



Wessex Blues

116th Meeting Minutes

Started 11th July 2024 19:30

Closed 11th July 2024 19:42

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

1. Welcome and Introduction

Richard thanked and welcomed old and new members to our venue for our meeting (13 members plus 2 non paid members were present) as Richard had to chair the meeting in Robbie's absence (unsure where Robbie was as no forthcoming message was received).

Graham R and Marilyn approved the previous minutes from July.

Apologies received – Dave O'B (J), Alan J (J), Tony, Andy P (J), Phil W (J), Gavin (J), Mete, Keith W, Margaret W, Steve, Mark O (J)

2. Agenda Items

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

Fulham v Manchester City (0-4) 11th May 2024

Tottenham v Manchester City (0-2) – 14th May 2024

Manchester City v West Ham (3-1) – 19th May 2024

Manchester City v Manchester United (1-2) – 25th May 2024

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late July to early August

Michael mentioned that the atmosphere at the Tottenham game was very weird as the Tottenham fans were unsure to cheer for us to win to prevent Arsenal winning the Premier title or for the Tottenham team themselves. After the game, outside of the ground, Tottenham fans were cheering that we had won the game.

Celtic (USA), AC Milan (USA), Barcelona (USA), Chelsea (USA)

Several members commented that it was too soon for these games after the European tournament for players to recover.

Current membership – 39 – New Members since last season include Jack Harris, David Atherton, David Buckley, Keith Weston, Margaret Weston, Philip Hampton

New members not spoken/attended to date – 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, Jack Harris, David Atherton, David Buckley, Keith Weston, Margaret Weston, Philip Hampton

The only new member that was present was David Buckley. David mentioned that he was from Middlewich in Cheshire and lived around 20 miles from Maine Road and has supported them since the age of 7 or 8. David mentioned that his dad was also a Manchester City fan after previously being a Man United fan. This was due to the fact that in or beloved history, both teams played at Maine Road, so his father watched Man United one week then City the next week. David said that his first season watching Manchester City was 1983 and had a season ticket for the last six/seven years. David stated that he moved to Dorset in March 2024 and would join then join a local supporters club for the coming season.

Any other news about new Members (from other members etc.) None, but Michael B was still considering re-joining....

3. General Secretary Update

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

Manchester United (Wembley) – 9 (DOB, Joe, Tony, Neil M, Bill, Liam, Mason, Hayden, Shaun)

Chelsea (A) – 7 (Andy P, Ryan, Phil W, Graham R, Daniel, Helen and Dave B)

Richard confirmed that you need to be a paid-up member for any tickets to be allocated. No membership paid; no ticket can be allocated.

Birthday wishes: - Graham H (11th), Tony (25th), Mark O (30th) and Kierian (7th). Richard confirmed that no members were currently present.

4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £1,267.05 (as of 11th July)....

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Marilyn reminded members that the USA matches were being played on City +.

Andy H confirmed that he had not paid his membership to date as he was waiting until his birthday so we would pay less.

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