

CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch branch Meeting

Date: 20/10/15

Venue: Hand in Hand, Trimley St. Martin

Agenda

Welcome: Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (8) and opened the meeting at 20:01 hrs.

Apologies: none received

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted and read

Matters arising: None

Correspondence: The Secretary circulated lists of CAMRA branch mailouts since the last meeting to the meeting, Memos from HQ posted on members web-site where:- Year end Financial statement and Preparation: Charges for Carrier bags (at beer festivals): The Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003 – an update: Secondary Cooling at CAMRA beer festivals: Jargon Buster: More Great Reason to attend CAMRA's Members Weekend 2016. **All memos can be found on the Members Dashboard by logging on to the the Members Site on the CAMRA web-site – <http://www.camra.org.uk>**

2 pieces of Correspondence had been received since the last meeting. One was notification that the Harwich Winter Beerfest would not be held this year due to the loss of the venue. An alternative is being sought for next year. The second concerned the offer of various items of breweriana for sale, including old pump engines, handpumps, some fonts and a cellar beer cooler. Anyone interested should contact Ann Lewis direct on 01449 740981 or via e-mail at lewis@thewhitehorse.wanadoo.co.uk

Officers Reports

a) Chairman: Matt advised the meeting that the next Real Ale Run About was Friday 23rd October to Leiston area. The branch A.G.M. is due in January and suggested dates where either Tuesday 19th or Thursday 21st January at the Thomas Wolsey, Ipswich. It was also suggested that branch meetings early in 2016 should be held on Thursday's rather than Tuesday. Suggested dates where 18th February, 15th March and 21st April. Venues t.b.a. but it was suggested that venues outside of Ipswich should be held in Summer months.

b) Vice-Chairman: Not present no report

c) Treasurer: Gordon stated the various branch accounts remained as per last meeting, viz:-

Branch (TSB) account - £855.57

Petty Cash - £39.74

I.B.F. (Barclays) account - £667.22

Bills totalling £4899.86 where still to be paid for the IBF. Some monies where still owed to the IBF for some bars, food vendors and t-shirts. CAMRA HQ had agreed to write off £2500 owed to them. Nigel reported that he had a cheque from St Judes Tavern for £900 for beer provided to them after the festival. Uffords had been spoken to but stated they had provided beer for the festival in lieu of cash as had been agreed before the festival.

d) Membership: Not present no report

e) Young Membership: Not present no report

f) Social Secretary: Not present no report. However it was reported, by those who had attended it, that the visit to Redwells Brewery in Norwich had been an excellent trip. It was also reported that the annual Norfolk/Suffolk bowls match had also been a good day out, albeit that Norwich had won the match! Nigel stated that the Norwich Beer Festival was taking place the following week and he had some free tickets for the Trade Day for Monday 26th.

g) Media and Newsletter: Nigel reported the next edition of Last Orders was finished and due out soon (and included an article on non alcoholic beer and soft drinks!). He also stated there had been no media events since the last meeting. However there was an on-going attempt to update the branch web site. In furtherance to this more people needed to supply information regarding forthcoming events at local pubs for inclusion on the site.

h) Beer Festivals: Nigel reported a wash up meeting with the ITFC re the IBF was set for 1600hrs 21st October. It was possible that ITFC might want a real ale bar during the reciprocal visit by Dusseldorf F.C. and its supporters on 15-16th July 2016. This would be pursued at the wash up meeting. The wash up meeting with Museum of East Anglian Life had taken place and they had indicated they would be happy to move next years MEAL beer festival to 21-24th July 2016 to avoid a clash. The MEAL Blues day, at which we run the real ale bar for them, was set for either June 4th or 11th but we were unsure which at present. The John Peel Beer Festival was set for 26-27th February 2016. The branch also needed to make a decision regarding holding a beer festival in 2016 following this years heavy loss. It was unlikely that CAMRA HQ would approve a budget for a similar festival next year.

i) Pub Officer: Not present no report. However the following was reported by members.

Railway, Ipswich: reported not to be re-opening

Plough, Sutton : open

Cock, Little Thurlow (Haverhill): want a management buy-out

Crow, Gt Glenham: Now more of a drinkers pub – ½ dozen beers on and seems to be doing well.

Dales, Ipswich: now closed. Landlords contract terminated.

Masons, Ipswich: re-open

j) Tasting Panel Not present no report. However Terry had sent out an e-mail to panel members stating there would be a panel at the Dove 1900hrs Tuesday 10th November

k) Brewing Liaison Officers:

St Judes – upstairs room was being re-furbished (and might become a whiskey bar!)

A.O.B.: The meeting of all county branches and the presentation to the White Horse, Sweffling as Suffolk Pub of the Year afterwards had taken place on 3rd October. At the county meeting it was announced that the Mid Anglia sub-branch would become a full branch in its own right. This would mean a re-drawing of branch boundaries and it was suggested we might assign some pubs beyond the A1120 Stowmarket to Yoxford road to them. This would lead to the branch losing responsibility for perhaps a dozen pubs. It was agreed this would be looked at when new branch boundaries were formally proposed, and presuming members in the suggested area were happy to transfer.

Nigel suggested dates for some Saturday Staggers and the following were mooted:-

Ipswich (out of town pubs) – 28th November 2015

Woodbridge - 23rd January 2016

Stowmarket - 20th February 2016

Felixstowe - 19th March 2016

Finally nominations for Pub Of The Year 2016 were required by 2 week March 2016

Next meeting: Lord Nelson, Ipswich 2000hrs 17/11/15

Close meeting: The Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 2128 hrs