



Wessex Blues

90th Meeting Minutes

Started 7th February 2022 19:25

Closed 7th February 2022 19:55

Location: Barking Cat, Ashley Road, Parkstone

1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie thanked members for coming to the meeting (9 members were present). Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed by Andy and seconded by Annie.

Apologies were received from Paul H - unable to attend due to Covid, Michael (J) – holiday in Austria, Phil – bereavement in family, Graham (J) and Paul G (J) – attending a music gig.

2. Agenda Items

Robbie confirmed that the vote for attending the Cricketers v The Barking Cat for meetings from March onwards was the Cricketers (9) v Barking Cat (6). Andy commented that 9-6 was a good game. Richard confirmed that Penny and Andy Mountford both voted for the Cricketers and Robbie confirmed he did not vote as he did not care about either venue. Robbie also confirmed that he understood the reservation of the six who voted to continue with the Barking Cat. Dave mentioned the last meeting was a fiasco and we are now just tolerated being here. Annie commented we have to listen to music and the doors are not shut. Dave asked if there were any other alternatives to the Cricketers? Robbie said yes, but a charge would apply to others within the same area. Gavin said he liked the Barking Cat as a venue but understood the problems with noise and people playing pool etc. Dave suggested that we had meetings via Zoom and would save on the travelling and parking issues....Paul did not think that this option was a good alternative to a real actual meeting. Andy asked if there was an option of returning to the Ex-Servicemen's Club? Dave said he would be loathed to go back and if we did return, I think we would be charged. After further discussions it was decided to give the Cricketers a go in March and that Robbie would tell the Barking Cat that we would not have a meeting next month, therefore not requiring their venue for next month rather than saying we no longer need them just in case the Cricketers were equally or

worse than the Barking Cat. It was also decided to have it on the 7th March rather than the 14th as the 14th coincided with Man City playing Crystal Palace.

No specific feedback relating to the previous games were mentioned by members, though Robbie commented on how his shins got hurt when Man City scored due to fellow supporters celebrating at Southampton. Gavin commented that the Southampton game was electric. No specific comments regarding forthcoming games in late February/March were mentioned by members; however, Andy commented that the 17.30 games were tortuous due to travelling home at night

No new members were forthcoming.

3. General Secretary Update (Dr Richard Wild)

Ticket requests between late February and March were made for the following games:

Fulham (H) – 0
Man Utd (H) – 0
Brighton (H) – 0
Crystal Palace (A) – 1 (Paul H)

Current membership is 24 (membership closed now for the season 21/22) Paid £4 to MCF CSC in the last week

Birthday wishes: - Andy M (10th February), Michael (17th February), Joe (2nd March) and Martin (13th March)

4. Treasurer Update

Richard confirmed that the bank balance as of the 5th February was £417.37 which was significantly higher than last month due to people paying for their Southampton tickets.

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Richard asked members if they would like Andy M's Sporting Lisbon away ticket as he was unable to go, or Richard would have to contact MCFC to get the ticket offered to somebody else. As we changed the date to the 7th, Gavin informed members that he is on holiday on that date. Richard confirmed like with the same situation with Michael back in October he would not be penalised for the date change.

Next Meeting – 7th March 2022 at 19:15 at the Cricketers Arms