

Minutes

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Branch Meeting

Thursday 26th January 2023 7:30pm

Cask Bispham, Red Bank Road, Blackpool, FY2 9HZ

Attendees : Rick Pickup (Char, RP), Graham Monk, Gary Walkey, Victoria Fairbrother, Stephen Fairbrother, Lee Rawlings (LR), Gary Levin, Rob Wheatley, Lynda Dyson, Alan Dyson, Alistair Blair, Mark Lewis

Apologies : Ray Jackson, Phil Marquis

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting

2. Expressions of Interest

LR confirmed that his was landlord of 15s at St Annes.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were accepted. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

4. Feedback from Committee Meeting

All will be covered elsewhere in the agenda.

5. Announcement of Branch AGM

RP announced that the Branch AGM will be at Cask & Tap, Topping Street, Blackpool on 27th April 2023 at 7:30pm.

6. GBG2024 Pub Selection

RP led the meeting through the 2022 NBSS voting and how the committee has come up with the recommendations for the 2024 GBG entries. The branch agreed with those recommendations. GBG Survey sheets were handed out with a return date set.

7. Pub of the Year Voting

RP reminded members that voting was open for the branch PotY award. LR expressed his concern that the branch were holding an event at The Taps during the voting period.

8. Club of the Year Voting

The committee recommended to the branch that the 2024 Club of the Year should be Blackpool Cricket Club. The branch agreed.



9. Cider Pub of the Year voting

There were very few pubs guaranteed to serve a range valid cider/perry in our branch area. The branch can not afford a survey trip. The decision was deferred to the branch committee.

10. Questions for the Treasurer

GM reported that the branch has little money as FBF lost a small amount of money. The accounts for this are not fully completed.

11. Membership News

The current membership figures were circulated. Branch membership is static.

12. Fleetwood Beer Festival 2022

GL commented that we were just awaiting one final cheque to be cashed. The de-brief would be 23rd February at Cask & Tap at 7:30pm

13. Pubs Officers Information

ML reported little had happened. The Townsman had changed hands and is closed for refurbishment. Plans have been resubmitted for a pub in the Wyndyke Farm development.

Lane Ends, Blackpool is hit and miss for real ale. Birley Arms, Warton has new managers. 15S has a Durham TTO first weekned of February.

14. Social Events

The branch agreed to a trip to Kirkby Lonsdale on a Thursday in late Fenruary.

15. Local Brewery News

Nothing to report

16. Branch Mailout

The branch were asked if they wished to submit any motions to the national AGM

17. AONB

RP reminded people of the 30 Years in the GBG Presentation at the Taps on 2nd February.

18. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- Thurs 30th March 2023 at 7:30pm at Blackpool Cricket Club, Barlow Crescent, Blackpool, FY3 9EW

