



84th Meeting Minutes

Started 19.55 12 August 2021

Ended 20.30 12 August 2021

Location: Barking Cat Ale House, Ashley Rd, Parkstone

1. Welcome and Introduction

Dave welcomed the members to the meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were pointed out, and Dave mentioned that the minutes are now on the Wessex Blues website.

Apologies – Apologies had been received from Paul Hughes (J), Paul Greenwood (J) Richard (J), Gavin (J) and Phil Wallace.

Feedback from previous games. Dave commented that the Wembley match was not a great game/day out.

Forthcoming games – comments. Graham asked about the Norwich game procedures, and Andy P commented that spot checks were to be introduced for Covid status, but in general, if you have had both injections, you should be ok. Using the NHS App.

New members, Paul Hughes – but not able to attend until September.

Dave mentioned that the Wessex Blues website is now fully functional, and after contacting the guy in charge of listing items, amendments were made. Andy P did make the comment that there was a lack of photos in the gallery, but hopefully this will change.

The positions of Chairman and Treasurer was discussed, and Dave has proposed that an email should go out, inviting volunteers for both posts, and Dave will ask Richard to do this in due course. Dave said that in any event he would not be at the next meeting, due to holidays, and he is playing a joker, and is notifying this in advance, as the rules dictate. Annie said she would not be playing her joker.

Discussions then followed about membership payments, with Dave asking for views from the members. The club funds were questioned, but Dave indicated that there was over £600 currently in the account. As a suggestion, start point Dave suggested that “we” give members a £5 discount. Graham suggested that it was done at the start of the next season. The general view than was that the club reduce next season’s payment by 50%, but only if the account had sufficient funds.

2. Secretary Update

Ticket requests were made for the following games
Leicester (Wembley) - 4 (Metee, Andy M, Dave & Rich)
Tottenham (A) – 3 (Michael, Andy P and Dave O'B)
Norwich (H) Nil
Arsenal (H) Nil

Andy P said it was encouraging that we got 3 tickets for the Spurs away game and was there any explanation why. But as always with MCFC, no real reason given. Conversation did follow that the game being on a Sunday and relatively late, would make it difficult for Manchester fans to attend, especially as Andy P and others said the Rail fares had increased significantly. And how expensive it is now to attend games generally. Although the first home game IS at 3.00 pm, a rare thing. A question was asked if there were any Friday night games, and it is thought that there are 2 maybe 3.

Current membership stands at 21, with 9 Pending.

Birthday wishes were extended to Robbie (8th Sep)

3. Treasurer Update

Current Bank Balance is £660.70 as of 9th August. Ticket payments for Leicester and Tottenham have all been paid. Membership payments and forms completed with the exception of Andy and Penny Mountford, Bill Garner and Michael O'Connor. Michael in fact then completed a membership form and this was passed on to the Secretary by Dave.

4. Any Other Business (AOB)

Tottenham tickets were handed out. Unfortunately, the prizes from the 2020 Christmas Raffle had not been handed out. Of the members attending 5 prizes were handed out. A lot however still need to be claimed, and Dave has indicated that he will ask Richard to send out an email, with the list of names and prizes won. In the event of any unclaimed prizes, it was suggested that they be used in the Christmas Raffle for 2021.

Graham proposed a vote of thanks for the outgoing Chairman, Dave O'B.

5. Next Meeting

The next Meeting will be on 9th September 2021, at 19.45 in the Barking Cat Ale House.