



## Wessex Blues

115<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Started 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 19:26

Closed 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 19:41

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Richard thanked and welcomed old and new members to our venue for our meeting (24 members were present) as Richard had to chair the meeting in Robbie's absence as he was on a cruise ship, complaints from his wife. Other people were also absent due to holidays or had better things to do!!....

Michael and Alan J approved the previous minutes from April.

Apologies received – Robbie, Craig, Riette, Michael, Janet, Phil W, Tony, Neil (J), Avan, Joe, Alan B

### 2. Agenda Items

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

Manchester City v Luton (5-1) – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Manchester City v Real Madrid (1-1) – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Manchester City v Chelsea (1-0) – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Brighton v Manchester City (0-4) – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Nottingham Forest v Manchester City (0-2) – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Manchester City v Wolves (5-1) – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024

No significant comments were made; however, the barman was displaying a Wolves shirt and commented that he hoped we would win the league instead of Arsenal. Rich made the comment that he thought Wolves in his opinion were dirty causing numerous fouls. Paul M commented that Marilyn and himself attended the Real Madrid match and thought besides the lose on penalties that Manchester City played well.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late May

Fulham (A), Tottenham (A), West Ham (H), Manchester United (Wembley)

Zac commented that he paid £65 against Watford in the FA Cup some years ago and that paying £115 to watch the same game against Manchester United was outrageous. Andy M asked if a minibus had been arranged; however, most people suggested that were going via the train or car sharing. With reference to car sharing, Rich stated that if anybody would like a lift to the West Ham game anybody would be welcome. Several members suggested that they would like to take Rich up on that offer if they were able to acquire a ticket. Rich commented that Kevin is likely to give allocation numbers to West Ham tickets tomorrow (10<sup>th</sup> May), however Kevin stated be prepared to be disappointed as he is unable to do that 5 loaves, 2 fishes miracle. Paul G stated that West Ham tickets were still on sale on the Manchester City website; however, several members stated that this appeared to be for hospitality only. Steve asked was there any chance of receiving a late ticket for the Tottenham game. Richard mentioned based on historical evidence, if any possible late tickets became available, he would be notified ~48-72 hours before the game. Zac asked if we had a June meeting. Rich confirmed that he did not have a June meeting, with the next meeting in July to commence the new season and membership for 2024/2025.

Current membership – 59 Avan Erhumwunsee

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, Avan Erhumwunsee

Any other news about new Members (from other members etc.) – Membership is now closed until July 2024

### 3. General Secretary Update

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

Fulham (A) – 4 (Ryan, Robbie, Andy P, Gavin)

Tottenham (A) – 4 (Andy P, Michael C, Graham R, Steve)

West Ham (H) – 10 (Pat, Kieran, Zac, Bill, Joe, Andy M, Tony, Andy H, Joel, Jasmine)

Manchester United (Wembley) – 41 (Michael C, Alan J, Janet, Daniel, Grace, Helen, Martin, Neil M, Robbie, Bill, Hayden, Mason, Liam, Dave, Rich, Steve, Phil M, Oliver, Mark, Lindsey, Tony, Andy M, Andy P, Deanne, Charlotte, Pat, Graham R, Phil W, Michael S, Alan B, Kieran, Zac, Joe, Paul G, Gavin, Lukas, Christine, Andy H, Jasmine, Joel, Mark)

Rich commented that he was pleased that everybody who applied for a Wembley ticket got allocated one.

Birthday wishes: - Marilyn (16<sup>th</sup> May), Graham (16<sup>th</sup> May), Neil (19<sup>th</sup> May), Hayden (25<sup>th</sup> May), Gavin (7<sup>th</sup> June), Charlotte (24<sup>th</sup> June), Phil (7<sup>th</sup> July), Arthur (8<sup>th</sup> July)

### 4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £745.44 (as of 9<sup>th</sup> May)...paid £20 Membership fee to MCFC for the four new members since January.

## 5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Alan J, DOB and Christine confirmed that they would not be here for the July meeting as they would be on holiday and would like to play their jokers. Christine stated that the USA tour games were being shown on City +. Finally, Andy M asked if anybody went to Saudi Arabia to watch Manchester City in the World Cup. Rich confirmed that no branch member attended.

Next Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown