



Wessex Blues

99th Meeting Minutes

Started 12th December 2022 19:22

Closed 12th December 2022 19:48

Location: The Cricketers, Bournemouth

1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie thanked and welcomed members for coming to the meeting (11 members were present).

Phil and Michael approved the previous minutes from November. Apologies received – Joe, Graham (J), Phil M, Marilyn (J), Paul (J), Mete, Jamie (J) and Bill G.

2. Agenda Items

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

World Cup Views – Paul had £20 for France to win. Andy P and others mentioned that only Alvarez and Foden were the only Manchester City players to give us any credit. Robbie asked if anyone knew any information about John Stones injury. Robbie further mentioned that he believed that John Stones had a new stray cat which turned up while the players were having a meal. Michael commented that he thought the World Cup was enjoyable as no trouble was reported based on the news previously mentioned before the games began. Michael went on to say that even though the games went well, however he hoped that Qatar would not hold the games again in the future. Robbie and Andy P mentioned that the games he watched/seen had good fans and atmosphere, especially from the European games, North African and Argentina matches. Paul G asked Andy P if he had enjoyed going out to Qatar to watch the football? Andy P said he went out on his own but met up with Andy and his brother from the A34 branch and saw a handful of games.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late December and early January

Liverpool (H), Leeds (A), Everton (H), Chelsea (A) and Chelsea (H) – No significant comments made.

Current membership – Now 34 – Richard commented that this was the same number as the previous meeting.

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

Any other news about new Members (from other members etc.) - None

3. General Secretary Update

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

Leipzig (H) – 0
Leipzig (A) – 3 (Andy P, Andy M, Penny)
Liverpool (H) – 1 (Joe)
Manchester United (A) – 2 (Jamie, Andy P)
Wolves (H) – 0
Leeds (A) – 0
Tottenham (H) – 0
Arsenal (A) – 5 (Paul H, Dave, Joe, Andy P, Phil W)
Nottingham Forest (A) – 1 (Jamie)

Birthday wishes: - Phil M (15th), Janet (19th), Mustafa (30th), Rich (2nd), and Craig (8th). Andy P asked if all new members had paid and Richard confirmed that this was the case but to date none of them had actually turned up to a meeting.

4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £564.85 (as of 11th December). Raffle cost for Manchester City items was £29, alcohol was £27, therefore a little more than the £50 agreed.

5. Social Secretary Update

How did the Adidas advert go? – Nothing mentioned as Joe was not in attendance and no members present went or knew any information.

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Andy P mentioned that Alan Lawrence had set up Weymouth Blues again. Previous members of the Wessex Blues were known to have joined as well including Gary Forsey and Steve Hayhurst.

Dave asked for a reminder about the rules of exceptions, which Robbie and Rich reiterated. Paul asked would it be possible to return to Thursday evenings. Paul also asked why we moved to a Monday evening. Moving back to a Thursday would still cause certain members to miss the meeting especially coming back from a European match and/or at worst if Manchester City ended up in the Europa League, members would also be missing, Rob and Richard explained. Robbie confirmed that Monday nights were caused by the availability of the Barking Cat and this naturally continued with the move to The Cricketers. Paul explained that the only problem having the meeting on a Monday, would be if Bournemouth played on a Monday night at home, and/or if City were playing on a Monday night and/or if Bournemouth were playing away which would result in Bournemouth fans going to the pub to watch the game. Richard went on to say, regardless of what day in the week the meeting was it would likely to cause some issue/problem. Andy P explained that if City reached the League Cup final, then the match City against Bournemouth would need to be moved. Michael confirmed that our meeting in April falls on a Bank Holiday. It was decided that the April meeting would be moved to the 3rd, while the May meeting would be the 15th as confirmed at the previous meeting due to the Coronation of Charles III.

Richard confirmed that we have a new flag for this coming season which was handed to Paul to be hung up behind the bar for instance. Richard also showed members a new certificate for the coming season. Paul confirmed that this should be framed and again put behind the bar. Paul also confirmed that a new landlord/lady would be in position on the 4th January. Paul would see if a chef would be able to do us some food....if not we would do a take away as an alternative option.

Christmas Presents – Raffle – 9 prizes, everybody received a prize with the exception of Dave and Rich

Next Meeting – 9th January 2023 at 19:15 (The Cricketers)