



## Wessex Blues

107<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Started 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 19:20

Closed 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 19:58

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie thanked and welcomed old and new members to our new venue for our meeting (23 members were present, plus one new potential member for this season).

Michael and Phil approved the previous minutes from July.

Apologies received – Rich (J) - working from home in Italy, Mark (J) - Holiday, Ryan (J) – Holiday, Alan J (J), Christine (J), Andy P (J), Pat, Rana, Mustafa, Mete

### 2. Agenda Items

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

Burnley v Manchester City (0-3) – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Manchester City v Sevilla (1-1) – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Manchester City v Newcastle (1-0) – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Sheffield United v Manchester City (1-2) – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Manchester City v Fulham (5-1) – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

No significant comments, except that Graham (Burnley) and Andy M (Sevilla) enjoyed the games.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late September and early October

West Ham (A), Red Star Belgrade (H), Notts Forest (H), Newcastle (A), Wolves (A), Leipzig (A), Arsenal (A)

Members mentioned that ticket allocation is likely to become more difficult, due to greater demand due to more supporters' clubs, and more members. Even people who have had various routes for tickets are finding it more difficult to obtain tickets (victims of our own success).

No immediate volunteers for the vacant Social Secretary position. Talked about having a regular pub, for watching matches. After a few suggestions ended up with the Fiveways, and we shall see

what happens. First match – Champions League match against Leipzig (A). Streaming of matches, illegal, is now the subject of a major clampdown. Possibility of a Minibus trip to Bournemouth at home (November 4<sup>th</sup>). Alan/Andy will look into this for 7 or 8 people with the possibility of staying overnight.

Current membership – 53

New Members – Tony Thornton, Deanne Parkin, Pat Reid, Christine Jeffers, Liam Barrett, Lukas Waszczyszyn, Steve Davie, Helen Speller, Gracie Speller, Danny Speller, Craig Jevons, Janet Connor, Lindsey Sturman, Oliver Sturman, Mark Sturman, Graham Haine, Riette Jevons

Only Steve Davie was present and gave a short resume for how he became a City fan and how he enjoyed a period of time using Thaksin Shinawatra's box when he was absent.

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

### 3. General Secretary Update

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

Arsenal (A) – 11 (Alan B, Michael, Penny, Andy M, Lukas, Joe, Graham, Robbie, Andy P, Ryan, Steve)

Brighton (H) – 4 (Lindsey, Oli, Mark, Paul)

Manchester United (A) – 4 (Andy P, Michael, Steve, Ryan)

Leipzig (A) - 0

Red Star Belgrade (H) – 1 (Dave)

Young Boys (Away) – 3 (Janet, Michael, Andy M)

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

### 4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £1,376.08 (as of 14<sup>th</sup> September)

### 5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Robbie asked people to think about the Christmas meeting and if it is to be at the Royal British Legion, if we can give DOB approximate numbers, DOB could investigate food options. Steve Davie asked, if possible, could the group buy a season ticket. Michael said this probably in principle yes, but waiting list is currently a couple of years. Gavin and Michael pointed out that via the MCFC website, there is a provision for people posting tickets up till the last minute if they suddenly find they are unable to go.

Next Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown