



Wessex Blues

124th Meeting Minutes

Started 13th March 2025 19:32

Closed 13th March 2025 20:08

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie's gave thanks and welcomed old and new members to our venue for our meeting (23 members).

Bill and Ryan approved the previous minutes from February.

Apologies received – Phil W, Danny, Mark O, Neil M, Joe (J), Martin (J), Derek P, Pat, Rana, Mustafa, and Mete

2. Agenda Items

Feedback from attendance from previous games between late February to early March

Manchester City v Newcastle (4-0) – 15th February 2025
Real Madrid v Manchester City (3-1) – 19th February 2025
Manchester City v Liverpool (0-2) – 23rd February 2025
Tottenham v Manchester City (0-1) – 26th February 2025
Manchester City v Plymouth (3-1) – 1st March 2025
Nottingham Forest v Manchester City (1-0) – 8th March 2025

A mixed bag was the general view from members. Need a clear out and hope the fresh players will ignite the season. Robbie questioned the play at Nottingham Forest and questioned Pep with his tactics, especially with respect to Rico. Robbie went on to say that Bernado and KDB are sadly past their best, and we look vulnerable.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late March to early April

Brighton (H), Bournemouth (A), Leicester (H), and Manchester United (A)

Robbie thinks after the game against Manchester United, we have a good, potential easy run in. Members mentioned that it looks likely that a fifth place will result in a Champions League place. Robbie mentioned that he thinks Bournemouth this season are one of the best teams he has seen play, especially how they played against Tottenham; however, Robbie still thinks that City will book a semi-final place at Wembley. Many members suggested that Brighton needs to be a must win game.

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, Louis Ward, Clare Willats

Two new members were present, Philip Hampton and Dave Atherton. Robbie welcomed both of them to the meeting. Phil mentioned that he was originally from Oxford and started to support City from the League Cup Final in 1976 and the FA Cup Final in 1981....first shirt was the long sleeve shirt with diamonds down the sleeve. Phil mentioned when it started to wear out, his mum turned it into a short sleeve shirt. Phil continued to say that he loved players such as Rosler, Beagrie, Kinkladze, and Gaudino and that he resided in the Kippax at Maine Road on several occasions. Phil also reminded his son that we may have had a bad season this time, however we have had much worse seasons in the past. Dave commented that he had been a supporter for 64 years since the age of 11. Being brought up in Cornwall, Dave followed teams that his father played for and including Plymouth Argyle. So, to be different as most of his school friends supported Manchester United, Dave chose Manchester City. Dave further commented on the good times of supporting Manchester City that he enjoyed the success of the club in the late sixties. Dave also mentioned that his grandson Jack (also a Wessex Blues member) now aged 16 has only seen success with the club.

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

3. General Secretary Update

Ticket requests made between late February and early March for the following games:

Bournemouth (A) – (30) Michael C, Graham R, Alan, Ryan, Daniel, DOB, Liam, Mason, Hayden, Bill, Gavin, Martin, Charlotte, Deanne, Phil W, Derek, Jack, Dave A, Neil M, Louis, Colin, Graham H, Dave B, Stephen, Robbie, Andy P, Mark S, Oliver, Lindsey, and Joe

Man United (A) – (6) Dave A, Jack, Michael C, Joe, Ryan, and Andy P

Crystal Palace (H) – (2) – Jack and Dave A

Plymouth (H) – (0)

Everton (A) – (5) – Michael C, Ryan, Richard, Joe, and Gavin

Birthday wishes: - Martin (13th), Deanne (17th), DOB (18th), Jasmine (23rd), Paul (24th), Paul M (3rd) and Bill (7th).

4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £863.73 (as of 13th March)....Richard confirmed this amount remained the same as the previous three months.

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Our next meeting in April will be our 125th....should we celebrate this?, Paul G stated 'absolutely'. After multiple suggestions of having an Indian, going to an Indian (Spice of Indian), it was agreed that everybody would have a free drink and a snack (bag of crisps or similar). Robbie finally mentioned had anybody heard anything about people going over to the USA for the World Cup. Most members knew little of this and/or anyone going. Gavin asked Richard if he had watched via Zoom the recent Supporters Club meeting and/or heard any feedback, especially to the ticket prices for next season. Rich replied no to both questions. Andy P also asked Richard was he aware of why and how we get allocation of tickets at Wembley as sometimes we get good views and/or stuck at the back of stadium, significantly far from the pitch and why prices

differ from FA Cup and Carling Cup games. Richard confirmed he was not privileged to such discussions, and that we should be grateful of any ticket allocation as tickets are never a guarantee of being a member of a supporters' club. Robbie also asked had anyone used Viagogo to purchase tickets and if any problems had occurred. Bill asked how the Bournemouth tickets would be distributed...Richard confirmed to date he had not heard how these tickets will be distributed, but more than likely will be paper tickets.

Next Meeting – 10th April 2025 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown