

Blues move goalposts in shareholding rules

IT was interesting to read the article in the Midweek dated October 3, regarding the matter of shareholders of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club Ltd.

In the last edition of the Independent Supporters Club magazine 'The Wanderer', we published the fact that you could apply to become a shareholder in WWFC Ltd provided you met the criteria of holding a season ticket for three consecutive seasons. However, the club has recently released its year-end accounts, together with an amendment to change its Articles of Association, which in effect would reduce its shareholders from 500 to just 250.

The articles were drawn up and

signed on April 16, 1980, at a time when the Wanderers were drawing crowds of around 1,000. So the shareholders would represent a half of all supporters if all the options were taken up.

The present average crowd so far this season is around 4,500. So why are the club seeking to decrease the shareholders to 250, which would only represent 5.5 per cent of all supporters?

It was reported in the Blues News on April 22, 1994, that: "Unlike the majority of football clubs, Wycombe Wanderers is run for the benefit of its supporters. All the directors are elected by the shareholders. The directors work on a voluntary basis. They therefore work solely for

the benefit of the club. This means the interests of supporters are always considered first."

So why, if the directors are working for the interests of supporters, are they putting forward a decision to reduce the interests those supporters are allowed to have in the club?

It was also stated at the recent Forum meeting that Wycombe Wanderers are proud to have the £1 shareholder system. If they are so proud, why are they now backtracking to prevent more supporters from taking up the share option?

This decision comes weeks after the club was pleading for help from the fans to support its planning application. The supporters responded and now, it seems, so has the club.

We at WWISC are very concerned at this move by the directors to amend its Articles of Association, and we hope the shareholders at their AGM reject this amendment. Because the only way to ensure that the club does not become an elite old-school-tie network is to involve as many true supporters who have the interest of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club at heart, and thus prevent the kind of situation that is happening at present with the Brighton Football Club from ever happening at Wycombe.

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Monday, October 9th

Northampton Town	(0)	1
Wycombe Wanderers	(0)	1

The Reserves travelled to Northampton's new Sixfield Stadium for this afternoon fixture drafting in Steve Thompson and trialist John Brady for the injured Simon Garner and Keith Ryan.

A scrappy first half saw the Cobblers have the better chances, none more so than in the third minute, when hesitancy in our defence allowed Beckford to head back across goal to Lee, who missed an easy chance, allowing Chuck Moussaddik to make the save.

The second period began much the same with Lee and Williams both going close - it was the Wanderers however who went into the lead in the 55th minute. McGorry held the ball up well on the edge of the box and although his deflected cross should have been collected by keeper Turley, Brady nipped in to tap the ball over the line. We held the lead until the 78th minute when a high ball into our box reached Aldridge who headed home for a deserved equaliser.

Overall, a rather disappointing performance by our second eleven, but a point won which kept us well clear at the top of the table.

Full line-up:-

Moussaddik, Stevens, Bell, Beeton, Soloman, Patterson, Brady, McGorry, Clark, Thompson and Hemmings (Craker). Subs (not used) - Allen and Moore

Luckless Londoners facing more blues

WYCOMBE look set to face a depleted and struggling Fulham side tonight in the first round of the Auto Windscreens Shield at Adams Park (ko 7.45pm).

The London club have failed to secure an away win in Division Three so far this season.

To add to their woe, they travel to Wycombe with a 3-0 hammering on

Saturday fresh in their minds at the hands of Plymouth.

Injury has also beset the team with central defender Mark Blake looking uncertain and midfielder Terry Hurlock out with a broken leg.

Their season started well with promotion hopes high but they are currently sitting mid-table.

Wycombe on the other hand

should be buoyant follow Saturday's 1-1 draw at Burnley.

The club are allowing all under 14s, accompanied by an adult, admission to the game. Other prizes have also been reduced.

Wanderers face Walsall, away, November 7 (ko 7.45pm) in round of the shield. The top two through to the next round.