



Wessex Blues

78th Meeting

Started 19.55 3 October 2019

Finished 20.20 3 October 2019

Location: Barking Cat Ale House, Poole

Introduction and Welcome

Dave welcomed everyone to the new home of Wessex Blues. In the absence of the Secretary and Treasurer, Dave hosted the meeting. Dave asked if everyone had seen and read the minutes of the previous meeting, under the new procedure of issuing of minutes, within 3 days of the meeting and a reminder to follow at a timely date prior to the next meeting. The minutes were verified as a true record by Robbie and seconded by Andy M.

Apologies were received from Claire (E), Rich (E), Bryan (E), Rana (E), Mustapha (E), Mete (E), Paul G (E), Michael (J), Norman. Dave said it was a nice surprise to see Gavin and Graham after all, as they had previously said they were unable to attend the meeting.

Comments on previous games followed with a small discussion on various games. Forthcoming games – Andy M said how could people comment on games if they did not know whether they had a ticket to attend, especially the European Away games. Andy P has booked up for Atalanta but is still awaiting news on ticket allocations. Dave apologised, but said he had no information about ticket allocations. It was mentioned that the Zagreb game could be in jeopardy due to the hooliganism at the home game, so we will await the investigations. The venue for future meetings was discussed again. The dates for November at the Barking Cat, are unfortunately already booked, and no alternative venue has been sought, so Dave said the intention was to NOT have a meeting in November. The next meeting would then be the Christmas Meeting on the 12th December. Penny M, did manage to get the Barking Cat Diary and the meeting dates were confirmed for 2020, and are as follows (all Thursday):

January – 9th
February – 6th
March – 5th
April – 3rd
May – 14th
June – 11th
No meeting in July
August – 6th
September – 3rd

October – 1st
November – 12th
December 10th

Dave raised the issue again about the wording on the Web Site regarding attending games and the impact on Meetings. Dave proposed that the wording is changed, to reflect what was discussed, in that anyone attending a EUROPEAN AWAY game, would be given exemption from a Wessex Blues Meeting, due to travel restrictions. The proposal was seconded by Andy M, and the proposal was carried. Dave said, along with other changes needed, i.e. Venue etc, the wording would be changed on the Website.

Dave outlined the format for the Christmas meeting: The actual meeting will be followed by a Raffle (50% Man City Merchandise and 50% Christmas Fayre), Food will be funded by the Wessex Blues, and will be obtainable from the Chinese Restaurant next door, Claire will organise the ordering etc. Each member attending will be given ONE raffle ticket for the Prize Draw. This worked out quite well last year, but unfortunately not everyone won, as Robbie attested to. Afterthought – if you want to wear your Christmas Jumpers/Outfits including City Jumpers etc, PLEASE DO.

New Members There were two new members present, who introduced themselves. Paul and Marilyn Mellor. Paul gave us a quick rundown of his 'history' – originally from Oldham and currently living in Wimborne. Was a postie, and early starts meant he couldn't make the meetings. Now retired, he decided to join us and said he found us via the website. Dave welcomed them both on behalf of the club. They have received an application form but are unable to print it off now. Dave said unfortunately he didn't have the necessary paperwork to give them a form, but hopefully it will all be sorted at the next meeting.

General Secretary Update

In the absence of Rich, Dave gave the Secretary Update. Ticket requests made in the last month were:

Newcastle (Away) 1- Michael

Liverpool (Away) 2 – Andy P and Michael

Zagreb (Away) 1 – Andy M

Atalanta (Away) 3 – Rich, Andy P and Andy M

Zagreb, Atalanta, Shakhtar Donetsk, Southampton and Chelsea all Home – 0

Dave apologised again and said that unfortunately he could not give an update regarding ticket allocations.

Birthday wishes extended to Margie 12th Oct – Carole 30th Oct – Penny 3rd Nov – Norman 9th Nov – Andy P 3rd Dec – Rana 10th Dec.

Treasurer Update

In the absence of Claire, Dave gave the Treasurer Update. All transactions up to date and current balance = £629.94.

Any Other Business

Andy M suggested that as we have now settled on our future venue, The Barking Cat, we use whatever Wessex Blues material Rich is holding, including the Plaque, to highlight ourselves. This was viewed as a good idea and might even induce other people to join our club. Dave further suggested that one or two little flags etc, might be useful to put up in the bar too. So, we will look to achieve this as soon as possible.

Dave then congratulated Bill and Margie on the birth of their first Granddaughter – a future MCWFC superstar!

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on the 12th December 2019 – our Christmas Meeting – at the Barking Cat – 19.45.

Minutes taken by Dave O'Brien - Chairman