



Wessex Blues

111th Meeting Minutes

Started 11th January 2024 19:21

Closed 11th January 2024 19:42

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie thanked and welcomed old and new members to our venue for one of our largest meetings (26 members were present).

Alan J and Joe approved the previous minutes from December.

Apologies received – Danny S, Pat (J), Graham (J), Gavin (J), Phil W, and Phil M

2. Agenda Items

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

Manchester City v Crystal Palace (2-2) – 16th December 2023

Urawa Red Diamonds v Manchester City (0-3) – 19th December 2023

Manchester City v Fluminense (4-0) – 22nd December 2023

Everton v Manchester City (1-3) – 27th December 2023

Manchester City v Sheffield United (2-0) – 30th December 2023

Manchester City v Huddersfield Town (5-0) – 7th January 2024

Robbie thinks we have now turned the corner and it will be our normal run in to the end of the season. Comments from several members, included that the world are now seeing what City fans have realised for some time, on how good Phil Foden is. Oscar Bobb was also mentioned on his recent success coming through from the academy. Marilyn and Paul commented on how good it was obtaining their ticket from the ground for the Red Star Belgrade game as they do not have a mobile phone.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late January and early February

Newcastle (A), Tottenham (A), Burnley (H), Brentford (A)

Robbie mentioned that the Tottenham game was now being played at 8pm on Friday the 26th January. Dave mentioned what ever happened to games being played at 3pm on a Saturday afternoon 'television money'otherwise no further comments mentioned.

Current membership – 56 (new member Michael Smith)

New Members – Deanne Parkin, Pat Reid, Liam Barrett, Lukas Waszczyszyn, Helen Speller, Gracie Speller, Danny Speller, Craig Jevons, Janet Connor, Lindsey Sturman, Oliver Sturman, Mark Sturman, Riette Jevons, Michael Smith

Michael was the only new member present from the list above and his reasons for being a Man City fan was that he originates from Cheshire (Knutsford) and has supported the club from the early seventies. Michael added that he recently moved from Bristol to Poole. Michael commented that he used to be a member of the Shaftesbury branch many years ago and recently watched City play Bournemouth at Bournemouth in the corporate end and nearly got removed for being too vocal and thought it was time to join the local supporters club of Manchester City.

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

3. General Secretary Update

Burnley (H) – 0

FC Copenhagen (A) – 2 (Andy P, Rich)

FC Copenhagen (H) – 0

Bournemouth (A) – 29 (Andy H, Jasmine, Joel, Daniel S, Graham H, Andy P, Deanne, Charlotte, Bill G, Hayden, Mason, Christine, Alan J, Steve, Paul M, Marilyn, DOB, Lindsey, Oliver, Mark, Gavin, Michael S, Robbie, Michael C, Phil W, Alan B, Joe, Neil M, Ryan)

Brentford (A) – 8 (Daniel S, Helen S, Steve, Neil M, Phil W, Andy P, Gavin, Ryan)

Chelsea (H) – 5 (Mark O, Andy H, Joel, Jasmine, Neil M)

Everton (H) – 1 (Steve)

Richard confirmed that in the last hour, that Andy and himself had received confirmation of the away Copenhagen tickets.

Birthday wishes: - Christine (20th)

4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £695.44 (as of 10th January)

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Andy P asked if we could do the draw early for the Bournemouth game so people could make plans. Steve asked if we get special treatment as Bournemouth is our local football club to the supporters' club. Rich confirmed that no special treatment was considered. Graham asked what the normal ticket allocation was for the Bournemouth game. Rich confirmed this varied based on time of year (summer is less, winter is more), time of the game and the day of the week.... sometimes we have been allocated just a couple to over twenty tickets. As the game is on the TV and a late kick off, our allocation may be good this time.... watch this space. Bill asked about hospitality. Bill confirmed that you can get a box for ten supporters. Robbie confirmed that hospitality for

Bournemouth v Manchester City has not been allocated on the Bournemouth website to date. Robbie confirmed that for hospitality is ~£150 per head which includes a meal. If Robbie heard of the possibility of a box that he would place any information concerning this on Facebook (at the end of the meeting, Robbie confirmed that per head for hospitality was £480). Robbie asked Rich when the allocation for Manchester United tickets will be done.... based on the game is early March, it is likely to be done the third or last week of January was Richard's response. Andy H asked who would be best to ask about Joel being a mascot at the Bournemouth game.... Rich suggested that Paul was the best person to ask about this for the game against Manchester City.

Next Meeting – 8th February 2024 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown