

High Peak, Tameside and North East Cheshire CAMRA

Branch meeting

Monday 15th May 7:30pm

The Commercial, Glossop

Minutes

1. **Present:** Peter Mitchell, Ben Zwierink (chair), Phil Moss, Graham Privett, Steve Mason, Martyn Ardern, Geoff Williamson, Ralph Luxon, Bernie Brownsword, Neil Hay, Nick Earle, Rod Oliver, John Pasiecznik, Steve Wright
2. **Apologies:** Kevin Wilson, Tom Lord
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed. No matters arising.
4. **Pub news**
 - a. Distant Hills brewery is ceasing brewing due to utilities bills increases
 - b. Crown and Cushion, Newton has re-opened after refurb, with real ale (Landlord and Doom Bar)
 - c. The Old Fire Station, Ashton, now has three hand-pumps serving J W Lees at £2.50/pint
5. **Officers' reports**
 - a. Chair
 - i. Mild Magic: 99 pubs visited, 876 visits – successful
 - ii. SSM CAMRA will send in supportive statement to Ralph Warrington
 - iii. National membership now 152,200
 - iv. SBCF has 70 volunteers, and needs 140
 - b. Treasurer: Balance 707.95. Outstanding cheque £91.08 (£616.87 remaining)
 - c. Membership secretary: 1092 (-8) cf 1147 in May 2022
 - d. Beer scoring coordinator: 4075 scores (down from 4400 at peak) from 207 scorers, including 46 in branch
 - e. Social secretary: Brewery trip 22/7/23. Probably Bakewell in September.
 - f. Secretary

6. Meetings schedule

Date and time	Day	Meeting	Venue
May 20 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch PotY presentation & Social	Silly Country, Droylsden
June 3 rd 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Cider PotY presentation & Social	Station Buffet Bar, Stalybridge
June 10 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch CotY presentation, Branch Meeting & Social	Legion Club, Poynton
July 8 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch AGM & Social	TBD
July 15 th 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional Committee	Lamb Hotel, Eccles
July 22 nd TBC	Saturday	Manchester breweries social	TBC

July 29 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Pub of the Summer presentation & Social	Ale Stop, Buxton
August 12 th 1:30pm	Saturday	Branch Meeting and Social	Norfolk Arms, Marple Bridge
October 14 th 1pm	Saturday	GM Regional Committee	Trafford & Hulme TBC
October 17 th -24 th	Tue - Tue	Branch trip to Kraków	

7. CAMRA Regions Review

It was *agreed* to submit the document as drafted, with

- An executive summary added
- Including membership numbers by county
- With a covering note objecting to the process, challenging the lack of evidence, and asking for Gary Chester not to be part of the process of deciding

8. Stockport Beer Festival Publicity Distribution

Posters, beer mats, trade session tickets were issued to members for distribution

9. Beer Week 20/9/23 – 30/9/23

Referred to committee for further consideration

10.Independents' Day Treasure Hunt 1/7/23

The branch will send a team. If interested, contact Ben Zwierink directly

11.Winter Warmer Wander 2023

BZ and PM agreed to work with SSM on WWW

12.Kraków trip October 2023

Rod Oliver and Stuart Jamieson will work on the various ways of doing it, and the costs

13.Curry night

will be deferred until after SBCF

14.Geoff Lees Memorial Meal.

It was agreed to look for an “all you can eat” meal in a pub, possibly the Marble Arch. Also, an obituary will appear in Opening Times

15.Opening Times

On the way for distributors. New plastic holders will be ready for next edition. BZ will write up the PotSpring Angel presentation

16.Date of next meeting – 1:30pm Saturday June 10th, after the branch Club of the Year Presentation at The Legion Club, Poynton

Peter Mitchell, Secretary