



## Wessex Blues

66th Meeting Minutes

Started 13th September 2018 20:00

Closed 13th September 2018 21:00

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

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Dave thanked everyone for attending the September meeting and greeted all members. Previous minutes from the last meeting were satisfactory, no objections were made, with Russ and Billy approving the minutes. Apologies received were from Rana, Mete, Mustafa, Andy M, Penny, Olly, Charlotte and Tom.

Feedback from previous games, Andy P asked Richard what it was like in the Wolves end during the game. Rich stated how it was a restricted view and didn't see the goal go in! Good banter with the Wolves fans though.

Graham commented how the Huddersfield game was excellent however mentioned how the trams were not running after the game towards Ashton, he only parked there to get away quickly!

Forthcoming games, some members stated that they would be attending the Fulham game. Dave mentioned that VAR was going to be trialled at some of the premier league games being used as an experiment.

Billy asked about the Oxford allocation if it had been confirmed, Rich stated we had received 2 tickets due to the size of the stadium.

No further developments of the league cup trophy visit.

Dave advised the Vice Chairperson position received no nominations so will remain vacant for another year. Rich however has been re-elected as General Secretary for another 2 years receiving 26 votes of which Rich thanked everyone.

Our new member this evening Bryan Major spoke about himself, originally from Bournemouth, a good school colleague went for trials in Southampton and Manchester City where Maine Road treated him well and had a good training ground and Bryan then became a supporter in 1969. He joined the forces in 1976. He has

managed to see them play a lot. He ran a series of clubs before moving back to Bournemouth.

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

Rich stated we had received a lot of ticket requests in the past month which were being received in batches now. Rich mentioned it was better on a managing point of view to get it all done at once.

No birthdays this month.

## 3. Treasurer Update (Claire Wild)

Claire mentioned the account balance was £602.90 after drawing out some money for fish and chips and everyone is receiving a free drink along with the quiz prize.

All payments up to date apart from Cardiff tickets.

Russ asked how Wessex Blues' relationship was like with Kevin Parker of which Rich stated was very good, unlike some other branches. Claire also stated the lack of tickets which we receive is due to the quantity of branches. Andy P also asked was there any new on the expiring £30 away tickets of which Rich stated he had heard nothing. Billy stated people would be less inclined to pay over £50 for away tickets now after having them at £30.

## 4. AOB

Russ asked about the falsifying of attendances in stadiums, of which Dave stated about how matches can be potentially a sell-out but then ticket holders do not attend.

Dave mentioned about how Rich did the Great North Run, just behind Sir Mo (ha-ha). They are only in the race together for 6 minutes. Rich stated how he nearly walked 20 miles that day, with Claire jumping in saying she walked 10 miles and didn't even do the run! Rich stated he will be also doing the Bristol Half Marathon and the Great South Run within the next month.

Ticket draws, Claire handed out Bill, Jamie and Andy P. Michael and Gavin can no longer go so Bill took these to redistribute.

Draws that took place were, in order in case of any spares:

Hoffenheim: Rich, Dave OB, Michael, Andy M, David M, Claire and Penny

Oxford: Norman, Andy M, Billy, Rich, Penny, Dave OB and Jamie. (Norman can't go without Rich so his ticket dropped down to Billy)

The other draws we did were for Shakhtar and Lyon and West Ham although we haven't got the allocations yet.

Lyon: Andy M, Rich, Dave OB, Penny, Claire, David M, Michael and Billy

Shakhtar: Rich, Penny, Michael, David M, Billy, Andy M and Claire

West Ham: Rich, Andy P, Jamie, Gavin, Billy

It was mentioned about where the meeting was going to be held in December, Paul mentioned about how a City fan running a bar would make sense, although other members stated how the Ex Serviceman's have treated us well and do not want to burn our bridges with them. David mentioned about having a vote regarding where the meetings should be held, or the possibility was mentioned of sharing the venue. Rich joked that would mess up Gavin by sharing the venues!

The Christmas meeting was mentioned by Dave and how maybe we should not push the boat out so much if the attendance is low, supplying raffles and buffets. Bill asked what the membership money would be used for if it wasn't for that. Claire mentioned that why should the members that do attend miss out on the raffles etc, its down to the people that don't come that miss out.

#### 5. Next Meeting:

Next meeting to be held on the 11th October 2018 at 19:30 at the Ex Serviceman's Club, North Road, Poole.

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