

# Minutes

**Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 19<sup>st</sup> January 2023 7:30pm**  
**Cask & Tap, 82 Topping Street, Blackpool, FY1 3AD**

Attendees : Rick Pickup (RP, Chair), Rob Wheatley (RW), Gary Walkey (GW), Gary Levin (GL), Ray Jackson (RJ), Alistair Blair (AB), Mark Walker (MW), Graham Monk (GM)

1. Welcome

RP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Matt Lewis.

3. Expressions of Interest

None were declared

4. Minutes of Last Meeting, Actions and Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Minutes were accepted. All actions were marked as complete or passed by events.

5. GBG24 Shortlist Recommendations

The NBSS scores for pubs were discussed and recommendations to the branch agreed.

6. PotY/CotY Shortlist Selection

It was agreed which pubs should go forward to PotY and a timescale for judging was agreed.

RW suggested that as we only really had one club suitable for suggestion for CotY, we should skip this year. The rest of the committee opposed this thought and it was agreed to propose the the branch that the only suitable candidate was our CotY.

7. CPotY (How are we going to do it?)

It was agreed to look into which pubs were actually always serving real cider and it if possible run a minibus around them. But there were few possible pubs.

8. Finance Report

GM reported that the exact financial situation was hard to comment on due to FBF still being in full flow. The branch was still solvent but low on funds.

9. Membership Report

RJ reported that branch membership was currently 2155, we're now 6<sup>th</sup> biggest having overtaken Peterborough. 153271



members now nationally.

#### 10. Beer Festival Report

GL commented the last bits of finance were being addressed. GL/RP to meet to assess 2023 plan. Need to look as significant savings and to rethink evening hours, particularly on Saturday. The debrief was planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

#### 11. Pubs Officers Reports

ML nothing major with planning or licensing. WhatPub is fine.

#### 12. Social Trips

RP commented that the plans to do a Feb 2c trip were scuppered by the KE Ferry being out of the water for it's annual service, we'll look to do that later in the year. He suggested we suggest a trip to Kirkby Lonsdale as it is about as far as is sensible on the £2 fares for those who have to pay.

#### 13. Branch Mailout

Nothing to discuss.

#### 14. PotS Rules Amendment

RP highlighted that the Autumn 2022 PotS award was nearly in Winter. MW suggested that we look a a new voting framework as for suggestions from members for the first part of the season, and allow voting on the latter part to present the award at the end. Committee agreed to discuss this a little more and put tho the branch.

#### 15. AONB

Nothing.

#### 16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Cask & Tap, 82 Topping Street, Blackpool, FY1 3AD on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 starting a 7:30pm

