



Wessex Blues

72nd Meeting Minutes

Started: 19.50 14th March 2019
Finish: 20.30 14th March 2019

Location: Poole Ex Servicemen's Club North Road Poole

1. Welcome and Introduction

Dave thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and explained that he would be acting as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer in the absence of Rich and Claire. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by Paul Greenwood and seconded by Penny. Apologies were received from Rich, Claire, Billy and Margie, all playing their Joker, and from Mustafa and Mete, exempt due to working outside of the county, and finally from Rana and Norman.

Feedback on previous and future games – none forthcoming.

Venue for the Wessex Blues meetings. Dave explained that he had looked at alternative venues, one in particular said they could accommodate us, but at a cost of £20. Dave also stated that the Barking Cat was probably not viable, because they hold their Quiz nights every other Thursday, so that would clash with our meeting, so to go there would involve a possible change in date etc. Dave explained the reason behind moving from Poole Ex was due to possible financial difficulties within the club, however Penny indicated that might have eased somewhat, so Dave suggested that we keep the Status Quo and continue to hold the meeting at Poole Ex. Discussion continued about the possibility of moving to the Barking Cat and on the first Thursday of the month. Penny offered to check this prospect with the Barking Cat. Dave raised the point of whether a monthly meeting was necessary, and generally the view was that it should be a monthly meeting. So, the research will continue, but for now the meetings will be at Poole Ex.

Tickets – Dave raised this point to state, in his view, as a discussion point that the main reason for people attending the meetings/club, was in order to get tickets for matches. There isn't any real social element, i.e. gathering to watch games on a Pub TV as a group, travelling to games,

etc. So, Dave questioned whether the 5-meeting scenario is necessary. Why not just draw the names out of a hat every month? General discussion following indicated that the current system was as good as it could be, and has worked reasonably well, so it should continue. Dave went on to express his disappointment about the transfer of tickets, for the Carabao Cup. One where a 'previous' member, who now no longer attends, because of a previous disagreement over tickets, was given a ticket by one of our members. As someone said, "we had a full allocation, so maybe it wasn't so crucial", but the normal practice is that any 'spares' are offered back to the club in the first instance. Dave also reinforced the point that if you apply for a ticket and are unsuccessful in any draw, it is your responsibility to let the club know if you still wish to be considered, in the event of any further tickets becoming available. Dave also reminded the members that the responsibility for paying for tickets, lies with members, if the tickets cannot be passed/sold on.

Dave raised the issue of attendance in that there is a dual responsibility by the members and the committee, in noting when people are playing Jokers and who are working etc. If people state that they cannot attend the meeting, they should say if they wish to play their Joker or if they feel exempt due to working, etc. We the committee should also ask their intentions. A suggestion was that details are entered on the sign in sheet, and Dave in fact listed the people playing Jokers etc in the signing in book.

Dave went on to mention the Wessex Blues Website and questioned the validity, as it appears the last entry was in December 2018. It was hoped that Richard could update us, as members still thought it was a good idea to have a website. So, we will look to Richard at the next meeting to follow up on that. It was questioned what the website was for, and the topic of minutes, photos etc were raised. The view of the members was that the minutes, are too late in coming out. Discussion followed and the general view was that the minutes should come out AT LEAST one week BEFORE the following meeting, to give people time to read and/or react to them, for example in the event of attendance being incorrectly registered. Dave agreed that we the committee would endeavour to meet this request and, would arrange for these minutes to be sent ASAP.

Wessex Blues "Memorabilia" – Paul G mentioned that he had a "load" of books, approx. 20, but in general nobody seems to know what they are and in fact if we have any other items, so it was suggested that we have a "stocktake" by Paul regarding the books, and also to check with Richard to ascertain what he may have.

2. Secretary's Brief

No items to discuss.

3. Treasurers Brief

Tickets were given out – Fulham ticket for Gavin and Swansea tickets to Andy M, Jamie and Billy W. Billy was also given two extra Swansea tickets (from Claire and Rich) to try and sell on. Money for the Newport tickets was paid by Andy M x 3, and Jamie is to transfer his contribution in due course.

Birthdays, - Paul Greenwood March 24thoh and Dave O March 18th

4. Any Other Business

Michael stated that UEFA are selling tickets for the Euro Final online if people are interested in registering. Closing date 21st March.

United draw was mentioned because the game has been re-arranged, and could there be a draw, Dave did not want to do the draw there and then, and people were questioning why there should be a draw, but as Dave reminded members that re-arranged games would be re-drawn. Dave to ask Richard/Claire to do the re-draw, as soon as possible, to allow people to make the necessary arrangements.

Bryan Major said he had not received the minutes and gave his email address just in case, which I will pass on to Richard.

5. Next Meeting

Next Meeting to be held at Poole Ex Servicemen's Club, on 11th April 2019 at 19.45hrs.

Minutes taken by Dave O'Brien - Chairman