



## Wessex Blues

110<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Started 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 19:16

Closed 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 19:32

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

In Robbie's absence, Rich thanked and welcomed old and new members to our new venue for our meeting (22 members were present).

Ryan and Paul M approved the previous minutes from November.

Apologies received – Michael C (J), Martin (J), Andy P (E), Andy M (E), Penny, Tony, Arthur, Pat, Graham, Steve, Robbie (J), Phil M (J) and Michael S.

### 2. Agenda Items

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

Chelsea v Manchester City (4-4) – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Manchester City v Liverpool (1-1) – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Manchester City v Leipzig (3-2) – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Manchester City v Tottenham (3-3) – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

Aston Villa v Manchester City (1-0) – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Luton v Manchester City (1-2) – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Red Star Belgrade v Manchester City (2-3) – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Comments from several members, included that we were leaking to many goals (Alan J), don't want to talk about the Tottenham game (Ryan), we played very well at Red Star Belgrade even though we had the young kids playing (Hamilton etc) and that Calvin took that penalty excellently. A lot of members said that Calvin is a good footballer and a nice lad, but sadly not the kind of player that Pep requires.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late December and early January

Crystal Palace (H), Urawa Red Diamonds (A), Fluminense (A), Everton (A), Sheffield United (H), Huddersfield Town (H)

Marilyn mentioned that we should get some points there...otherwise no further comments mentioned.

Current membership – 56 (Michael Smith)

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, Michael Smith

Danny was the only new member present from the list above; however later in the meeting during the raffle, Christine at last revealed while picking up her raffle prize why she became a City fan, which was because she is a 'piss head'. Danny's reasons however were as follows....Danny began supporting City since the age of nine, however his father took him to his first game at the age of seven as he lived in south Manchester at that time, so Maine Road was nearer than Old Trafford. Danny obtained a season ticket in the year 1977, at the age of ten, and resided in the Kippax for a time before leaving to work in London before then coming to Dorset. Danny mentioned that he misses Manchester as he has many friends there; but tries to go back home when he can and watch the odd game when possible. Just before the food was served, Joel also mentioned why he was a City fan. Joel became a City fan at the age of four after watching them and obtaining a City shirt.

Any other news about new Members (from other members etc.) – None; however, Rich mentioned that he had heard from Andy H's friends who would like to become members; however, to date no membership fee(s) had been paid. Andy H stated that he would remind them.

### 3. General Secretary Update

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

Huddersfield (H) – 0

Birthday wishes: - Phillip (15<sup>th</sup>), Janet (19<sup>th</sup>), Ryan (27<sup>th</sup>), Mustafa (30<sup>th</sup>), Pat (1<sup>st</sup>), Rich (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Craig (8<sup>th</sup>)

### 4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £995.44 (as of 14<sup>th</sup> December)

Rich confirmed that he spent £125.09 on MCFC items, and £124.55 on alcohol for the raffle later this evening. Rich confirmed that 29 raffle prizes were available, therefore with 22 members present, everybody would go home with a prize, while seven lucky members would go home with two prizes.

### 5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Rich thanked Dave for organising the Christmas food, Annie behind the bar for providing drinks and finally thanks to the cook and her assistants. Rich also confirmed that we have a new Wessex Blues flag, which was passed on to Dave to show for future meetings. The rest of the evening consisted of eating the food (Chilli and Rice/Hot Chilli and Rice with Chips and Bread as side dishes) and then the raffle commenced.

Next Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown