



Wessex Blues

97th Meeting Minutes

Started 10th October 2022 19:22

Closed 10th October 2022 19:49

Location: The Cricketers, Bournemouth

1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie thanked and welcomed members for coming to the meeting (10 members were present).

Bill and Paul M approved the previous minutes from September. Apologies received – Andy P, Penny, Andy M, Michael and DOB (all travelling to the Copenhagen game and all exempt), Rana (Covid), Mustafa (working), Mete (working), Dave L, Carole (Covid) and Phil (not got Covid, however thought it was best not to attend because of Carole)

2. Agenda Items

Not playing jokers when people were attending away games - Richard was pleased that members at the last meeting voted that people attending away games for European matches were now exempt due to travelling the day before and had to miss the Monday meeting. Richard confirmed that the second joker came into force for the cancellation of all reasons for absence with the main reason for the second joker to be introduced was people being absence working within the Wessex Blues catchment area on meeting nights rather than just working away in other areas of the UK. Previously, Richard explained going abroad to watch Manchester City was not an issue as our meetings were on a Thursday and anybody who had travelled abroad to a game earlier that week had normally arrived back in time for the Thursday meeting. Richard proposed a further amendment to this rule that was carried in September.....was that members attending a Premier league match on a Monday that coincides with a Monday meeting and a home European match played on a Tuesday who members wanted to travel the previous day to stay with family etc. before the game were also exempt. Finally, Richard proposed that members attending a Premier League match at the weekend who then stayed in Manchester and/or then went on to a European match on the Tuesday (home or away) and did not return back to Dorset between the two games therefore missing the Monday meeting would also be exempt. Everybody voted and the proposal/amendment was carried.

Feedback from attendance from previous games between late September to early October

Manchester City v Borussia Dortmund 2-1 (14th September 2022)

Wolves v Manchester City 0-3 (17th September 2022)

Manchester City v Manchester United 6-3 (2nd October 2022)
Manchester City v FC Copenhagen 5-0 (5th October 2022)
Manchester City v Southampton 4-0 (8th October 2022)

Several members stated no complaints with the exception of why did we give Man Utd three goals. It was a bit easy, so allowing the youngest to come on after the game was won was a good option, Robbie mentioned with respect to Copenhagen. Robbie commented that the previous matches were as good as is it ever going to get. Joe said that he predicted a 3-1 result against Manchester United; however, Joe mentioned that his younger brother Max said that Haaland would get a hattrick with Foden getting a hattrick straight afterwards....Paul M stated that Foden and Silva are not getting the credit they deserve, while Joe commented that Grealish and Akanji were also not getting some noticeable credit.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late October and early November

FC Copenhagen (A), Liverpool (A), Brighton (H), Borussia Dortmund (A), Leicester (A), Sevilla (H), Fulham (H), Chelsea (H) and Brentford (H)

Current membership – Richard stated that the club had 42 members; however, Richard mentioned that a significant number of new members have not paid their fees and may be removed later this month as MCFC required our membership numbers by the 31st October.

No new news about new Members (from other members etc.).

3. General Secretary Update

Ticket requests made between late September and early October for the following games:

Fulham (H) - 0
Chelsea (H) - 0
Brentford (H) - 0

Birthday wishes: - Margaret (12th October), Carole (30th October) and Nick (7th November)

4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £760.48 (as of 9th October); however, a significant chunk of that money will be deducted (nearly £300) for our 10th Anniversary meal and drinks shortly.

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Joe stated as our new Social Secretary had not a great first month as he sat on his own for the first two matches (Richmond and Lark Rise). Joe confirmed that the next meet up for watching a game was Copenhagen on Tuesday but it was likely that members would do their own arrangements for this. On Sunday 16th it was confirmed to watch Liverpool at the Cricketers from 4pm. Joe stated that he was only sending reminders via Facebook at present; however, Richard mentioned to do emails as well as not everybody is on Facebook.

Next Meeting – 14th November 2022 at 19:15 (The Cricketers)