



## Wessex Blues

117<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Started 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024 19:30

Closed 8<sup>th</sup> August 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 our meeting (23 members were present).

DOB and Martin approved the previous minutes from July.

Apologies received – Steve Davie, Phil Hampton, Arthur Botham, Phil Wallace (J), Pat Reid, Keith Weston, Margaret Weston, Michael Smith, Mete Sezik

### 2. Agenda Items

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

Celtic v Manchester City (4-3) – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

AC Milan v Manchester City (3-2) – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Manchester City v Barcelona (2-2) – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

Manchester City v Chelsea (4-2) – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024

Robbie mentioned that the friendlies provided the young players to have some game time and in Robbie's opinion they played well. DOB mentioned that Grealish played well and hoped he would get more time in the main squad.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late August to early September

Manchester United (Wembley), Chelsea (A), Ipswich (H), West Ham (A)

Robbie asked if anyone was going up to Wembley, which the reply was nine. Robbie hoped it was going to be a good game but could not bear going due to reminder of the defeat against Manchester United in the FA Cup last year. Robbie thought the side that would play would be experimental. Robbie commented that it looks based on previous quotas that we were going to get a maximum of two tickets per game. Robbie continued to mention that due to holiday packages

and booking forms, a considerable number of match tickets are being circulated in these avenues, restricting tickets for home-based fans.

Current membership – 52 – New Members since last season include Jack Harris, David Atherton, 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, Keith Weston, Margaret Weston, Philip Hampton

Andy P asked if these members that paid last season have paid again for this season and still not attended. Richard confirmed this was correct. Richard confirmed that Gracie and Helen Speller and Oliver and Mark Sturman had attended a few home games, plus a few others.

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

Richard confirmed that he had received several emails from Kevin Parker about ticket allocation and contacting the club etc....Richard confirmed that Kevin does not want to receive emails from members as they will be ignored and any correspondence must come from a branch email, i.e. from the committee only, therefore if you want to ask Kevin a question or help etc, please pass it on to me and I will forward all correspondence to him. Also, Kevin has asked for no WhatsApp, Facebook, text messages or anything via Messenger or any phone-calls. With reference to ticket allocation, members who request a ticket and then fail to purchase the ticket, may face a four-game suspension on requiring any further tickets. Last season, Richard heard that some people received a two-game suspension and even particular branches as a whole not receiving any ticket allocations for certain periods of the season.

Andy P stated that based on those emails it is best if anyone who purchases a ticket, it is best to pay for the ticket and then pass the ticket on to another member if they are unable to go rather than pass it back to the ground for the ticket to be redistributed. This would save a lot of hassle from the club.

Richard confirmed that all committee members need to be re-elected for the next two years (until September 2026) and that Richard would be sending out emails shortly to all paid up members who would like to be on the committee to put their name forward for the relevant position with a proposal. The five positions would be Chair, Vice Chair, General Secretary, Treasurer and Social Secretary. If no members put their names forward then the current committee members to be re-elected would require half the members to vote them back in early September. Richard confirmed that one person can only have a maximum of two roles on the committee at the same time.

Rob confirmed he would not be continuing in the Chair position and would be stepping down; however, if no one wanted the position, he would continue as the position is mandatory for the club to continue but would be absent from a considerable number of meetings going forward and would rather have someone else have the honour to take on the role. Robbie confirmed realistically that Richard does all the work and being Chair is just a figurehead and has enjoyed the role for the last two years.

### 3. General Secretary Update

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

Ipswich (H) – 2 (David A and Jack)

West Ham (A) – 3 (Andy P, Graham R, Ryan)

Newcastle (A) – 2 (Joe and Rich)

Brentford (H) – 0

Arsenal (H) – 4 (Dave A, Jack, Phil W, DOB)

Richard confirmed that both tickets for Ipswich Town were allocated, however only two tickets were allocated for West Ham and Arsenal.

Birthday wishes: - Dave B (9<sup>th</sup>), Steve (14<sup>th</sup>), Shaun (21<sup>st</sup>), Mete (7<sup>th</sup>), Stephen (8<sup>th</sup>) and Robbie (8<sup>th</sup>)

### 4. Treasurer Update

Richard confirmed that the current bank balance and recent transactions was extremely healthy at £1,422.05 (as of 8<sup>th</sup> August) and therefore the Christmas party in December looks to be a good prospect.

### 5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Paul asked if a job description existed for the committee roles. Richard confirmed that only a proposal would be required to state why you would be good doing a particular committee position. Andy P asked if Kevin Parker was an employee or did he do the role as a volunteer. Richard was unsure but senses that he has a real job and the role with MCFC is on a part-time basis or part funded. Richard confirmed if he finds out he will let members know. Richard confirmed that he would be absent for the September meeting as he would be at home in Italy and would play his joker. Richard confirmed that he would pass on the agenda to Rob or the alternative Chairperson before the meeting.

Next Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown