

Minutes

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Branch Meeting

Thursday 30th March 2023 7:30pm

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

Attendees : Rick Pickup (Char, RP), Gary Walkey, Victoria Fairbrother, Steven Fairbrother, Gary Levin, Rob Wheatley, Mark Lewis, Ray Jackson, Steve Walker, Andrea Walker, Matt Walker, Giles Morgan, Gary Green

Apologies : Phil Marquis, Graham Monk, Alistair Blair, Lee Rawlings

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting

2. Expressions of Interest

There were none.

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

6. Regional Review

RP mentioned that when he had written the agenda, it was expected that the long awaited Regional Review would have been released in time for it to be discussed at this meeting. It had since been pulled. The meeting expressed it's disgust at members being treated so poorly.

7. Pub of the Season Rule Changes

RP explained a number of changes to the Pub of the Season rules which the committee hoped would improve involvement from non-active members. The branch agree to trial them from the Summer 2023 award.

8. Questions for the Treasurer



RP reported on GM 's behalf, that there had been little to report.

9. Membership News

The current membership figures were circulated. Branch membership is static. We have overtaken Peterborough again!

10. Fleetwood Beer Festival 2022

GL commented that all for 2022 was now complete. We were looking at submitting the budgetary plan for 2023.

11. Pubs Officers Information

ML reported little had happened. Both the old police station in Poulton and Abingdon Street Market will contain bars when reopened, but it is probable they will be craft at best. There is a new micropub planned in Cleveleys by the team at the Waterloo. The Thirsty Duck "cafe" in Wrea Green now sells cask beer.

GL reminded people of the importance of NBSS scoring and asked people to score.

12. Local Pub News

Lane Ends seems to have ceased it's short attempt at selling cask ale.

Iron Horse is to be convert3d to a Hickory Smokehouse.

15s is to have a Rat TTO and the Hop Shoppe a Vocation TTO.

13. Social Events

RP commented that anybody planning a trip that others could come on should post it on the branch Facebook group. We'll look at a trip to Southport, but available dates are all busy.

14. Local Brewery News

Nothing to report.

15. Branch Mailout

Little to Report

16. AONB

RJ commented that the CIU Conference and beer exhibition was on the 14th April. Let him know if you want to help.

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- Thurs 25th May 2023 at 7:30pm at The Old Town Hall, Church Street, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7AP

