



## Wessex Blues

96<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Started 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 19:19

Closed 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 19:58

Location: The Cricketers, Bournemouth

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie thanked and welcomed members for coming to the meeting (19 members were present).

Marilyn and Paul approved the previous minutes from August. Apologies received – Richard (J) (Working in Romania), Phil (Holiday), Paul H (Covid)

### 2. Agenda Items

Committee members vote announced. All committee members received 23 votes each. Chair - Robbie Hawkins, General Secretary - Richard Wild, Treasurer - Richard Wild and Social Secretary – Joe Kelly. Joe gave details of trying to have venues where people could meet to watch games and foster a more convivial atmosphere.

How did Rana's son Atilla get on with his abseil in London on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May?..... Rana reported that Atilla did complete his London abseil and as raised £1410 for the National Autistic society, which put him in the top 10% of Fund raisers. A very creditable performance and the meeting gave their congratulations.

Feedback from attendance from previous games between late August to early September

Manchester City v Bournemouth 4-0 (13<sup>th</sup> August 2022)

Newcastle v Manchester City 3-3 (21<sup>st</sup> August 2022)

Barcelona v Manchester City 3-3 (24<sup>th</sup> August 2022)

Manchester City v Crystal Palace 4-2 (27<sup>th</sup> August 2022)  
Manchester City v Notts Forest 6-0 (31<sup>st</sup> August 2022)  
Aston Villa v Manchester City 1-1 (3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022)  
Sevilla v Manchester City 0-4 (6<sup>th</sup> September 2022)  
Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspurs P-P (10<sup>th</sup> September 2022)

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late September and early October

Borussia Dortmund (H), Wolves (A), Manchester United (H), FC Copenhagen (H) and Southampton (H)

Comments included the performances of Haaland in particular, but also how pleased people were with Akanji & Gomez. Some criticism came for the delayed timings for ticket arrangements/advertising for away games, particularly Dortmund away.

Current membership – 39 (New members – Louis Wallworth, Shane Webb, Craig Jevons, Jules Kerwood, Rebecca O’Neill, Danny Speller, Hayden Barrett, Mason Barrett, Adam Shailer and Gary Lloyd). Members present were pleased with these increased numbers.

Discussion began on the need for playing jokers when people were attending away games. With travel prices being so variable and several away games, causing significant differences in travel costs, it was proposed that if the member could prove their attendance at a match outside the UK there would not be a requirement to use their joker at a meeting two days prior to that game. It was considered the days after the game would be irrelevant to this purpose.

A vote was taken – the only vote against was from Dave O’Brien as it was in his opinion the reason for the application of two jokers per season per person.

### 3. General Secretary Update

Ticket requests made between late August and early September for the following games:

Brighton (H) – 0  
Seville (H) – 0  
Seville (A) – 0  
Borussia Dortmund (A) – 3 (Andy P, Andy M, Penny)  
Arsenal (A) – 8 (Rearranged request) (Dave, Andy P, Lewis, Joe, Tracy, Nicholas, Adam and Rich)  
Copenhagen (A) – 5 (Andy P, Penny, Andy M, Michael and Rich)  
Copenhagen (H) – 1 (Dave)  
Borussia Dortmund (H) – 1 (Dave)

Birthday wishes: - Mason (1<sup>st</sup> October)

### 4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £760.40 (as of 11<sup>th</sup> September)

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reincarnation meal was served

Next Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 19:15 (The Cricketers)