



Wessex Blues

122nd Meeting Minutes

Started 9th January 2025 19:22

Closed 9th January 2025 19:48

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie gave thanks and welcomed old and new members to our venue for our meeting (17 members).

Phil and Marilyn approved the previous minutes from December.

Apologies received – Rich (J), Tony, Steve, Colin (J), Dave B (J), Graham (J), Pat (J), Derek, Bill (J), Margaret (J), Ryan (J) and Paul G (J)

2. Agenda Items

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

Manchester City v Manchester United (1-2) – 15th December 2024

Aston Villa v Manchester City (2-1) – 21st December 2024

Manchester City v Everton (1-1) – 26th December 2024

Leicester City v Manchester City (0-2) – 29th December 2024

Manchester City v West Ham United (4-1) – 4th January 2025

Joe said Aston Villa was dire but there was some improvement for the West Ham game. Robbie suggested Lewis not up to the task, rumour of McAtee transfer request just speculation. One or two signs of improvement, noted that the two top English goal scorers are Palmer and Delap, and whilst Pep has been criticised for few/late substitutions, Forest and Bournemouth excelling in the league have used the most subs!

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late January to early February

Salford (H), Brentford (A), Ipswich (A), PSG (A), Chelsea (H), Brugge (H), Arsenal (A)

By the next meeting we will know if we are still in the CL, will need 2 or 3 in the transfer window. Michael had a PSG ticket he did not expect, so open to transfer, while members mentioned we have some hard matches to come.

Current membership – 62 (64) – New Members since last season include Jack Harris, David Atherton, Keith Weston, Margaret Weston, Philip Hampton, George Hyde, Derek Parker, Louis Ward, Clare Willats and Steven Harwood

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, Louis Ward, Clare Willats, Steven Harwood

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

Steve Harwood was attending for the first time, so was invited to offer up a few words, about how he became a Manchester City fan. Steve mentioned that he was originally from Manchester, taken to first game at 7 years of age where he resided in the Platt Lane, with City beating Everton 2-1. Steve went on to say that he has had a season ticket for a few years. Left, to travel for work, seeing fewer games, ended up here! Duly welcomed by the meeting!

3. General Secretary Update

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

Salford City (H) – 0

Arsenal (A) – (3) Joe, Phil W and Andy P

Newcastle (H) – (0)

Liverpool (H) – (1) Phil W

Birthday wishes: - Keith (16th), Alan (10th), Andy (10th), Gracie (12th),

4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £863.73 (as of 9th January)

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Club World Cup ticket details published today! Disgracefully expensive, more than the actual World Cup tickets. If all bought, even if reimbursed if City do not play that game, would mean an outlay of over \$2,000.

No indication of how City are approaching the competition, even Ian Cheeseman says he will not be going! If there was more enthusiasm on social sites etc. more likely people would be willing to shell out for a fun tournament! Michael, on his trip to Namibia saw many football shirts, Liverpool, United mainly! At the airport One City shirt! Michael mentioned that all the kids over there were football mad!

Next Meeting – 13th February 2025 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown