



## Wessex Blues

119<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Started 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 19:15

Closed 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 19:47

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

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

Ryan and Neil approved the previous minutes from September.

Apologies received – Pat, Paul G (J), Neil (J), Andy P (J), Graham H, Danny S, Philip, Marilyn (J) and Paul M (J), Rana, Mete and Mustafa

### 2. Agenda Items

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

Manchester City v Brentford (2-1) – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Manchester City v Inter (0-0) – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Manchester City v Arsenal (2-2) – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Manchester City v Watford (2-1) – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Newcastle United v Manchester City (1-1) – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Bratislava v Manchester City (0-4) – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Manchester City v Fulham (3-2) – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Several members stated that how Manchester City played against Fulham was worrying with no pressure on the ball. Robbie stated it looks like we are in transition, and we are getting caught by the through ball over the top and we look weak to respond to this on getting back to defend. The race with Trarore and Walker in the Wolverhampton match was mentioned as an example. Alan mentioned that City was playing very square. DOB mentioned that Rico needs to eat some cow pies to build himself up as it gets easily pushed off the ball. DOB also mentioned that Ilkay has not played well since returning from Barcelona. Michael mentioned that he saw Andy M at the Bratislava match. Robbie mentioned on how well City and Bratislava fans got on and how Bratislava fans supported their team even though they lost heavily.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late October to early November

Wolves (A), Sparta Prague (H), Southampton (H), Tottenham (A), Bournemouth (A), Sporting (A), Brighton (A)

DOB mentioned that we have a considerable number of away games. Graham mentioned that there were four weeks between Southampton and the next home game against Tottenham. Several members suggested that the time of the away game kick off against Tottenham was 'crazy.'

Current membership – 59 – New Members since last season include Jack Harris, David Atherton, Keith Weston, Margaret Weston, Philip Hampton, George Hyde, Derek Parker, Louis Ward, Clare Willats

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, George Hyde, Derek Parker, Louis Ward, Clare Willats

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

Richard mentioned that Gavin has still not paid his membership fee, hence why he has not been receiving members emails about games etc. as Gavin mentioned to Robbie at the September meeting. Richard mentioned that multiple emails had been sent to Gavin to remind him to renew his membership.

Derek Parker was present as a new member and gave a short speech to introduce himself, why he was a Manchester City fan. Dave mentioned that he joined the Blues in 1987 and was in Wilmslow at the time. Was there for 15 years before moving to Cambridge. Derek mentioned that the local City branch in Cambridge was awful. For the last sixteen years Dave mentioned that he has lived in Bournemouth, and he thought it was about time he joined the local City branch.

### 3. General Secretary Update

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

Bournemouth (A) – 23 (Ryan, Phil W, Neil M, Martin, Michael, Jack, Dave A, Dave B, Colin, Claire, Louis, Mark, Oliver, Graham H, Tony, Andy P, Deanne, Charlotte, Bill, Hayden, Mason, Liam, Shaun)  
Tottenham (A) – 3 (Daniel, Helen, George Hyde)  
Brighton (A) – 8 (Ryan, Martin, Dave A, Jack, Dave B, Danny S, Helen S, Joe)

Richard mentioned in the last hour that he had received an email stating that the branch had received a ticket allocation of two for Bournemouth. Richard confirmed that a draw for the chosen two with a backup list will be done in the next 24 hours.

Birthday wishes: - Margaret (12<sup>th</sup>) and Carole (30<sup>th</sup>)

### 4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £1,559.05 (as of 10<sup>th</sup> October). Richard hoped that this amount would go up by £20 once Gavin has paid his membership fee.

### 5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Graham mentioned the confusion/notification over receiving his Wolves ticket with Dave Buckley. Robbie mentioned that when he goes into his ticket account with reference to tickets that the lettering is so small. Robbie mentioned the upcoming charges, the latest bookies odds and the hateful eight clubs. Robbie also confirmed that he had placed on City being relegated some time ago. DOB mentioned that he has a ticket for the Southampton game available as he is now unable to go. DOB also mentioned that for time being this room next door to the snooker room is going to be our new area to hold meetings. After a discussion about Christmas, it was discussed that we would get some take away menus from the local area (Indian, KFC, Chinese, Fish and Chips etc.) and have a £400 budget, consisting of £200 on alcohol and £200 on Manchester City products. DOB also suggested that we would wear Christmas jumpers if possible. Robbie

asked Derek if he was on Facebook, so he was able to apply to become a member of the group if he wishes. DOB also mentioned if any of our new members are going to turn up, even though they have requested tickets. Robbie and Alan were not officially on the Bournemouth ticket rota after applying for Bournemouth tickets on the incorrect email match header and were added to the rota after reviewing their mistakes.

Next Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown