

CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch branch Meeting

Date: 20/10/16

Venue: Brickmakers Arms, Ipswich

Agenda

Welcome: Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (12) and opened the meeting at 20:06 hrs.

Apologies: Jayne Scott

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted and read.

Matters arising: none

Correspondence: Mike reported HQ had posted memo's on the following – CAMRA code of conduct: National Winter Ale Festival 2017 assets: Joint Festivals – *of interest because of our festivals with John Peel Centre and MEAL at Stowmarket*: Year End Financial Statements and Remittances: Pub of the year 2017: Pubs Various Planning Issues (England only): CAMRA Conference 2017 Submitting motions: Revitalisation Consultation Survey2 summary of results: Appointment of branch Clubs Officers: Request for volunteers interested in taste panels

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>

Other correspondance had been received from Alliance Local Disposables seeking to be considered for supplying items for future beer festivals the branch might hold (they have supplied us in the past). Informed them they would be placed on file for consideration for future festivals.

Officers Reports

a) Chairman: Matt advised that he had no specific items to report. However there would be a further Suffolk Branches Liason meeting at The Steamboat, Ipswich on 22/10/16 and an Eastern Regional Meeting at the Kings Arms, Stowmarket on 19/11/16. Both start at 1200hrs.

b) Vice-Chairman: post vacant no report

c) Treasurer: Not present no report. However Nigel stated he had chased Peter (the previous treasurer) re VAT return. HQ also needed Audited Accounts from the branch. Finally Nigel reported he would be spending sums from the Branch Account on Website upgrades and also on the bus for the trip to Adnams Brewery at Southwold on 12/11/16.

d) Membership: Tim reported membership presently stood at 1007. There had been 48 new members but 51 lapses/moves out of branch area since the last report. There would also be some adjustment in membership numbers due to Branch boundary changes.

e) Young Membership: Chris and some other members had attended the Univerity Welcome Fair on 20th October. The Briarbank was offering taster trays of their brews to students (with valid student union cards). At the Eastern Region Young Members meeting in

September it was decided that Young member issues needed to be dealt with at a regional level. Minutes of the meeting were available on request.

f) Social Secretary: Not present but email report. There was an open invite for all members/friends to meet up on Saturday 5/11 for a trip to Harwich for this year's Sausage Throwing Competition. There would also be a trip to the Harwich & Parkeston Winter Ale Festival on 25/11 (meet at Ipswich Station in time for the 1043 train that day). Further details would be sent via the CAMRA e-mail system in due course.

Nigel also stated there would be Saturday Staggers around some Ipswich Pubs on Sat 5/11 (starting at the Man on the Moon at 1400hrs) and on Sat 3/12 (around Woodbridge meeting/venues t.b.a.). Also there was a brewery trip to Adnams at Southwold planned for Sat 12/11 - 24 seats only but 4 already accounted for by Ipswich Ale Trail draw winners.

g) Media and Newsletter: Nigel advised that he had not been on the radio re CAMRA matters since the last meeting. The next edition of Last Orders was with the printers and should be distributed after 10/11.

h) Beer Festivals: Nigel had chased John Peel Centre re wash up from last Festival and a call back was awaited. A decision on whether there would be a Festival with JPC in early 2017 was also needed. 2 festivals were due in June/July 2017 in conjunction with the Museum of East Anglian Life. On Sat 10th June the Blues festival, the main MEAL beer festival was on 6th to 9th July. The Mid Anglia Railway were still interested in holding an event with us in summer 2017. August had been suggested as a possible time. It might also be possible to run a bus service to the event via Ipswich, Stowmarket and Diss in conjunction with Ipswich Transport Museum if the event went ahead.

I) Pubs and Clubs: Post vacant no report. However pub news from attendees was as follows-

Railway, Ipswich: now open with live music on Friday and Saturday

Butt and Oyster: re-opening in the new year?

Rampant Horse, Needham Market: planning application made to re-develop and utilise barns behind the pub for their restaurant business and as a bottle shop.

Arbor house, Ipswich: formally the Arboretum re-opened.

County of Suffolk, Ipswich: sold but to reopen under new management

Cosy Club, Ipswich: new bar located in the re-vamped Buttermarket. Serves real ale on hand pump - at the upstairs bar only!

j) Tasting Panel Not present no report.

k) Brewing Liaison Officers:

Briarbank – new ales on sale – Pumpkin 4.2% Milk Stout 4.7% Insanity Klaus 6/6.5% (Xmas ale)

A.O.B.: Allan reported that it was time to begin the Good Beer Guide and Pub of the Year (POTY) procedures. Full details for both could be found on the branch web-site. Nominations for consideration for possible inclusion in GBG 2018 close on 29/11/16, with voting early in December 2016. No nominations had been received as yet but could be made via the page on the Branch website.

Nigel advised that a survey for the 3rd part of the Revitalisation project would be available on line soon.

Tim directed members attention to CHAPS charity, who where holding a Mens Health Day & Charity Quizz at Ipswich Town F.C. Ground on 3/11.

Future meetings -

Pub History meetings (all at the Briarbank) on Tuesday 15/11 and 13/12/16 and 17/01/17 at 2000hrs

Branch meetings (all start 2000hrs) -

29/11/16 – The Steamboat, Ipswich

15/12/16 – St Jude's, Ipswich

24/01/17 – Thomas Wolsey, Ipswich (A.G.M. follows immediately after this meeting)

28/02/17 – venue tba (Arbor House proposed) with GBG2018 selection meeting immediately after.

Next meeting: Steamboat, Ipswich 2000hrs Tuesday 29/11/2016

Close meeting: The Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 2114hrs