham's email about the Brighton request unfortunately went into his spam so if anyone can help purchase a ticket for him through their supporter points, he would be grateful. Dave wondered if they were on general sale available to someone with his points level. The allocation was yet to come in for this game in any case.

2. General Secretary Update (Richard Wild)

Ticket requests from the past month were Sheffield Wednesday, Liverpool and Southampton we requested 20 and got them all. No requests for Newcastle home and Brighton we've requested 5

Birthday wishes to Doug, Martin, Jasmine, Dave and Paul

3. Treasurer Update (Claire Wild)

Balance was £293.55. If everyone could pay in their £30 ASAP as payment is due to be taken that would be appreciated.

4. AOB

Robbie mentioned about when a group are going to the same match, why not post on Facebook where they are and give the possibility of joining them, check in and let them know where other City fans are. WhatsApp was given as an option to do this, but Facebook proves fit for purpose on this.

5. Next Meeting:

Next meeting to be held on the 2nd April 2020 at 19:45 at the Barking Cat, Ashley Road, Parkstone.

Minutes taken by Richard Wild – General Secretary