

CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch Branch Meeting

Date: 18/08/15

Venue: Kings Arms, Stowmarket

Agenda

Welcome: Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (9) and opened the meeting at 20:14 hrs.

Apologies: Jane Scott, Andy Shaw, Sue Shaw, Rick Fearn, Gordon Taylor, Tim Edwards

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted and read

Matters arising: Venue for the November and December meetings were transposed. The November will be at the Lord Nelson and the December meeting will be at the Steamboat Tavern.

Correspondence: The Secretary said that the following memo's had been received from H.Q.: Use of CAMRA logo's – how/when use of same is permitted; survey of Beer Scoring responses – details of survey responses; Cost of Half Pint - to seek information about the extent of disproportionate charging for half-pints; National cider trip in October 2015 – details; Support materials available to branches – how/where to find; GBG 2016 publication and distribution timetable.

Copies of all correspondence available from Mike on request.

Officers Reports

a) Chairman: Matt reported that the Arcade Tavern had apologised for not being open for the last meeting which they confirmed had been booked with them.

b) Vice-Chairman: Phil stated he had nothing to report

c) Treasurer: Gordon reported, via e-mail, that Ufford and Earl Soham breweries still owed the IBF account £60 each. Nethergates also owed the IBF for their stand and St Judds had part paid us for beer they had taken from us following the IBF event (some £1100). Additionally one food vendor still had not paid but was currently unable to be contacted, possibly deliberately.

d) Membership: Not present no report

e) Young Membership: Chris stated that the pub crawl for young members around Ipswich had to be cancelled. Unfortunately the e-mail invite had failed to be sent out to relevant members. The University has a new intake soon and there will be a volunteer fair on 22nd October. Chris has requested a stand from 1100-1430hrs that day and should have confirmation by the next meeting. If the Uni agree help will be required to man the stand. Mike agreed to help with this. Chris will contact HQ for leaflets and members packs for this event.

f) Social Secretary: Not present, no report. However Phil reported Jane had arranged a visit to Norwich with a trip to Redwells Brewery on 26th September. Cost of the Brewery visit will be £10 for the tour and drinks afterwards. There were currently 5 places left for the tour. Also the annual Norfolk/Suffolk bowls match was taking place at the Caxton Club, Beccles on 20th September.

g) Media and Newsletter: Nigel reported that it was quiet on the media front and there had been no radio appearances. The next newsletter would be out in 3 weeks, Nigel's official 100th edition as editor.

h) Beer Festivals: Nigel reported a wash up meeting with the ITFC re the IBF was still awaited, but with the club preparing for the new football season they had been too busy. With regard to next years festival it was doubtful that HQ would support us due to continuing financial losses with the IBF. However following this years visit to Dusseldorf FC by the club there would be a return visit by Dusseldorf next year on 16th July. The supporters club will need a bar then and it may be possible to make it a CAMRA real ale bar, possibly an 80-100 firkins ticket only event. Did the branch want to persue this option with them? It was agreed to look into this possibility.

Earl Soham brewery had indicated they had enjoyed having a stand at the IBF and wanted to host a SIBA event in conjunction with a beer festival and tasting events. There are some 40 breweries involved with SIBA in East Anglia. However there was no commitment until the branch Oked it.

Finally Invicta Boats at the waterfront want to run events on their boats with food and a 4-5 tub real ale bar for up to 38 people. Dates are t.b.a. But there would be 4 or 5 events.

i) Pub Officer: Phil reported that the landlord of the Cock at Brantford had passed away. He had also received an e-mail regarding the Dales pub. The current landlord had been given 1 months notice as the CO-OP wanted to turn it into a Homeless Refuge. He had checked and there was no planning application for this at present. An ACV application had been sent and conformation given that it had been recived but there was nothing further on this as yet. ACV,s where currently in place for the Cross keys, Henley and the Dukes Head, Coddendam. An ACV also existed for the Mary Catchpole for it's listed interior.

Other pub news:-

Compasses, Holbrook – reopened with a new tenent.

Plough, Sutton – reopen 3 real ales on

Crown, Stowupland – refurbished and open

White Horse, Felixstowe – refurbished and reopened.

Plough, Whisset – still shut

Spread Eagle, Ipswich – repoening soon.

j) Tasting Panel: Not present no report. Next panel 25th August at St Judes Tavern, Ipswich 1900hrs

k) Brewing Liaison Officers:

Briarbank – Chris reported they where looking for empty casks from the MEAL festival. He would attempt to locate them for him.

St, Judes - had 3 new brews planned/out soon - King Bob, Imperial Stout and Goblins Piss

Calvors Brewery News- August is proving to be a very busy month with extra brews being made for Ipswich Maritime Festival, Folk East and Needham Market Phoenix Youth football team 40th's birthday celebrations. Calvors is also sponsoring the Crafted Classique cycling event and supporting - in collaboration with Colchester Brewery and CAMRA - the Colchester Free Festival - with Calvors being the only lager served. Early September sees the 3 day Lodestar Music Festival; again with Calvors lager being available along with their Lodestar Festival Ale which was brewed specially to promote the festival. Finally the next Rampant Horse beer festival is from 11th-13th September.

A.O.B.: A growing number of pubs where seeking Locale accreditation. It was felt that such accreditation could be given for local breweries within 25 miles of the pub premises but excluding major/national brands such as Adnams and Greene King. This was passed by the meeting.

Next meeting: Duke of York, Ipswich 2000hrs 15/09/15

Close meeting: The Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 2140 hrs