



Wessex Blues

109th Meeting Minutes

Started 9th November 2023 19:17

Closed 9th November 2023 19:45

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie thanked and welcomed old and new members to our new venue for our meeting (18 members were present).

Michael and Dave approved the previous minutes from October.

Apologies received – Alan B (J), Phil W, Tony, Mark, Pat, Graham, Andy M (J), Penny (J), Mark O, Paul (J), Chris, Caroline, Mark S, Lindsey S, Oliver S, Riette, Craig, Neil (J), Rana, Mustafa and Mete

2. Agenda Items

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

Manchester City v Brighton (2-1) – 21st October 2023

Young Boys v Manchester City (1-3) – 25th October 2023

Manchester United v Manchester City (0-3) – 29th October 2023

Manchester City v Bournemouth (6-1) – 4th November 2023

Manchester City v Young Boys (3-0) – 7th November 2023

Main comments included that several members stated that Rodri was an idiot getting sent off. Michael mentioned that no trams were running from Old Trafford due to an incident as everybody had to walk back to central Manchester for their trains including the Manchester United fans from London. Michael, Andy P and Arthur also complained about football tourists filming/watching the game via their phones on European matches and how certain football tourists were able to obtain seats in the City area at away games. Marilyn mentioned that they had watched the junior Young Boys game in the afternoon prior to the main match.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late November and early December

Chelsea (A), Liverpool (H), Leipzig (H), Tottenham (H), Aston Villa (A), Luton (A) and Red Star Belgrade (A)

Marilyn mentioned that we need to win them all. Robbie confirmed to the group that Richard had sent everybody's email to him so for games where City are being televised going forward, Robbie would be able to inform the group in which pubs are showing the game for a possible meet up for a drink.

Current membership – 55 (Paid £171 to MCFC – Rejected 18). Richard confirmed that he had rejected 18 people from joining the Wessex Blues for the following reasons. Twelve members were rejected due to not being in our current proximity of our club, i.e., Bournemouth, Poole, Weymouth, east Dorset area etc. and/or an alternative supporters club was nearer to them i.e., the A34 branch for instance as the majority rejected were from the Southampton and/or west Hampshire area. Five members were rejected as they never paid their member fee and had enquired from the Bournemouth and surrounding area and one was from Nigeria.

New Members – Tony Thornton, Deanne Parkin, Pat Reid, Christine Jeffers, Liam Barrett, Lukas Waszczyszyn, Helen Speller, Gracie Speller, Danny Speller, Craig Jevons, Janet Connor, Lindsey Sturman, Oliver Sturman, Mark Sturman, Riette Jevons

Any other news about new Members (from other members etc.) Andy H mentioned the possibility of a couple of members wishing to join.

3. General Secretary Update

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

Liverpool (H) – 2 (Arthur and Steve)

Aston Villa (A) – 1 (Phil W)

Tottenham (H) – 0

Crystal Palace (H) - 0

Luton (A) – 3 (Rich, Ryan, and Phil W)

Everton (A) – 0

Newcastle United (A) – 1 (Andy P)

Sheffield United (H) - 0

Birthday wishes: - Lukas (25th), Oliver (25th), Lindsey (26th), Andy P (3rd), Rana (10th), and Joe (11th)

Richard's father (Norman), previous member of the Wessex Blues was present and it was his birthday today, aged 91. Richard mentioned to members that he had brought in cake and food to share with members.

4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £1,225.08 (as of 9th November). Richard confirmed that this was likely to fall to around ~£800-900 after payments had been made for Manchester City gifts and alcohol for the Christmas raffle and for food for the Christmas meal shortly.

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Dave confirmed that the new chief could do mild chilli, spicy chilli, rice chips and French bread and would cost £10 per head which included wages and food, but Dave would need numbers confirmed to attend so to purchase the relevant and amount of food and would be likely be on a serve yourself basis. Andy H mentioned the local Chinese takeaway (Golden Horse) on Victoria Road as an alternative as Andy H mentioned they do a wonderful special fried rice. Andy H mentioned that they could do any meat dish with rice and/or noodles for £7 per head with also a vegetarian option which could be ordered 1 hour before. Richard confirmed that the club would pick up the entire cost of the food. Dave confirmed the majority of the cost would be for the chief's wages and food with a small fraction going back to the Royal Legion. Robbie asked would bringing food in from the Chinese be a problem for the Royal Legion. Dave confirmed that this would not be a problem as this has been done in previous times. Richard confirmed an email would go out at the end of November/early December for numbers who would attend the Christmas meal. To test the water, an unofficial vote was made and based on the majority of people present they would rather have a chilli etc.

Michael gave his apology and season greetings as he would not be attending the next meeting as he would be in New Zealand for the next 6 weeks on holiday. Andy P asked if he is exempt for the next meeting as he is in Belgrade for the away game against Manchester City. Richard confirmed that this was correct.

Next Meeting – 14th December 2023 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown