

CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch Branch Meeting

Date: 23/05/17

Venue: Briarbank, Ipswich

Agenda

Welcome: Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (10) and opened the meeting at 20.05 hrs.

Apologies: Jane Scott, Tim Edwards, Nigel Smith

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted and Read

Matters arising: None

Correspondence: Mike said that the following memo's had been received from HQ:
Volunteers weekend: General Election Update for Branches: Recruitment of Festival Assessors: General election Campaign guidance: Beer Day Britain 2017: Accounts and Financial returns: Membership Artwork and Branch magazines

All memo's sent by HQ since the last meeting can be found on the Members Dashboard by logging on to the Members Site on the CAMRA website at <http://www.camra.org.uk>

No other correspondence.

Officers Reports

a) Chairman: Matt stated that he had nothing to report.

b) Vice-Chairman: Sophie also had nothing to report.

c) Treasurer: Allan reported the following amounts in branch accounts -

Barclay (IBF) £474.48

TSB (Branch) £801.22

Petty Cash £ 35.94

£1311.64

There was also a cheque for £200 expected from Beer&Co for help at their recent Beer and Blues festival.

d) Membership: Not present, no report.

e) Young Membership: Chris stated there was nothing to report except the young members where looking into the possibility of a drop in session at a real ale pub, venue tbc.

f) Social Secretary: Not present. However Jane had sent an e-mail report.

There had been a recent trip to Harwich for the Ale Trail, which attendees stated they enjoyed. After a late breakfast at the Bottle Kiln, a recent addition to the Wetherspools stable, various pubs on the trail had been visited. As a new addition to the trail a point was made to visit the Pier Hotel and then to other pubs we don't always manage to include.

It is proposed to visit the Clacton Air Show on 25th August as we can also enjoy the Clacton CAMRA Beer and Cider Festival on the same day. Members wishing to attend should contact

Galloway Travel Ipswich, tel. 01473 216266 for tickets to travel on the coach @ £18. Entry to the Beer and Cider Festival is free to CAMRA members. This trip will sell out so book early. Contact Jane for further info. at jane.camra@gmail.com

Jane will be taking June/July off as she works on the publication of a poetry book and an exhibition with a group of local writers, Creative Minds.

g) Media & publicity: Nigel (who had managed to attend the meeting part way through) reported there had been no Radio or paper interviews since the last meeting. The deadline for next issue of Last Orders was 1 month away, so articles for inclusion were required quickly.

h) Beer Festivals: Nigel reported that a wash up meeting with Beer&co was held on 16th May. A contribution to branch funds was expected (see also treasurers report) John Peel Centre Stowmarket had expressed interest in possibly holding a beer festival on 29th/20th September. Discussions still going on. The Salutation had kindly offered the use of its large car park to hold a small IBF if needed. A kind offer but perhaps impractical!?

i) Pub Officer: Following pub news was given to the meeting by members:-

Duke of Marlborough, Somersham – now a community owned pub and open. Thanks to Green King helping them to do their cellar GK beers where currently on offer

The Cock, Bramford had a new manager and offers 3 real ales.

Marquis, Upper Layham was undergoing a £1m refurbishment.

j) Tasting Panel: Not Present, no report. The next panel would be held at the Fat Cat, Ipswich at 1900hrs Thursday 01/06/17. Eric (by email) wondered if a taster session with Green Jack Brewery Lowestoft was feasible.

k) Brewing Liaison Officers:

Briarbank – a competition with Muirhouse Brewery was being planned. Date tbc.

Cliff Quay/Earl Soham – Castle Hill lager not available.

A.O.B.:

East Anglian POTY judging needed to be done by 30th August 2017 latest. Members would need to judge Norwich/Lowestoft and Colchester pubs themselves. The other regional contenders would be done via an organised trip. Date tba.

Norwich City of Ale Trail starts 25th May and ends 4th June.

It had been decided there would be no Ipswich Ale Trail in 2017.

Eric wondered if there was any interest in a brewery tour in Frankfurt Germany?

Future meetings:- Angel, Woodbridge 20th June

California Club, Ipswich 25th July

Spread Eagle, Ipswich Wednesday 23rd August

Railway, Ipswich Wednesday 20th September

Next meeting: Angel, Woodbridge 2000hrs 20th June 2017.

Close meeting: The Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 2045hrs.