

Minutes

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Committee & Branch Business Meeting

Thursday 25th January 2024 7:30pm

Blackpool Cricket Club, Barlow Crescent, Blackpool, FY3 9EW

Attendees : Rick Pickup (RP, Chair), Rob Wheatley, Mark Lewis (ML), Matt Walker, Giles Morgan, Alistair Blair, Gary Levin (GL), Gary Walkey, Neil Pascoe, Ray Jackson, Steve Barker, Kevin Potts, Allan Dyson, Linda Dyson

1. Welcome

RP welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Graham Monk (GM) and Lee Rawlings (LR).

3. Expressions of Interest

None

4. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

Minutes were accepted and there were no matters arising.

5. Announcement of Branch AGM

RP reiterated that he would be standing down at the AGM as chair. The AGM is at Cask & Tap, Topping Street, Blackpool on 2nd May at 1930.

It was agreed to have a meeting in late Feb to try and drum up new committee members.

6. Regional Meeting and North West Regional RD Election

The first North West Regional Meeting will be held at the Black Horse, Friargate, Preston on 30th March 2024. People intending to stand for the RD role have a deadline of 17th Feb to contact the election coordinator.

7. GBG2024 Pub Selection

The branch agreed to committee's recommendations as to which pubs should go forward. Survey forms were distributed.

8. Pub of the Year Voting

The meeting was reminded of the PotY candidates and the deadline for voting

9. Club of the Year Voting

It was agreed that Blackpool Cricket Club was our 2024 Club of



the Year.

10. Cider Pub of the Year voting

Members agreed to visiting potential pubs and vote on CPotY.

11. Possible Rule Changes for 2025 Pub/Club/Cider Pub of the Year

RP lead the branch through proposed changes to how we select out PotY, CotY and CPotY winners. The same scheme as currently carried out will happen with a longer list of candidates but voting will terminate earlier to allow judges to visit the winners of this vote. The winner will then be selected via the judges scores on National PotY criteria.

12. Questions for the Treasurer

GM reported that there were no transactions.

13. Membership News

GL reported on behalf of LR. Currently at 2062, a net increase of 2 so far in 2024. 2023 we lost 84 members.

14. Fleetwood Beer Festival 2023 and future events

GL reported that FBF23 had suffered a significant loss. Attendance was significantly down. The location of the venue is sadly considered an issue. We will continue looking at options however.

15. Pubs Officers Information

ML explained most of the current local changes. GL encouraged everyone to continue NBSS voting.

16. Social Events

It was agreed to have a Lancaster Walkabout.

17. Branch Mailout

Nothing

18. AONB

Nothing

19. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- Thurs 2th Mat 2024 at 7:30pm at Cask & Tap (AGM)

