



Wessex Blues

114th Meeting Minutes

Started 11th April 2024 19:16

Closed 11th April 2024 19:36

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie thanked and welcomed old and new members to our venue for our meeting (26 members were present).

Phil and Alan approved the previous minutes from March.

Apologies received – Pat, Michael S, Bill (J), Margaret (J), Graham H, Joe, and Mark O (J)

2. Agenda Items

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

Manchester City v Newcastle (2-0) – 16th March 2024

Manchester City v Arsenal (0-0) – 31st March 2024

Manchester City v Aston Villa (4-1) – 3rd April 2024

Crystal Palace v Manchester City (2-4) – 6th April 2024

Real Madrid v Manchester City (3-3) – 9th April 2024

Graham and Andy P commented on their experience at Real Madrid, especially with respect to the police, being locked in after the game and access to the toilets; but overall members agreed getting a draw away at Madrid was a good result. Robbie went on to say based on recent matches that we are missing Gundogan and Mahrez but not Palmer. Other noticeable comments included the blossoming of Folden especially with the hattrick against Aston Villa.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late April and early May

Luton (H), Real Madrid (H), Chelsea (Wembley), Brighton (A), Notts Forest (A), Wolves (H)

Robbie confirmed that the Chelsea match was now sold out and Richard confirmed that all members who applied for tickets for Chelsea and home to Real Madrid had been granted one.

Andy P commented on how previously tickets were being sent out not with no tracked or recorded delivery status in a standard envelope with an Etihad stadium only days before the match. Richard confirmed via a recent email from Kevin that evening that payment requests for the Chelsea and Real Madrid match will be made shortly to members who have applied for one. Richard confirmed that via Kevin's email that everyone who has been allocated a ticket, you will not be let down by the club.

Current membership – 58 (Zac O'Brien)

New Members – Deanne Parkin, Pat Reid, Liam Barrett, Lukas Waszczyszyn, Helen Speller, Gracie Speller, Craig Jevons, Janet Connor, Lindsey Sturman, Oliver Sturman, Mark Sturman, Riette Jevons, Zac O'Brien

Zac confirmed that he was City fan because he lived in Manchester and moved to Bournemouth in 1991. Prior to moving to Bournemouth, Zac minded the cars at Maine Road. Zac also commented on games where Manchester City played Bournemouth at Maine Road and Dean's Court in the 1990s.

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

3. General Secretary Update

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

Luton (H) – 0

Wolves (H) – 0

Real Madrid (H) – 8 (Steve, Dave, Marilyn, Paul, Pat, Chris, Alan, Keiran)

Real Madrid (A) – 3 (Andy P, Steve, Graham)

Brighton (A) – 4 (Martin, Phil W, Ryan, Graham)

Notts Forest (A) – 3 (Andy M, Michael, Phil W)

Chelsea (Wembley) – 21 (Daniel, Grace, Helen, Phil, Bill, Hayden, Mason, Liam, Robbie, Mark, Oliver, Lindsey, Steve, Dave, Graham, Pat, Neil, Shaun, Lukas, Alan J, Chris J)

Richard confirmed that all members granted a ticket except for Andy M who missed out with respect to Nottingham Forest as only two tickets were awarded.

No birthday wishes as nobody had birthdays for the coming month.

4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £745.44 (as of 11th April), a £20 increase from last month due to Zac's membership fee.

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Graham asked if City reached the Semi Finals of the Champions League and were away before the next meeting, members would be exempt from missing the branch meeting that week. Richard confirmed that was the case. Gavin mentioned that Champion League Final tickets had gone on sale on the UEFA website by entering a ballot at £160 each; however, you are able to enter the ballot by entering your specific team only. Members mentioned that they would prefer to play

Bayern Munich over Arsenal in the Semi-Final based on how Arsenal are playing well at the moment.

Next Meeting – 9th May 2024 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown