



## Wessex Blues

120<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Started 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 19:20

Closed 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 19:49

Location: The Royal British Legion, Ferndown

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Robbie began the meeting, speaking on behalf of the club, by giving condolences to Richard on the loss of his father at the end of October and also thanking Richard for obtaining a dozen tickets for the away game at Bournemouth in early November. Richard was given a round of applause from members present. Richard acknowledged thanks for all the messages and condolences messaged via text, emails and phone calls over the past couple of weeks on the loss of his father.

Robbie then continued to give thanks and welcomed old and new members to our venue for our meeting (26 members).

Phil W and Michael approved the previous minutes from October.

Apologies received – Mark, Martin (J), Pat, Graham R, Phil, Arthur, Tony, Rana, Mark, Lindsey, Oliver, Mustafa and Mete

### 2. Agenda Items

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

Wolves v Manchester City (1-2) – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Manchester City v Sparta Prague (5-0) – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

Manchester City v Southampton (1-0) – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Tottenham v Manchester City (2-1) – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Bournemouth v Manchester City (2-1) – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

Sporting Lisbon v Manchester City (4-1) – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Brighton v Manchester City (2-1) – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Robbie commented on how City had lost four in a row, and that this was the first time in a long time, while it was the first time in Pep's managerial career that this had occurred. Several members commented that it was shocking with Robbie mentioning that giving two penalties away against Sporting Lisbon in a short space of time was just stupidity. Robbie continued to state that we are still second in the league besides our dip in form. Just remember, Robbie stated that we would have taken this position based on where we were back in the year 1999 at Wembley on 89 minutes. Alan mentioned that our season does not start until after Christmas, so no worries. Many members mentioned that City looked tired and slow against Bournemouth,

and that we were generating chances but just not finishing them, especially against Brighton. Alan, Gavin plus others agreed that at times, Rico Lewis is out of his depth and does not have speed. Robbie further mentioned that we are now paying the price for not recruiting enough during the summer and letting players go without replacing them and we look depleted. Alan also mentioned that Walker in the Bournemouth game was a passenger.

Comments regarding forthcoming games in late November to early December

Tottenham (H), Feyenoord (H), Liverpool (A), Nottingham Forest (H), Crystal Palace (A), and Juventus (A)

Joe stated that it does not get any easier with the upcoming games, even Nottingham Forest based on recent form is not going to be easy. Gavin stated that we are struggling on quick outfielders on the counter attack.

Current membership – 61 (63) – New Members since last season include Jack Harris, David Atherton, Keith Weston, Margaret Weston, Philip Hampton, George Hyde, Derek Parker, Louis Ward, Clare Willats

Richard mentioned that we officially have 63 paid up members, but only have 61 signed up members. The reason for this is because Andy H has not signed up his two children due to email address problems but has paid for their membership. Hopefully this will be sorted shortly.

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

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

### 3. General Secretary Update

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

Brentford (A) – 5 (Andy M, Steve, Dave B, Joe, Rich)  
Chelsea (H) – 2 (Dave A, Jack)  
Crystal Palace (A) – 3 (Dave B, Joe, Ryan)  
Manchester United (H) – 7 (Alan, Colin, George H, Phil W, Dave A, Jack, DOB)  
Aston Villa (A) – 2 (Joe, George H)  
Nottingham Forest (H) – 1 (Derek)  
Ipswich (A) – 2 (Joe, Rich)

Richard mentioned that the Crystal Palace allocation was now down to two requests as Dave B had pulled out of his request and in the last hour via email, we have only been allocated two tickets for Manchester United and based on attendance etc., these have been allocated to DOB and Alan. Richard also mentioned that we are still waiting for ticket allocation for Brentford, Chelsea, Aston Villa, Nottingham Forest and Ipswich.

Birthday wishes: - Colin (16<sup>th</sup>), Avan (17<sup>th</sup>), Oliver (25<sup>th</sup>), Lukas (25<sup>th</sup>), Lindsey (26<sup>th</sup>), Andy P (3<sup>rd</sup>), Rana (10<sup>th</sup>) and Joe (11<sup>th</sup>)

### 4. Treasurer Update

Current Bank balance and recent transactions - £1,418.05 (as of 14<sup>th</sup> November) – Paid £191 to MCFC for membership subscriptions to the end of October 2024 and all approved from the club.

## 5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Robbie mentioned that via the Wessex Blues Facebook page, DOB had sent various menu options from the local take away options for the Christmas meal. After Robbie looking through the menus, Robbie suggested for the ease of the Christmas meal evening, there is an offer of two medium pizzas and two classic sides for ~£25.99 (Festive Saver), which would be so much easier to order. The pizzas on offer are Texas Barbecue, Cheese and Tomato, Pepperoni and the Festive One with cranberry sauce. The sides offered are Loaded Fries, Hot and Chessy dip or Chocolate and Oreo with twisted Dough Balls, and Mac and Cheese. Robbie mentioned it was not a massive choice. Robbie continued to say that if we picked certain foods from different establishments, that the food will arrive at various times and likely that certain foods will become cold etc. waiting for other foods to arrive, so we need to know who will be attending etc. Price is also good as we hoping to allocate ~£10 per head for each person. Andy H mentioned a chicken and rice or a curry and rice option for a £10 per head based on twenty people from his local restaurant (Aroma) and wondered if this could be considered as an alternative. This would mean have the meeting at RBL then moving to Aroma for the food after the meeting. DOB commented that the logistics of moving and then parking at Aroma may be problematic. DOB and Robbie also mentioned the problems of ordering food from the Chinese next door at the Barking Cat and then distributing this to members, hence getting a certain number of pizzas and side orders a much easier option. The two options were put to a vote amongst members and the pizza option was carried as only seven people voted for the Aroma option. It was agreed to eat after the meeting, so the pizzas etc would arrive at 19:45 and then the raffle would take place after the food. DOB confirmed that he would be able to provide paper plates etc. Michael confirmed he would not be attending the Christmas meeting.

Next Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 19:15 Royal British Legion, Ferndown