



## Wessex Blues

98<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Started 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 19:25

Closed 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 19:52

Location: The Cricketers, Bournemouth

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie thanked and welcomed members for coming to the meeting (17 members were present).

Paul and Andy M approved the previous minutes from October. Apologies received – Dave (J), Graham, Phil M (funeral in Manchester) and Mustafa (ill) (J).

### 2. Agenda Items

Feedback from attendance from previous games between late October to early November

FC Copenhagen v Manchester City 0-0 (11<sup>th</sup> October 2022)  
Liverpool v Manchester City 1-0 (16<sup>th</sup> October 2022)  
Manchester City v Brighton 3-1 (22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022)  
Borussia Dortmund v Manchester City 0-0 (25<sup>th</sup> October 2022)  
Leicester City v Manchester City 0-1 (29<sup>th</sup> October 2022)  
Manchester City v Seville 3-1 (2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022)  
Manchester City v Fulham 2-1 (5<sup>th</sup> November 2022)  
Manchester City v Chelsea 2-0 (9<sup>th</sup> November 2022)  
Manchester City v Brentford 1-2 (12<sup>th</sup> November 2022)

Bill mentioned that he had taken his two grandchildren to the Brentford match to see their first ever Manchester City game. Bill stated it was difficult to keep a seven-year-old entertained due to the Brentford goalkeeper taking so long to take a goal kick. Paul asked if the grandkids wanted an Ivan Toney shirt. Bill mentioned it cost his son-in-law a significant amount of money on buying three football kits and going into hospitality in the Academy Stadium. Bill commented on how good the Academy stadium was.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late November and early December

None – World Cup views? – Martin stated that he would not be watching.

Current membership – Now 34 from 42 – Membership fee of £97 sent to MCFC OSC. Richard commented that 12 people did not pay and asked Kevin and Howard at MCFC to remove them. Richard got a frosted

email from Howard stating that I should not have approved them in the first place without receiving their membership fee. Richard stated that it was more important that we got 20 members first then worry about receiving the small membership fee. Richard confirmed to Howard going forward that this action would not happen again. However, Richard mentioned in the last few days the number went up by four from 30 to 34. Richard confirmed that these members have paid before being accepted. Bill asked what happened to Nick, Tracy and Lewis? Richard confirmed that it was easier for them to go to Yeovil, so they will be joining them shortly. Paul mentioned that he had received a message from Joe Price via Facebook recently stating that he would like to re-join. Richard confirmed that he had sent Joe invites to re-join earlier in the summer to no reply. Richard confirmed that at least 5 new members have paid but still not attended a meeting. Andy M asked if Stephen Charlton had become a member again. Richard confirmed Stephen had re-joined, but still has only been to one meeting in eight years.

New members - Janet Connor, Kylie Jess, Sam Jess and Mark Oakley (non in attendance)

### 3. General Secretary Update

Ticket requests made between late October and early November for the following games:

Everton (H) – 0

Chelsea (A) – 6 (Paul H, Jamie, Andy P, Phil, Michael and Joe)

Leeds (A) – 0

Longest Serving Members – Richard, Bill, Paul - 75th Anniversary OSC in 2024. Kevin had sent an email asking who our three longest serving members were. Officially, four members have been a member since 2012, with the fourth being Margaret. Richard confirmed that MCFC only wanted three so gave those members first based on number of attendances to previous meetings.

Branch Life Serving Member – Douglas Craig removed by OSC. Richard confirmed to the OSC that our only life serving member Doug had passed away in July 2020 as OSC wondered why he was no longer a member with the Wessex Blues. Phil W confirmed that when he was a member in the 1970s that he remembers Doug and his wife running the club and he went to the League Cup Final against Newcastle in 1976 with them.

Richard confirmed that Joe had been added to the committee section on the Wessex Blues website with a stunning photograph of himself.

Birthday wishes: - Andy P (3<sup>rd</sup> December) and Rana and Dave L (10<sup>th</sup> December) were given out.

### 4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £595.33 (as of 14<sup>th</sup> November)

Wessex Blues Accounts – Season 2021/2022. Richard confirmed that the majority of the accounts were correct; however, a few people had forgotten to pay for certain match tickets; however, after private emails going out to certain members that these transactions had been resolved. Richard finally thanked everyone for keeping the accounts virtually up to date and being correct.

### 5. Social Secretary Update

Joe confirmed that the Arts University and himself were shooting an advert for the Kodak Awards at the campus for Adidas on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> and are looking for extras/football fans. Joe confirmed it was unpaid but tea and coffee would be provided and the times would be probably between 8-5pm. Joe confirmed that he would send out a Facebook and email to confirm these details.

## 6. Any Other Business (AOB)

Richard confirmed to Andy M that we had stopped going to the Barking Cat since July.

Christmas Meal and Christmas Presents – Views and Budget

100<sup>th</sup> Wessex Blues Meeting Celebration in January – Views and Budget. Richard confirmed in a normal year we would have a buffet or a Chinese for Christmas and £100 on MCFC merchandise and alcohol, with a £50 split for each. After several discussions, it was agreed between members that the December meeting would have just Christmas presents of £50 value (£25 Manchester City merchandise and £25 alcohol) and no meal and a meal for everybody for our 100<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Michael C confirmed that our meeting in May 2023 now falls on a Bank Holiday due to King Charles Coronation. It was agreed that the May meeting would be now the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Next Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 19:15 (The Cricketers)