

# Minutes

## Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Branch Meeting

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 7:30pm

Cask & Tap, 82 Topping Street, Blackpool, FY1 3AD

**Attendees:** Rick Pickup (RP, Chair), Keith Edgington (KE), Matt Walker (MW), Alistair Blair (AB), Gary Walkey (GW), Kevin Potts (KP), Ralph Warrington (RW).

1. Welcome.

The meeting was opened at 19:30 and RP welcomed all to the meeting, with a special introduction for Ralph Warrington who is the CAMRA Regional Director, North-West Region.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Lee Rawlings (LR), Steve Fairbrother (SF), Victoria Fairbrother (VF), Gary Levin (GL), Giles Morgan (GM), Steven Walker (SW), Andrea Walker (AW).

3. Expressions of Interest.

There were no expressions of interest.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting and actions from last meeting.

The minutes were accepted as a fair representation of the last meeting.

**RP/KE to investigate locations which enables the branch to widen its profile and encourage local members to attend meetings** – This matter is now classed as day business and can be **Closed**.

**RP agreed to refresh the previous survey to all branch members to canvass opinions** – Rick has distributed to the committee a copy of the previous member survey and this was discussed at length and a decision made to re-issue, with amendments in the new year - This matter is **Ongoing**.

**GL/RP to confirm CAMRA pricing policy in relation to half pint measures.** The venue which led to this discussion and action has since updated its pricing policy, it would be apparent that there is no formal policy in place with CAMRA HQ. Matter **Closed**.

5. Finance.

GM provided a copy of the latest bank balance for review by the committee and made a statement to reflect that there were transactions for the purchase and sale of GBG's in the previous month. The current branch balance is pending a payment of £350.00 for annual storage charges. The annual accounts have been submitted to CAMRA HQ. No further matters arising.

6. Membership.

LR provided an update to RP to show that during the period since the previous meeting that we are currently a branch with 1995 members. Nationally the



branch are still in 7th position.

7. Pubs Officers Report.

- a. Planning applications/Licensing Issues.

Nothing to report.

- b. WhatPub Issues.

AB Reported that the current entries are constantly under review. It has become apparent that some beers scores are not being seen as updated. – **Action GW to investigate.**

8. Social Trips and Branch Diary for 24-25.

- a. 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024, Xmas outing to Wigan, meet @ Swan and Railway (WN1 1BA) at 12:30.

- b. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 –Fleetwood, Walk about.

- c. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Branch AGM at Cask and Tap.

- d. Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – National meeting of CAMRA Young Members at the Cask and Tap, meeting starts at 13:00 (AB), branch members are welcome to attend.

9. Pub of the Year, Club of the Year, Cider Pub of the Year.

- a. Judging for all 3 categories is to be completed by the first week in March 2025, volunteers have been suggested and branch members are always welcome to join the committee to act as judges.

10. AONB.

MW again requested committee members provide photographs for the branch website.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting.

Next Meeting – 19:30 on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 at Blackpool Cricket Club.

RP thanked all attendees for their attendance and Closed the meeting at 20:20.

