

# Minutes

## Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Branch AGM

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 7:30pm

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

**Attendees** : Rick Pickup (RP, Chair), Matt Walker, Alistair Blair, Gary Levin, Mark Davies, Paul Smith, Ray Jackson (RJ), Gary Walkey, Keith Edgington, Giles Morgan, Steve Hudson, Rob Wheatley, Victoria Fairbrother, Steven Fairbrother, Lee Rawlings (LR), Gary Barnes (GB), Kevin Potts, Alan Dyson, Lynda Dyson

### 1. Welcome

RP welcomed all to the AGM reminding people that the AGM was a formal meeting.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Graham Monk (GM), Mark Lewic (ML) and Neil Pascoe

### 3. Expressions of Interest

LR confirmed he was landlord of 15s St Annes and GB confirmed he was landlord of Cask & Tap.

### 4. Minutes of Last AGM

It was agreed that the minutes would be taken as a fair representation.

### 5. Chair's Annual Report

RP commented that although in Many ways Fleetwod Beer & Cider Festival was a campaigning success, we must acknowledge as a festival irt has run it's course. We must look for other options to get the message out there.

However it was not all bad news, Socials have been reasonably well attended. Meetings while down on pre-Covid numbers are better attended than many branches. Membership is still falling, but there are signs of stability. We have to look for younner members though.

He thanked all active members for the work they have done this year, specifically thanks those who have stepped forward for the branch committee. He particularly thanked ML for the work he'd done over the last few years on WhatPub.

Finally, he commeneted that tit was almost 50 years to the day since the branch was formed as a battle against big brewers selling dead keg beer. Today we face that same battle. They one their battle, we can't lose ours.

### 6. Treasurer's Annual Report

RP presented and explained the accounts on behalf of GM. RP asked the branch to confirm that they were happy with the accounts. It was agreed that the accounts should be accepted.



a) Appointment of Accounts Examiner

RP stated that GM approached Terry Gorst to continue as as Accounts Examiner and he was happy to do so. Again there were no voices against this action.

7. Membership Officers Annual Report

LR commented that the branch membership had fallen around 120 since the last AGM. He thanked everyone who had helped getting membership forms out and about and asked for them to continue their support.

8. Other Officers Reports

No other officers made formal reports.

9. Election of Officers

RP stated that there were candidates for all major posts, all properly proposed and seconded, and that there were one elections. Posts were as follows :-

Chair – Rick Pickup

Vice-Chair – Rob Wheatley

Secretary – Keith Edgington

Treasurer – Graham Monk

Membership Secretary – Lee Rawlings

Pubs Offices – Alistair Blair, Gary Levin and Victoria Fairbrother

Social Secretary – Alistair Blair

IT Officer – Gary Walkey

Young Members Officer – Matt Walker

Social Media Officer – Matt Walker

10. Date and Time of Next AGM

- TBC (most likely 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 7:30pm Venue TBC)

RP formerly closed the AGM.

