



Wessex Blues

80th Meeting Minutes

Started 6th February 2020 19:45

Closed 6th February 2020 20:15

Location: Barking Cat, Ashley Road, Parkstone

1. Welcome and Introduction

Dave thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and greeted everyone good evening. Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed by Bryan and seconded by Andy Parkin.

Apologies were received from Graham (E), Phil and Carole.

Dave mentioned about the hassle that he experienced on the way to the Manchester United game. Michael also had issues but both managed to revive money back.

Claire mentioned that Rich, Norman and herself had been to the Aston Villa game and there was a good result there!

Dave brought up a couple of a new proposals regarding firstly ticket allocation for European away. He proposed that as it seems to have now become the norm to receive a 2 ticket allocation for European away matches that as soon as the deadline has passed that we do a draw to decide the order in which the tickets will be allocated so at least members have some chance of booking flights and accommodation at a reasonable cost. As the longer it is left the more expensive it becomes.

Andy P also asked as we do requests for tickets across email and Facebook, that once the requests have finished, we could upload to Facebook a complete list of who has requested tickets so members can see everyone that has applied across both platforms. Claire agreed that she would do this.

Michael also asked following Dave's proposal if we could do the draw even sooner when the match is announced on tv. He stated that most people have a fair idea of who is going to want to go so do a draw at that point. Claire stated that she didn't believe it was fair on people that had to check holiday at work etc and could not necessarily say straight away that they would want to go. She agreed with Dave's suggestion of doing the draw straight after Rich's request window has been finished.

Dave's second proposal was to change the attendance ruling for next season so that exceptions were removed and that members would be instead given 2 jokers to use for the year. Claire stated she thought that was a good idea and Paul agreed. It was discussed amongst members. Rich asked to reconfirm about jokers that what time scale needed to be given to say that they wished to use it. It has been confirmed that if a member wants to use their joker that they need to tell us before the meeting begins.

Dave proposal was voted on and carried by members so will begin in the next season.

2. General Secretary Update (Richard Wild)

Ticket requests from the past month were Fulham – Rich, Claire and Norman, Manchester United – Andy P, Chelsea – Dave, Aston Villa Carabao Cup – 19 and have got all 19 allocated.

Birthday wishes to Andy M, Joel (Andy Hebblethwaite's son) and Michael.

3. Treasurer Update (Claire Wild)

Balance was £199.05 as at the date of the meeting. Claire advised that the highest-level price was £90 and as we had yet to be advised of the price so if everyone could pay £90 into the account and applicable refunds will be given at the time. Claire also stated that if any additional tickets come up then we would be willing to take requests for friends etc, but we will advise if/when that comes up as an option.

4. AOB

Gavin wanted to clarify what date the next meeting was on as the 6th was on the agenda but it is on 5th March. Gavin was praised for reading it!

5. Next Meeting:

Next meeting to be held on the 5th March 2020 at 19:45 at the Barking Cat, Ashley Road, Parkstone.

Minutes taken by Richard Wild – General Secretary