



Wessex Blues

113th Meeting Minutes

Started 14th March 2024 19:16

Closed 14th March 2024 19:35

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie thanked and welcomed old and new members to our venue for our meeting (24 members were present).

Phil and Michael approved the previous minutes from February.

Apologies received – Alan J (J), Christine (J), Gavin (J), Pat, Ryan (J), Riette, Phil M, Craig, Rana, Mete, Mustafa, Danny, Chris and Caroline

2. Agenda Items

Feedback from attendance from previous games between late February to early March

Manchester City v Everton (2-0) – 10th February 2024
FC Copenhagen v Manchester City (1-3) – 13th February 2024
Manchester City v Chelsea (1-1) – 17th February 2024
Manchester City v Brentford (1-0) – 20th February 2024
Bournemouth v Manchester City (0-1) – 24th February 2024
Luton v Manchester City (2-6) – 27th February 2024
Manchester City v Manchester United (3-1) – 3rd March 2024
Manchester City v FC Copenhagen (3-1) – 6th March 2024
Liverpool v Manchester City (1-1) – 10th March 2024

Phil W commented that he did five of the matches on the spin and enjoyed all the games, with Erling's five goals against Luton and then beating Manchester United were the highlights. Phil also mentioned that he got a picture taken with Lee Dixon and also met Matt Allwright. Robbie and other members stated that they had no problems with obtaining their tickets for the Bournemouth game, but the game was tight and that we were lucky overall to get the three points. Several members commented about the poor performances recently from Doku and Jack Grealish and that KDB is missing half a yard from previous times, and Stones was back to his best. Robbie pointed out that from a points total that we were better off now than the same point this time last

year. Michael commented that he thought the new stand at Liverpool was much better than the old one, due to it being much safer, more room, sadly the Liverpool fans were still above you, but much easier to get in and out of the stand. Michael further said that he was situated in the third row from the pitch and was to the left of where John Stones jumped on to the hoardings. Michael continued to say how the atmosphere at Anfield is furious and really noisy. Michael finally made the point that this game was not as nasty as previous encounters.

Robbie commented about the upcoming Champions League fixture which was expected Friday morning at 1100. Certain members hoped for the Atletico Madrid.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late March and early April

Newcastle (H), Arsenal (H), Aston Villa (H), Crystal Palace (A)

Michael mentioned that due to a rail strike that no trains were leaving Euston for the Arsenal game.

Current membership – 56

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

Any other news about new Members (from other members etc.) – Kieran O'Brien

Kieran mentioned that he was a Manchester City fan because his dad was from Manchester, and he pushed Kieran to follow Manchester City since he was born.

3. General Secretary Update

Ticket requests made between late February and early March for the following games:

Newcastle United (H) – 0

Aston Villa (H) – 0

Crystal Palace (A) – 4 (Graham, Gavin, Danny, Helen)...Richard confirmed that we had only been given an allocation of two. Michael mentioned that he asked for a ticket for Crystal Palace via email....Richard post meeting checked the email server for Michael's request and no request for this game was found.

Arsenal (H) – 1 (Dave)

Brighton (A) – 10 (Ryan, Shaun, Graham, Martin, Phil W, Andy P, Steve, Bill, Hayden, Mason)
now void

Liverpool (A) – 2 (Michael, Andy P)

Birthday wishes: - Deanne (17th), Dave (18th), Jasmine (23rd), Paul G (24th), Paul M (3rd) and Bill (7th)

4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £705.44 (as of 14th March)

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Robbie mentioned that an away game forum was present on Facebook. A general discussion was made about half and half scarfs with comments made from Robbie, Michael and Andy P about the frustration from certain fans. The general view was that fans wearing these scarfs were people from abroad are getting tickets ahead of local fans and/or a part of a holiday package. Andy P also mentioned that no problems existed in getting out of the grounds for away games; however, in the last 18 months being in the away end has been toxic including at Manchester United where a man was assaulted with a half and half scarf and was pushed down the stairs. Andy P also mentioned a similar occurrence at Tottenham the previous season. Finally, Robbie mentioned not to forget to register your car details before leaving due to the new parking rules.

Next Meeting – 11th April 2024 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown