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# UK GREAT NORTHERN

## SECTION

## (FOUNDED 2000)

**Minutes of the 24th AGM of the UK Great Northern Section of the Institute of Brewing & Distilling held on 29th February 2024 at The Ape and Apple, Manchester. Start 18.30**

1. **Apologies**: Dave Sanders, Simon Knox, Chris Wells, Colin Dunn, Rob Percival, Adam Darnes, David Smith, Tom Edgley, Lloyd Rees, Beth Eaton, Mark Slater, Mike Benson, Alison Douglas and Steve Midgley.

Member attendees: Margaret Holland, Iain Kenny, Alan Cawkill, Jayne Hewitt, Graeme Hall, Jeff Collins, Peter Riddell, Sue Cooper, Danny Clayton, Ian Bearpark, Marilyn Seedhouse, Derek Leatham, Ian Burn, Alistair Dickson, James Hatfield, James Smith, Will Pammentor, Joel Sanderson (17+ 3 guests).

***2. Minutes of 2023 AGM:*** It was agreed that the Minutes of 2022 meeting were an accurate record. The last minutes were signed by Iain Kenny

Proposed by Margaret Holland

Seconded by Graeme Hall

***3. Matters Arising:*** There were no matters arising.

***4. Correspondence:***  The Secretary gave the following summary:

The last 12 months since our AGM at Roosters has been a busy one but building on some solid foundations. The monthly section secretary meetings continue and are a good two-way discussion. With recent staff changes at HQ and imminent changes that Chartership will bring, does seem to have turned the focus back onto members once more.

There seems a genuine desire to engage with local section committees and a recognition of their value in engaging with members. With a return to formal Continuous Personal Development (CPD) starting next year, the local sections will once again become a focus for existing members, and a way to encourage new ones.

As always, we welcome feedback on events the section run and are always looking for ideas going forward including locations to hold technical events, committee meetings and seminars such as today.

Finally, a thanks from me to Alistair who stepped back as Treasurer last AGM and Ian who took over for their support as treasurer. And to Beth, Iain and Ian who helped make last year’s dinner such a success.

***5. Chairman’s Report***

It’s been another eventful year for the Great Northern Section. Section events highlights include:

May – Visit to Holts to see their bore hole system – thanks to Holts and Envireau Water

June – Cheshire walking trip with Beartown Brewery – thanks Margaret

July – Senior Lunch – thanks Alan

September – Sustainable malting at Muntons Flamborough – thanks Adam

Young Members brew day at Kirkstall – Thankyou Kirkstall and Tom

October Dinner in Leeds

November Distilling webinar – thanks to Alan Philp and Ben Murphy

January Hop Breeding – Thanks to Wye Hops and the team at Farams.

Both webinars had 40+ attendees including global audience spreading the word of the GNS.

I’d like to give a massive thanks to all those who hosted event and those who have put together the events.

This year the section has awarded one grant to support a candidate with a study tour to the Czech Republic and we have two grants approved already for to year to come. We should continue to encourage applications for grants and the opportunities they bring for young brewers in the coming year that’s a big part of why we’re here.

I’d like to thank all the committee members for their hard work over the past year. This is a team effort, and they are all outstanding ambassadors for the section.

I would also like to give special thanks to Mark Slater and Alison Douglas who will be leaving this committee this year. Mark is a past chairman and has been a very passionate advocate for young brewers and their development giving time and effort to the IBD in general from hosting events, mentoring, and networking. He organised an amazing dinner and has been fantastic for our section. Alison has not only supported and hosted technical events with skill, know-how and enthusiasm but she has also been a brilliant section advocate in the Northeast waving the flag for our section.

As you may know I was MIA for a period of time this year and for a while, particularly around the dinner and I’d like to take a moment to say a special thank you to Beth, Ian and Jayne for all your hard work and dedication. This was really appreciated and when I was feeling a bit crap it was so comforting to know you got s\*\*t covered.

Moving on to the year to come I think as a section over the past few years we have a track record of putting on engaging events of interest and value to our members. With Chartership on the horizon and new emphasis on training and grants we are in a real strong position to continue to push on helping development of the Great Northern Brewing family.

 ***6. Treasurer’s Report:*** Ian Bearpark provided the following summary.

The account currently has a balance of £13877.68

Re Banquet: All payments received apart from Crisp (£960) as at 21st Feb. Holchem had paid it to the Southern section but that was transferred across quickly by them. All other payments for credit cards and HQ accounts were promptly transferred. Total costs were £13054 and total income was £16,392 excl. payment (not inc. VAT) of £768 for the projector system use. Profit was £4106 including the Crisp payment but excl. VAT recovery for the projector.

HQ are looking into how VAT is accounted for between HQ and sections

Other Items. We now have a debit card for the account which means we can easily pay for event expenses at the time. Banquet 2024 budget preparation has started with Iain and Jayne – for discussion today and agreeing ticket costs, etc. to allow Iain to confirm the chosen booking.

Over the first year of being treasurer, there have been good relations with HQ and most of the time, the account has been satisfactorily reconciled with HQ’s Xero finance system. HQ have been prompt in transferring payments to us which they have received. Investigations are ongoing re: taking card payments directly ourselves.

***7.* Election of Officers for 2024-25.** Section rules require that we hold an annual election for Chairman and Officers**.** Iain Kenny is happy to stay in post for a further year.

Proposed: Alistair Dickson

Seconded: Marilyn Seedhouse

**IK** stated the Vice Chair role is a committee post but that it is customary to vote on their nomination. He would like to propose Beth Eaton remains as vice-chair to support him in his role:

**Vice Chair- Beth Eaton**

Proposed: Graeme Hall

Seconded: Alan Cawkill

**IK** stated that Jayne has indicated she is happy to continue in their role and ask for someone to propose and second.

**Secretary: Jayne Hewitt**

Proposed: Marilyn Seedhouse

Seconded: Margaret Holland

**IK** stated that Ian has indicated she is happy to continue in his role and ask for someone to propose and second.

**Treasurer: Ian Bearpark**

Proposed: Alistair Dickson

Seconded: Graeme Hall

1. **Election of committee new committee members.**

Recent Chairman Mark Slater and committee member Alison Douglas have stepped back from the committee due to work pressures. We thank them for their enthusiasm and efforts over recent of years.

**IK** would like to propose 1 new member joins the committee, Adam Darnes. **IK asked the members attending to accept his proposal and to re-elect the remaining committee-** as show of handsto allow the following members to continue on the committee until the next AGM:

Margaret Holland, David Smith, Graeme Hall, Marilyn Seedhouse, Alan Cawkill, Wim van der Spek, Mike Benson, Alistair Dickson, Tom Evans, Thomas Edgley and Rob Percival.

**9. Council representatives**. **IK** to ask for support, that with in the bylaws of the IBD either the Chairman or a nominated alternative represent the section at Council meetings.

Proposed: Graeme Hall

Seconded: Marilyn Seedhouse

1. **AOB**- **IK** to ask the attendees for any AOB. None

**IK** then outlined plans for future section events:

* IBD Beer X stand and a social on the Tuesday evening at Black Lodge Brewery
* Charlie Bamforth talk June 4th Northern Monk Refectory in Leeds
* Walking in Co Durham 8th – 9th June with a visit to Double Maxim Brewery
* Dinner and awards evening 25th October at The Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool

Date of next AGM: TBC

### Meeting closed at 6.55 pm

**Signed:**

Chairman ……………………….. Date ………………………

Secretary …………………………..