

Mid Sussex Blues AGM Minutes

Meeting held: 12th July 2026 at Burgess Hill Town FC

Present:

Julie Taylor (Chair), Rod Cummins (Treasurer), Trevor Wharton (Secretary), Daryn Buckley (Social Secretary), Liz Bennett (Committee Member), James Kilmartin, Sarah Kilmartin, Steve Chappels, Ian Hinley, Larry Rushin, Mandy Jameson, Dave Bennett, Harrison Bennett, Ray Rooke, Will Hoyle, Pete Dutson, Shelley Dutson, Mike Wilmott, Kim Wilmott, Colin Oliver, Mark O'Hara, Mike McGreish, Jonathan Chandley, Brian Tilley, Jack Banner, Sid Hayes, David Pitkeathly, James Brandon

Guests: Gary James and Heidi James

Chair's Report (Julie Taylor)

Welcome and thank you for coming to our AGM, great to be able to combine today's meeting with a chance to reflect on Man City's history with Gary James, thank you for joining us, Gary.

Before we get started I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the 25/26 season, both for City as a club but also for our supporters' branch. We did not quite reclaim the Premier League title finishing 2nd, we celebrated another FA Cup and League cup still showing the mentality and resistance we expect. We marked the end of an incredible era with Pep Guardiola at the helm, whatever happens next we're privileged to have witnessed one of the most successful periods in the clubs history.

As supporters we have continued to share in the high lights, disappointments, match days home and away and visits to Etihad South (Wembley), making memories that make memories that make following City so special.

We also tried some new social gatherings this season as well as continuing those we know go down well. Thank you Daryn and Liz for work on our quiz nights and arranging tonight's event and the World Cup sweep, Rod is still to playing in the final game on Sunday night. Thank you to Trevor for suggesting a night at the dogs in Hove and Rod for arranging the event, not once but twice due to the weather and the condition of the racetrack.

Thank you to Rod for his ongoing marshalling of memberships and doing his best by members and keeping our reputation intact with the OSC.

Treasurer's Report (Rod Cummins)

Bank balance

Our bank balance started the year at £11535.01 and ended the year at £8122.19

Membership and Match Tickets

- Membership rose to 119 with a late surge due to the FA Cup Final
- The branch sourced 308 tickets across 48 games including a record 147 at the three Wembley appearances. We provided tickets for seven of the eight Champions League league phase-one wanted Dortmund at Home. MSBs were at Real Madrid both home and away.

- Domestically, the branch provided tickets for Huddersfield Town (away), Swansea City (away), and Newcastle United (away) in the Carabao Cup.
- MSBS, were at Salford City (away), Newcastle United (away) and Liverpool (home) in the FA Cup.
- This season, we have sourced 9 tickets(out of 9 requested) for the Community Shield next month. And 3 (out of 3 requested) for Bournemouth at home.
- We have applied for 39 tickets at Palace (away) and 10 at Man U (away)

MSB hats

I would like to thank Daryn for his work sourcing the popular MSB hats which were distributed in January.

MSB Quiz Night

My thanks again to Daryn for the excellent quiz in September where the branch paid for all meals.

Pre-Christmas Drinks

The evening was well attended with over 20 MSBs at the Red Lion watching the Real Madrid game.

MSB 21st Anniversary

After the abandonment of the original event in November, 19 MSBs and 5 guests reconvened at Hove in January for a celebration evening which included sponsorship of a race.

Election of Committee for 2026-2027

Existing members have offered to stand for the forthcoming season with one addition: Larry Rushin wishing to join the committee. No other new nominations have been received from the members, so the committee will remain in situ with the addition of Larry Rushin for the forthcoming season.

- Julie Joyce: Chair
- Rod Cummins: Treasurer
- Daryn Buckley: Social Secretary
- Liz Bennett: Safeguarding officer
- Trevor Wharton: Secretary
- Larry Rushin: Committee Member

MSB Safeguarding Policy

The policy sets out the commitment of Mid Sussex Blues, a branch of the official Manchester City Supporter's club, to safeguarding all members, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults during club meetings, social events and attendance at matches.

The policy will be circulated to all members of the branch.

Date Of Next Meeting

The next MSB branch meeting will be held on Sunday 13th September at 4pm, followed by watching the game against Man Utd at 4.30 pm.