

CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch branch Meeting

Date: 21/06/16

Venue: Wool pack, Ipswich

Agenda

Welcome: Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (11) and opened the meeting at 20:09 hrs.

Apologies: Jane Scott, Nigel Smith, Gordon Taylor, Tim Edwards

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted and read.

Matters arising: none

Correspondence: Mike reported HQ had posted memo's on the following:-

COBAS – Camra on line branch accounting system: Branch Activity planner: Resources for Pubs Protection Officer: New book CAMRA's Beer Anthology: Good Beer Guide 2017 - Beer Festival Listings: Cider Bar Training GBBF 2016:

All memo's sent by HQ since the last meeting 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>

No other correspondence had been received.

Officers Reports

a) Chairman: Matt advised that the RARA on Friday 24th June evening might be cancelled due to poor numbers. The 1st person to do all 17 pubs on the Ale Trail had submitted the request for his badge by the 2nd day of the Trail! Caution was urged for those doing the trail, its not a race! Safe and Responsible drinking was the order of the day.

b) Vice-Chairman: nothing to report

c) Treasurer: Not present, but email report.

IBF Account: £830.44

Branch Account: £575.82

Petty Cash: £35.92

Total: £1442.18

£6000 due from VAT by HMRC for IBC account, who have asked for further paperwork.

d) Membership: Not present, no report.

e) Young Membership: Not present, no report.

f) Social Secretary: Not present but Phil reported on Jane's behalf.

The Greenjack Brewery tasting session at the Cricketers had been re-scheduled for 3rd June and had now taken place. The trip to the Harwich ale Trail had also taken place. Reports would hopefully be submitted for the next issue of Last Orders. The Harwich Redoubt Beer Festival was on 28-30th July and a trip was on the cards for 28th. A combined Suffolk

Branches social at the Mid Suffolk Light Railway was planned for 24th August. A shuttle ex Stowmarket (for all branches) seemed to be reasonably cheap, ex Ipswich was prohibitively expensive! All interested in attending let Jane know. The Norfolk/Suffolk annual Bowls match was due in September at the Caxton Club, Beccles.

g) Media and Newsletter: Not present but email report.

Was on Lesley Dolphins show on 20th and in EADT and Star to help launch of the Ale Trail. Over 80 people on Facebook site. Need some more ideas for prizes...already have a couple of meals for two and tickets for brewery visits lined up. Newsletter... next deadline is 12th July... any articles?

h) Beer Festivals: Blues Day at MEAL, Stowmarket a success. Stowmarket beer fest.. beer orders now underway but volunteers still needed. Setup on 12 July and open from 14 to 17 July with shifts from 12 (11 on Sat) to 3; 3 to 7 or 7-11pm.

I) Pubs and Clubs: Phil reported it was quiet on the pubs/clubs front . However - **Woolpack, Debenham** - ACV application sent off to MSDC on 1/3/16. a/w response.

County of Suffolk Ipswich - Re-opened

Railway, Ipswich - A new landlord had acquired the leasehold

Arboretum, Ipswich – being re-furbished

Swan, Alderton – re-opens 1st July

Beaconsfield Arms, Occold – now a gastro pub but does serve real ale.

j) Tasting Panel: Terry confirmed the next panel would be at the Briarbank 14th July.

k) Brewing Liaison Officers: None present

A.O.B.: Nigel had now attended the meeting and had several AOB's.

Ale Trail update now underway with about 1700 passports distributed. Due to additional pubs on Trail posters had to be re-printed (may be £150 cost) This may cause a shortfall after Pub contributions.

Liaison meeting at Lowestoft recently. Alan, Mike and Terry were also there and I sent out minutes. Discussions on local pub guides in particular. We might wish to issue these, but we might limit them to 130/150 pubs, as Colchester do. Perhaps we might issue 2 – one for Ipswich, Hadleigh and Shotley and one for “Suffolk Coastal”?. However there would be a cost – could the branch afford this?.

New Branch boundaries agreed and parish map circulated... I have since been looking at post codes and IP14 is a real mess.... trying to sort atm. Some concern was raised about Mid Suffolk being able to cover their area. After the re-organisation their in-branch pubs had gone up to 100+ but their membership had only risen from 250 to 350.

There is an Eastern Regional meeting at the Brewhouse, Peterborough on 2nd July.

East Anglian POTY presentation on 30th July at Stamford Arms, Lowestoft.

Next meeting: Half Moon , Walton 2000hrs 26/07/2016

Close meeting: Chairman closed the meeting at 2135hrs