

# High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

## Branch meeting

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1pm

Cheshire Ring Hotel, Hyde

### Minutes

1. **Present:** Peter Mitchell, Ben Zwierink (chair), Tom Lord, Steve Wright, Frank Wood, Allan Stone, Geoff Caine, Neil Hay, Martyn Ardern, Steve Mason, Graham Privett, Mark Taylor, Nick Earle, Ian Kerr, Ian Milnes

2. **Apologies:** Geoff Lees, Phil Moss, Rodney Oliver, Geoff Williamson, Kevin Wilson

3. **Minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> November** were agreed.

#### 4. Matters arising from the minutes

- a. Sugden Centre will be passed to MBCF organisers as possible future venue
- b. Green Mill BLO – committee are still considering nominations

#### 5. Pub news–

- a. Shepherds Call, Hyde, new extension open, but no real ale
- b. Soldier Dick, Furness Vale, closed
- c. Woodman, Ashton, closed
- d. Railway, Woodley for sale
- e. Sportsman, Hyde selling Pictish beers, while issues with Rossendale Brewery licenses are resolved

#### 6. Officers' reports

- a. Chair:
  - i. Dobcross Band Club is a finalist (last 4) in the national Club of the Year competition
  - ii. Book early for the CAMRA members' weekend in Sheffield in April
  - iii. GBBF Winter in Burton – branch considering a branch trip
  - iv. Twisted Wheel Brewery in administration  
Others closed recently include Slaters, Wild Beer, Solway, Burton Town and Beer Nouveau
- b. Treasurer: balance is now £688.49
- c. Membership secretary: 1123(+5); M:F 82:18; U30s 27 (2.4%) First monthly increase since January 2022
- d. Beer scoring coordinator: 4211 scores in last year. Keep scoring!
- e. Social secretary:
  - i. Planning a social in Marple in January
  - ii. Joint social with Salford CAMRA being planned for March

- iii. Could hire a minibus for a trip to GBBF Winter. ACTION NE
- f. Secretary

## 7. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
December 17 <sup>th</sup> 5:30pm	Saturday	Christmas Party	Petersgate Tap
December 29 <sup>th</sup> 12noon	Thursday	Drown the Turkey social	Salisbury Ale House
January 14 <sup>th</sup> 2023 1pm	Saturday	GM CAMRA	Ukrainian Social Club, Bolton
January 16 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	Monday	Branch meeting (GBG24 GM)	Sportsman, Hyde
January 28 <sup>th</sup> 1:30pm	Saturday	Pub of the Winter presentation, followed by a Social	Jake's Ale House, Romiley
February 11 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting (GBG24 Derbyshire and Cheshire) and Social	Rems, Chapel-en-le-Frith
February 24 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fri-Mon	Branch weekend away	Glasgow
March 13 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	Monday	Branch Meeting	Half Way House, Ashton
April 8 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Cheshire Cheese, Buxton

## 8. Good Beer Guide 2024 (GBG24) Selection Procedure

After a discussion, the proposal from the committee, to increase the minimum number of scorers from 2 to 4, and to change the minimum average beer score from “greater than 3.20” to “at least 3.20”, and to drop the requirement for a minimum number of scores, was *agreed nem con*.

## 9. Nominations for GBG24

It was noted that Three Drinks Behind had had a change of management, so does not qualify. The Bulls Head, Glossop, The Queens Arms, Glossop, Bar 2, Jacks Bar, The Queens, Hyde, The Dog and Pheasant, Ashton and The Angel, Dukinfield were all nominated.

## 10. February weekend away (24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023)

- a. Glasgow, Norwich and Grimsby were nominated.
- b. After a vote among members who are planning to go, Glasgow was selected.

## 11. Christmas Party from 5:30pm, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Petersgate Tap, Stockport

21 members are signed up to attend. Members may sign up by email to the secretary by Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. Numbers needed for food order.

## 12. Branch Pub of the Year etc Selection process

After a discussion, it was *agreed* to adopt the judging system for the branch Pub of the Year proposed by the committee, with implementation for 2023 (option 1).

The first meeting (MEETING 1 in the scheme) is January 2023, and the second meeting (MEETING 2) is March 2023.

Ben Zwierink and Nick Earle volunteered to be judges.

The Cheshire Ring Inn, Hyde, was nominated for PotY.

Further volunteers for judging (one needed) and nominations for PotY will be invited by email, and at the branch meeting in January.

**13. Problems with CAMRA's national membership system (Frank Clayton)**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**14. Date of next meeting** – 7:30pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023, The Sportsman, Hyde

Peter Mitchell, Secretary