

CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch branch Meeting

Date: 22/09/16

Venue: The Station Hotel, Ipswich

Agenda

Welcome: Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (8) and opened the meeting at 20:04 hrs.

Apologies: Jane Scott, Allan Crampton, Gordon Taylor

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted and read.

Matters arising: none

Correspondence: Mike reported HQ had posted memo's on the following:- Member password change process (– important!); CBOB voting 2016; Key keg beers at festivals and on What Pub; Community Pubs month; CAMRA conference 2017 – submitting motions to conference; Membership Workshops 2017 (survey); Reminder- Public Affairs Training Day; Volunteering Materials Survey

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 he had nothing to report.

b) Vice-Chairman: Post vacant. No report.

c) Treasurer: Not present but e-mailed report viz:-

IBF Account:	£995.28
Branch Account:	£572.82
Petty Cash:	<u>£35.94</u>
Total:	<u>£1604.04</u>

The VAT return is still awaited from Peter Tetley, the former treasurer. Time is running out on this and Peter needs to be chased vigorously.

HQ had now put accounts training on line.

d) Membership: Not present, no report.

e) Young Membership: Chris advised that Chris Stone was the new regional contact for Young Membership. There was a meeting in Cambridge on the 24th and a National Young Members meeting on 29th October which he hoped to attend. Suffolk University are holding a freshers week event on 20th October between 11-1400 hrs. at the Ipswich Campus building and it was hoped the branch would have a stand.

f) Social Secretary: Not present, no report.

g) Media and Newsletter: Nigel reported he had not been on the radio. The latest edition of Last Orders was being prepared and should be finalised in about 2 weeks. Ideas for articles should be submitted by then. It was hoped to have the issue printed by 7th October.

h) Beer Festivals: A cheque was still awaited from John Peel Centre, Stowmarket for our participation in their beer festival earlier in the year. Nigel undertook to chase this up, During the year various locations had been looked at as possible venues for an Ipswich Beer Festival, if the branch decided to hold one. However all had been found to be unsuitable, mostly on cost grounds. For example the hire cost of the Corn Exchange was quoted as between 7000-7500 +vat.

The date for the MEAL beer festival for 2017 has been set for 21st July. The Mid Suffolk Light Railway have again expressed interest in holding an event with us in mid summer 2017.

i) Pubs and Clubs: Not present no report. However pub news reported to the meeting where as follows:-

The Boot, Freston – work going on. Re-opening?

Railway, Ipswich - still not re-opened but hopefully will be soon .

Arboretum, Ipswich – re-opened as the Arbor House free house.

Red Lion, Debenham – for sale.

Crown, Gt Glenham – closed for refurbishment.

Forrester, Chelmondisham – work currently going on

Queens Head, Ewarton – work currently going on.

j) Tasting Panel: Not present, no report. However the Home brew competition at the Briarbank was a great success. Some 35 excellent beers were entered, most of an excellent standard for home brews.

k) Brewing Liaison Officers: None present no reports.

A.O.B.: Good Beer Guide entries – nominations for the list of possible entries in the GBG are required by the October branch meeting, so the list can be circulated to members by the 1st December. Please see the POTY + GBG selection details on the branch website for information on the selection processes.

The visit to Adnams brewery is confirmed for 12th November and there is a limit of 24 places on the brewery tour (4 are already allocated to winners of the Ale Trail draws).

The Pub History talks will be resuming over the winter period, taking place at the Briarbank, Dates tba. A number of Saturday Staggers around Ipswich pubs will also be organised. Again dates tba.

Next meeting: The Brickmakers Arms, Ipswich 2000hrs Thursday 20/10/16

Close meeting: Chairman closed the meeting at 2155hrs

