

Minutes

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Branch Meeting

Thursday 3rd October 2024 7:30pm

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

Attendees: Rick Pickup (RP, Chair), Keith Edgington (KE), Lee Rawlings (LR), Matt Walker (MW), Alistair Blair (AB), Gary Levin (GL), Gary Walkey (GW), Kevin Potts (KP), Victoria Fairbrother (VB), Steven Walker (SW), Andrea Walker (AW), Steve Fairbrother (SF), Giles Morgan (GM).

1. Welcome.

The meeting was opened promptly at 19:30 and RP welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Rob Wheatley (RW).

Graham Monk (GM).

3. Expressions of Interest.

LR as landlord of 15's St Annes expressed his 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 **Ongoing**.

RP agreed to refresh the previous survey to all branch members to canvass opinions - This matter is **Ongoing**.

RP to advise on plans and details of GBG launch events – As this has already happened this action is **Closed** and details covered in paragraph 6.

5. Feedback from National Executive and Regional Directors Meeting (NERD) & Weekend/Cumbrian Branch Meeting (RP).

RP provided feedback including the recent appointment of the new CAMRA national chairman.

6. GBG Launch Feedback (RP).

RP and KE attended GBG new entries of the Beer Shed in Fleetwood and Cask in Bispham, successfully selling out of GBG's.

GL and LR attended branch pub of the year 15's @ St Annes and the longest branch entry in the GBG of the Taps in Lytham selling the majority of their GBG's.

All current branch stock of the GBG have now been sold by the branch however if enough interest is forthcoming another batch can be ordered by the committee.



7. Finance.

GM in his absence provided an advance copy of the latest bank balance for review by the committee and made a statement to reflect that there were no transactions in the previous month. No further matters arising.

8. Membership.

LR provided an extensive presentation pack to show that during the period since the previous meeting there were 13 new members in the branch, while 15 memberships had lapsed. It was stated that we are currently a branch with 1998 members. Further packs were provided.

9. Pubs Officers Report.

a. Planning applications/Licensing Issues.

GL Reported that there were a number of planning applications in our area and these were discussed affecting a number of local premises. **Action - GL/RP to confirm CAMRA pricing policy in relation to half pint measures.**

b. WhatPub Issues.

AB Reported that the current entries are constantly under review.

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

a. 26th October, (Lytham and St Annes) meet @ Craft Beer Café, Lytham at 12:30 then into St Annes around 17.00.

b. 14th December, Xmas outing to Wigan, meet @ Swan and Railway (WN1 1BA) at 12:30.

c. February 2025 – early plans for a Fleetwood, Walk about.

11. AONB.

VF requested details of presentation of the runners up certificate to Cask and Tap – The certificate was signed and presented after the meeting.

RP reminded members to get votes in for CBOB.

RP notified that the GBBF is being held in Birmingham in 2025 and advance tickets are priced at £6.00

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting.

Next Meeting – 3rd December Venue TBC.

RP Closed the meeting at 20:20.

