



Wessex Blues

92nd Meeting Minutes

Started 11th April 2022 19:20

Closed 11th April 2022 19:35

Location: Barking Cat, Ashley Road, Parkstone

1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie thanked and welcomed members for coming to the meeting (12 members were present). Unlike the last meeting, Robbie asked members to propose and second the minutes which was duly done by Gavin and Marilyn. Richard confirmed to Robbie, that he did state that we were not wanted at the Barking Cat at the last meeting. Apologies were received from Paul H - unable to attend due to Covid, and Michael (J) currently on holiday in Costa Rica. Rana, Mustafa and Mete also contacted Richard to say that they were unwell with possible Covid. Andy P confirmed that when he saw Paul H at Southampton, he looked awful, terrible and had lost 50% of his body weight. Andy P confirmed to Robbie that he had actually sat behind us at the game and Robbie had not recognised him being at the game. Andy P confirmed that Paul H has had to defer his university course this year and start again in September 2022 and postpone his work placement which he should have attended in September 2022. Andy P confirmed that Paul H was very likely to stay on in Southampton next year so hopefully will continue to attend the Wessex Blues. Finally, Dave stated that Annie sends her apologies for not attending this evening.

2. Agenda Items

Robbie mentioned Rana's email from the 6th April confirming that her 15-year-old son Atila who suffers from High Functioning Autism and has a Moderate Language Disorder will be abseiling (80 feet) down the ArcelorMittal Orbit in central London on 22nd May 2022. If anyone could donate as he is raising money for the National Autistic Society as part of Team Autism, Atila and Rana would be very grateful. Paul G then turned up late and apologised.

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

Manchester City v Sporting Lisbon 0-0 (9th March 2022)
Crystal Palace v Manchester City 0-0 (14th March 2022)
Southampton v Manchester City 1-4 (20th March 2022)
Burnley v Manchester City 0-2 (2nd April 2022)
Manchester City v Liverpool 2-2 (10th April 2022)

Robbie stated that he is perceiving a level of greed in some of our players in the way that they play i.e., Mahrez and Jesus rather than cross the ball for someone to tap in etc in the Liverpool game. Andy P thought Pep was going to take Jesus off for at one point for placing the ball in the side netting. Gavin thought that Jesus played well against Liverpool which Paul M agreed with his comments. Joe thought Kyle Walker was City's best player in the game against Liverpool as he put in a decent performance, while Dave and Gavin thought Kevin and Cancelo also played well in the game against Liverpool. Gavin continued to comment and state that the atmosphere at the Liverpool game was amazing.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late April/early May

Atletico Madrid (A), Liverpool (Wembley), Brighton (H), Watford (H), Leeds (A) and Newcastle (H)

Gavin stated that after those games above, we will know where we stand. Andy P stated that every game will be like a Cup Final. Robbie confirmed that City fans will be meeting in the pub close to McDonalds at Wembley and he would be there if anybody wanted to meet up from 1230 onwards but could not remember what the pub was called. Robbie confirmed that we would put the name of the pub on Facebook when he knew. Gavin mentioned that we had not sold 3000 tickets and Marilyn mentioned that travel will be terrible due to numerous extra numbers of coaches due to limited trains that day to Wembley. Marilyn mentioned that trains were running from Milton Keynes to Wembley as an alternative. Robbie confirmed that he was booked on the 1930 train back to Dorset in case of extra time which cost £38 with fixed trains. Richard confirmed that the Wembley tickets had not arrived to date which resulted in a shock from the Gavin and Andy P. Richard confirmed that he probably for the best to give the Wembley tickets to his dad when they arrived as Richard confirmed he would be away from time to time this week. Richard confirmed that he would drop Dave's and Andy's tickets off at their homes.

No new members were forthcoming.

3. General Secretary Update

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

Southampton (A) – 13 (Penny, Andy M, Dave, Robbie, Joe, Andy P, Michael, Phil, Rana, Mustafa, Mete, Paul, and Rich (for Joseph))
Wolves (A) – 1 (Andy P)
Brighton (H) – 0
Leeds (A) – 4 (Andy P, Michael, Penny and Andy M)
Watford (H) - 0
Atletico Madrid (H) – 1 (Andy M)

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Liverpool (Wembley) – 9 (Phil, Carole, Andy P, Charlotte, Rich (for Deanne), Dave, Joe, Robbie and Gavin)

Newcastle (H) - 0

Birthday wishes: - None

4. Treasurer Update

Richard confirmed that the bank balance as of the 10th April was £267.87

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

None of any significance (the last minute of AOB was lost on the recording).

Next Meeting – 9th May 2022 at 19:15 (The Cricketers)