

# Minutes

## Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Branch Meeting

### Blackpool Cricket Club

Barlow Crescent, Blackpool, FY3 9EQ

19:30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

**Attendees:** Rick Pickup (RP, Chair), Rob Wheatley (RW), Keith Edgington (KE), Matt Walker (MW), Alistair Blair (AB), Gary Walkey (GW), Kevin Potts (KP), Gary Levin (GL), Giles Morgan (GM), Alan Dyson (AD), Linda Dyson (LD), Neil Pascoe (NP), Paul Ridehaigh (PR).

#### 1. **Welcome**

RP Opened the meeting at 19:30 and welcomed all.

#### 2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received from: Lee Rawlings (LR), Steve Fairbrother (SF), Victoria Fairbrother (VF), Graham Monk (GM), Ray Jackson (RJ).

#### 3. **Expressions of Interest**

There were no expressions of interest.

#### 4. **Minutes of previous meeting including accuracy/action minutes**

- a. Accuracy: The previous minutes were accepted as accurate.
- b. **Action 1** – Survey (RP) – The new survey has been compiled by MW and is now with the committee for review prior to being issued to all branch members. **Action Ongoing.**
- c. **Action 2** – Beers scores not being updated (GW) – This issue has been resolved so action is now **Closed.**

#### 5. **2026 GBG Pub Selection**

The outcome of the beer scoring for the previous 12 months was presented, after lengthy discussions the 23 pubs/clubs selected for branch inclusion were agreed with 3 reserve pubs/clubs selected. GBG Surveys are now to be carried out on these pubs/clubs by appointed members and responses returned to RP no later than 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.

#### 6. **Pub of the Year, Club of the Year and Cider Pub of the Year**

The shortlist of pubs has been issued via the branch website and by e-mail to all branch members, responses are required to RP by 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025. **Action – Members responses – Ongoing.**

#### 7. **NW Regional Meeting (Black Horse, Preston, 12:30pm on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025)**

Voting for the next NW Regional Director takes place at this meeting.

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## 8. **Branch AGM (Cask and Tap, Blackpool 19:30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025)**

An agenda item for diaries especially as RP will be standing down as Branch Chairman and this meeting will be seeking volunteers for a number of branch committee posts, should any persons wish to volunteer for any of the posts they should submit their requests to RP or KE prior to the AGM.

## 9. **Officers' reports:**

### a. **Treasurer**

There have not been any transactions completed in the last period however the branch are still waiting for the Scouts to cash the cheque of £350.00 sent to them for storage hire.

### b. **Socials**

6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 The Fleetwood Walk about has been moved from 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.

5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Proposed visit to Hebden Bridge

Further details are available on the branch website.

### c. **Membership**

As of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025, LR reported the branch currently had 1,969 members. The NW Region has 13,686 members and there are currently 145,800 national CAMRA members. Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre maintained its position as the 7<sup>th</sup> largest branch nationally.

### d. **Pubs Officer**

GL reported the Royal Oak, Lytham Road was currently for sale.

## 10. **Any other notified business**

NP requested a current update on any proposed beer festivals, after much discussion it was quite clear that at the moment there are no plans in place. However, the committee stressed that we have not given up on making future arrangements.

## 11. **Date and venue of future meetings**

The Next Branch Meeting is scheduled is at 19:30 on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at the Cask and Taps, Blackpool.

The Branch AGM is scheduled at 19:30 on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at the Cask and Taps, Blackpool.

**RP thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20:30pm.**