



Wessex Blues

104th Meeting Minutes

Started 15th May 2023 19:15

Closed 15th May 2023 19:41

Location: The Cricketers, Bournemouth

1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie thanked and welcomed members for coming to the meeting (17 members were present, plus 2 new potential members for next season).

Marilyn and Martin approved the previous minutes from April.

Apologies received from Rich (J), Rana, Mustafa and Mete

2. Agenda Items

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

Southampton v Manchester City (1-4) – 8th April
Manchester City v Bayern Munich (3-0) – 11th April
Manchester City v Leicester City (3-1) – 15th April
Bayern Munich v Manchester City (1-1) – 19th April
Manchester City v Sheffield United (3-0) – 22nd April
Manchester City v Arsenal (4-1) – 26th April
Fulham v Manchester City (1-2) – 30th April
Manchester City v West Ham (3-0) - 3rd May
Manchester City v Leeds United (2-1) – 6th May
Real Madrid v Manchester City (1-1) – 9th May
Everton v Manchester City (0-3) – 14th May

Great atmosphere for the Arsenal game in the Richmond. Robbie, Joe and Alan commented that the pub had numerous Arsenal fans providing great banter. The Sheffield United game saw a few members meet up in the Stadium Bar pre match. Tickets were provided for the semi-final on our phones and Andy P had heard of a few reports of difficulties with the e-tickets. Robbie confirmed that he had printed his ticket and found no problem. A few Wessex Blues faces were seen on the TV highlights.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late May

Real Madrid (H), Chelsea (H), Brighton (A), Brentford (A) and Manchester United (N)

Many members mentioned the forthcoming rail strike on FA Cup final day. The current situation states that at the moment, trains going past Basingstoke, with a coach to Victoria thereafter. Current journey time of 2 ¼ to 2 ½ hours expected. Many members stated that they were driving and offered spare seats to members with any offers to made on our Facebook page. Members were optimistic for the game against Real Madrid, with everyone expected that Man City would win the Premier League against Chelsea next Sunday.

3. General Secretary Update

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

Southampton (A) – Extra tickets - 5 (Andy H, Philip M, Danny S, Dave, and Graham)

Everton (A) – 0

Real Madrid (A) – 1 (Andy P)

Real Madrid (H) – 4 + 1 (Alan J, Danny S, Mark O, and Arthur)

Chelsea (H) – 1 (Bill)

Brighton (A) - 10 (Andy P, Jamie, Michael, Graham, Andy H, Mark O, Gavin, Phil W, Penny and Andy M)

Brentford (A) – 7 (Rich, Michael, Andy P, Gavin, Danny, Grace, and Graham)

Value Gold Season Ticket 2023/2024 – 1 (Joe)

Manchester United – 26 + 5 (Alan, Andy H, Michael, Andy P, Gavin, Alan J, Andy M, Penny, Mark O, Dave, Robbie, Rana, Mustafa, Mete, Danny S, Grace, Phil M, Martin B, Bill, Margaret, Hayden, Mason, Paul, Janet, Joe and Rich)

Dave wanted clarification if he was going to receive his Real Madrid home ticket as there was confusion over application emails. Unfortunately, nothing could be concluded at the meeting. Mark also queried whether his Real Madrid ticket was cancelled or not and would work on the phone.

Birthday wishes: - Graham (16th May), Marilyn (16th May), Hayden (25th May), Kylie (29th May), Gavin (7th June), Jamie (16th June), Phil W (7th July), and Arthur (8th July)

4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £2,289.21 (as of 14th May). Robbie asked members that money be transferred as quickly as possible for allocated tickets due to the numbers being received.

5. Social Secretary Update

Joe said it had been good to see a few people at Wembley, Southampton and watching the Arsenal game on TV. Joe confirmed that this will be his last meeting as he finishes University and will no longer be able to attend.

6. Any Other Business (AOB)

Marilyn asked for congratulations to the U21 and U18 who have also achieved three consecutive campaigns. Dave confirmed that our future meetings will be held at Ferndown British Legion for the second Thursday of the month. Martin confirmed that he wishes to play his joker for the next meeting. Robbie also confirmed that he would be missing from the next meeting due to business function so will also be playing his joker.

Next Meeting – 13th July 2023 at 19:15 (Ferndown British Legion)