

# UK GREAT NORTHERN SECTION (FOUNDED 2000)

## **Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> AGM of the UK Great Northern Section of the Institute of Brewing & Distilling held on 23rd March 2023 at Rooster's Brewery, Harrogate. Start 18.30**

- 1. Apologies:** Dave Sanders, Simon Knox, Alistair Dickson, Chris Wells, Laura Rangeley, Jim Rangeley, Colin Dunn, Alison Douglas.

Member attendees: Beth Eaton, Mark Slater, Margaret Holland, Iain Kenny, Alan Cawkill, Rob Percival, Jayne Hewitt, Graeme Hall, Tom Edgley, Jeff Collins, David Smith, Mike Benson, Stephen Midgley, Peter Riddell, Jamie Ramshaw, Andrew Paterson, Will Rogers, Sue Cooper, Wim van der Spek, Zane Barnes, Danny Clayton, Steven Porteous, Ian Bearpark (23)

- 2. Minutes of 2022 AGM:** It was agreed that the Minutes of 2022 meeting were an accurate record. The last minutes were signed by Mark Slater  
Proposed by Margaret Holland  
Seconded by Iain Kenny

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

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

It's been great to have a full year of face-to-face meeting after the restrictions Covid placed upon us. Virtual meetings still play a part and along with Webinars are here to stay. This blended approach to engaging with members is welcomed by many and allows us to reach out to a wider audience.

The last year or so has seen a better level of support from IBD HQ in particular around publicising events and the quality of this publicity. It is so much better than we could achieve at local level. A monthly section secretaries meeting is proving fruitful and a great place to share ideas and experiences with each other as well as HQ staff. Of course, there is always work to do and the challenges of maintaining members as well as encouraging new ones is constant.

Lastly, can I thank the committee, and in particular Mark and Alistair for their continuing support during what has been a busy year of activities, and here's to another busy one ahead!

## **5. Chairman's Report** Mark gave the following report:

First of all I'd like to give you an update on the 2 most important points arising from the last IBD council meeting held on the 7th of March: Firstly we said welcome to our new CEO, Tom Shelston. Tom comes from a career in Blue Chip membership led organisations including the National Trust, and he delivered his vision for the IBD. All the council members were impressed by his energy & commitment and of course we wish him well in this new appointment. Secondly, we had some feedback about the current state of play of our drive to Chartership At the previous meeting, it was thought that because of the upcoming Coronation that there would be a hiatus in our application. Actually, it's turned out to be the contrary. It seems to be all steam ahead & the last call for extra information from the Privy council answered, it looks like we may have Chartership in place within the next 6 months, with ratification after a ' trial period ' in the next 2 years.

It seems like only yesterday since I took over the Chairmanship from Rob Percival On the 24th March last year. Since then, we have had a varied list of events including technical visits to Rivington Brewery & Print Leeds. A fantastic evening at Robinsons looking at their past, present & future brewing & very informative evening with 'The Young Guns ' at Vocation Brewery. Thank you to all IBD members & staff at the respective locations for their time, effort and organisation. We also had a very well received Webinar with Dr Keith Thomas (Brewlab) about what discovered, shipwrecked beers & their yeast content can tell us about brewing in the 1700's & perhaps inspiration for future brewing. And recently a very well attended evening social at Cains brewery Liverpool & an IBD stand at BeerX which provided information for a number of new brewers in their chosen career path. And of course, not to forget a very well attended Banquet at the Biscuit Factory in Newcastle. Our first venture north of Yorkshire / Lancashire as the GNS Section of the IBD. 200 members & guests certainly made the evening lively & put a big dent in company expense accounts on the night!

I've thoroughly enjoyed my time as chairman & would like to thank all the committee for their help & guidance. Special thanks to Alistair Dickson (Treasurer) & Jayne Hewitt (secretary) for their tireless efforts. I look forward to supporting incoming Chair (Iain Kenny) in his time in office & as Douglas Adams (in the Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy) beautifully put it : " So long & thanks for all the fish "!

## **6. Treasurer's Report:** Alistair Dickson provided the following summary.

As reported in previous years, our year end accounts are examined by Curlew St and therefore there is no formal report available.

During 2022, Curlew St has set up the Section on a financial platform called Xero. This is linked directly to the Section bank account and provides the IBD with direct access to all our financial transactions.

This means that we do not need to present quarterly VAT reports, bank statements and general I&E updates but requests for various files have still been made at times!

Access to Xero enables the Section to raise invoices for the dinner, etc with auto prompts to payees, but it also requires us to register all documents in terms of bills paid.

What we are finding is that Companies are not paying into the Section account but to Curlew St which then gives HQ more work in tracking who is due the funds and then transferring to the Section. This is occurring across the UK Sections.

Pre Covid, the Section could rely on reasonable surpluses on the Seminar and Dinner which generally covered Section administrative costs but since Covid, these surpluses are proving to be minimal.

Suffice to say, funds in the Section account are stable.

I have given notice to the committee that I am stepping down as Treasurer as of today and am pleased to say that Ian Bearpark has offered to take up the role. A handover may take some months depending on Barclays banking authorisation process.

Any queries regarding the 2022 finances can be answered after the AGM.

2022 Financial numbers in outline; (rounded)

Net Income from; YM Grant £0, Members meetings £61, Seminar £875, Dinner £14993,  
2021 VAT £761= £16690

Net Expenditure; Section Admin £2232, Meetings £500, Seminar £1141, Dinner £12812 =  
£16685

2022 Account Year start = £13619

2022 Year end = £14528 (including late payments for 2022)

Mark thanked Alistair for his report and his tireless work over the last few years as Section Treasurer.

**7. Election of Officers for 2023-24.** Section rules require that we hold an annual election for Chairman and Officers. Mark Slater would like to propose Iain Kenny for election as Chair.

**Chair: Iain Kenny**

Proposed: Rob Percival

Seconded: Jeff Collins

Mark presented Iain with the Chairman's medal and Iain took his place to conclude the remainder of the meeting.

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

**Vice Chair- Beth Eaton**

Proposed: Margaret Holland

Seconded: David Smith

**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: Steve Midgley

Seconded: Graeme Hall

**IK** thanked Alistair Dickson for his service as treasurer for the Section. And to propose the role is taken over by Ian Bearpark.

**Treasurer: Ian Bearpark**

Proposed: Graeme Hall

Seconded: Beth Eaton

## **8. Election of committee new committee members.**

Jim and Laura Rangeley have stepped back from the committee due to work pressures. We thank them for their enthusiasm and efforts over the last couple of years.

**IK** would like to propose 2 new members join the committee, Tom Evans from JW Lees Brewery, and Thomas Edgley from Heineken Tadcaster. **IK asks the members attending to accept these 2 new members and to re-elect the remaining committee-** as show of hands to allow the following members to continue on committee until the next AGM:

Margaret Holland, David Smith, Graeme Hall, Marilyn Seedhouse, Alan Cawkill, Alison Douglas, Wim van der Spek, Mike Benson, Mark Slater, Alistair Dickson 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: Mark Smith

Seconded: Jayne Hewitt

10. AOB- **IK** to ask the attendees for any AOB:

Stephen Midgley is the new Chair of the Manchester Brewing School and offered to work with the GNS committee to promote each other's events to access a wider audience.

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

- Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> visit to Holt's brewery Manchester to look at boreholes, reverse osmosis and water treatment.
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June walking weekend based in Cheshire with an evening visit to Beartown Brewery in Congleton
- Lunch July 6<sup>th</sup> in Todmorden- not just for senior members!
- 14<sup>th</sup> September Muntons Maltings in Flamborough looking at investment in sustainability and the 2023 barley harvest
- Dinner and awards evening 20<sup>th</sup> October at The Royal Armouries in Leeds

Date of next AGM: TBC

Meeting closed at 6.55 pm

**Signed:**

Chairman ..... Date .....

Secretary .....