

Minutes

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Branch Meeting

Thursday 27th July 2023 7:30pm

Fifteen's, 42 St Anne's Road West, St Annes's On Sea, FY8 1RF

Attendees : Rick Pickup (RP, Chair), Alistair Blair, Graham Monk (GM), Rob Wheatley, Victoria Fairbrother, Steven Fairbrother, Gary Levin (GL), Giles Morgan, Lee Rawlings (LR), Kevin Potts

1. Welcome

The chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Matt Walker and Mark Lewis.

3. Expressions of Interest

LR confirmed he was the landlord of 15s

4. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were accepted. There were no matters arising.

5. Feedback from Committee Meeting

RP commented that there was nothing that wasn't being discussed on the agenda.

6. Future of Branch Meetings

RP commented that the last few branch meeting had been attended by an average of 2 members not of the committee. This was an inefficient use of peoples time. The committee propose to merge the committee and branch meeting as often as possible into a business meeting which would free up more time for purely social meetings. The branch accepted this so we will try that approach.

7. Branch 50th Anniversary Celebrations

GL commented that the branch was approaching 50. It would be nice to have some form of celebration. RP asked people to think about what we could do.

8. Pots Summer 2023

Following asking people for suggestions via Social Media as shortlist of Cask, Bispham, 1887 Brew Room, Blackpool and The Thatched House, Poulton was announced. Vorting will be online.

9. Questions for the Treasurer

GM commented that he has done nothing



10. Membership News

LR commented that branch membership was 2088, down 16 over 2023.

11. Fleetwood Beer Festival 2023

GL said everything was proceeding with FBF. Staffing forms were online. Any suggestions for beers see RP.

12. Pubs Officers Information

There was no planning news.

The request for more NBSS scores happened.

13. Local Pub News

The Belle Vuw now has 2 casks. Marton Institute and Lytham Cricket Club have impending beer festivals.

14. Social Events

We're doing the Over-Wyre trip on August 19th. Meeting the Steamer around noon.

15. Branch Mailout

Nothing of any importance

16. AONB

Nothing

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- TBA

