



Wessex Blues

91st Meeting Minutes

Started 7th March 2022 19:20

Closed 7th March 2022 19:55

Location: Cricketers, 41 Windham Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth

1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie thanked and welcomed members for coming to the meeting for the first time at the Cricketers (14 members were present). Robbie then mentioned that we would have to go back to the Barking Cat in April as the Cricketers is going to be refurbished next month. With reference to this month, Robbie mentioned via text to the Barking Cat that we were just not having a meeting. Robbie then mentioned, hopefully going forward, if a match was going to be played on a Monday night, like Crystal Palace next week, we would hold the meeting then as TVs etc were available and have a more socialable meeting/atmosphere. Robbie forgot to ask members to propose and second the previous minutes.

Apologies were received from Paul H - unable to attend due to Covid, Phil – remained in Manchester for the Sporting Lisbon match after the game at the weekend. Graham (E), Michael (E) and Gavin (E).

Andy P asked Richard was Paul H really ill as he has had Covid since the Arsenal match in January. Richard explained to all that Paul had contacted him recently to sell his Crystal Palace ticket as he would not been able to go. Richard confirmed that the ticket had already been processed and the ticket had already been sent to him, so if he was still unwell by the time of the match, he would have to sell the ticket via a forum etc.

2. Agenda Items

Feedback from attendance and/or views from previous games between late February to early March

Manchester City v Brentford 2-0 (9th February 2022)
Norwich City v Manchester City 0-4 (12th February 2022)
Sporting Lisbon v Manchester City 0-5 (15th February 2022)
Manchester City v Tottenham 2-3 (19th February 2022)
Everton v Manchester City 0-1 (26th February 2022)
Peterborough United v Manchester City 0-2 (1st March 2022)
Manchester City v Manchester United 4-1 (6th March 2022)

All present agreed that Grealish played his best game in a Manchester City shirt so far in the game against Manchester United. Dave commented that Mahrez was a ghost in the first half in the game against United. Paul M mentioned that City also beat Manchester United in the U18's. Richard mentioned that the U18's, U23's and of course the Premiership that City leads the way. Joe and Marilyn also commented that Caroline Weir won goal of the month for February. Joe mentioned that he was taking his sister to see the ladies play in the FA Cup against Everton in midweek. Dave commented that United players asked the referee for another ball as City had got the current one. The match goals and commentary about the City v United game appeared on the TV screen, so the meeting was halted as members were keen to rewatch the highlights and listen to the commentary and feedback about the game. Dave and Andy P commented about the game being stopped as a medic was needed to attend a fan in distress in the crowd. Joe asked Richard when do you think a request would be forthcoming for the Southampton game. Richard responded that it must be soon and the window to apply will be probably less be no more than 2 days and would send out an email as soon as possible when details became available. Dave mentioned that a good Derby quiz was held in the square before the Manchester United game with a signed City shirt by the team and Tunnel club tickets as prizes.

No significant comments regarding forthcoming games in late March/early April which included Sporting Lisbon (H), Crystal Palace (A), Southampton (A), Burnley (A) and Liverpool (H) were mentioned with the exception that the game against Liverpool maybe the title decider.

No new members were forthcoming; however, Andy H did turn up which was a welcome sight. He mentioned that he would join again for next season as Richard explained that new members for this season had ceased.

3. General Secretary Update

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

Burnley (A) – 2 (Penny & Andy M)
Liverpool (H) – 0
Peterborough United (A) – 2 (Penny & Andy M)

Birthday wishes: - Martin (13th March), Dave (18th March), Paul G (24th March), Paul M (3rd April) and Bill (7th April). Paul confirmed that he would be 60 this year.

4. Treasurer Update

Richard confirmed that the bank balance as of the 6th March was £415.87 which was similar to the figure in February.

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Dave asked besides next month, would the Cricketeers be our permanent venue. Paul commented that the landlord who is not present tonight stated that we would be welcomed going forward. The only issue maybe if Bournemouth were playing on a Monday night. Robbie mentioned he was still looking around; however, all were requesting a fee of ~£15-£20. If anyone had an alternative option, Robbie continued to say that it would be considered, but it was clear that we are not wanted at the Barking Cat and the Cricketeers was much better even though a Diet Coke was £4. Dave commented that with the changes proposed at Pelhams that this venue may become a possibility. Paul mentioned would it be possible to meet up for games on the TV in a pub for instance rather than stay at home and watch the game. Joe commented that he would rather see the game with Wessex Blues members then stay at home and watch it with his housemates. Robbie commented that going forward may be best to make any request on Facebook for possible meet ups for any games. Rana and Paul M mentioned that they are not on Facebook, so an email would be better for them. Joe and Paul mentioned could we set up a WhatsApp group. Dave mentioned that he did not use WhatsApp. Richard commented that the only common way to contact with other members was via email as everybody had one. It was agreed that going forward any messages sent out would be sent out via cc rather than bcc, so that everybody would be able to see all other members emails. Richard mentioned to Andy P that Charlotte's email was full and was not accepting anymore emails.

Next Meeting – 11th April 2022 at 19:15 at the Barking Cat