

CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch Branch Meeting

Date: 20/06/17

Venue: Angel, Woodbridge

Agenda

Welcome: Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (6) and opened the meeting at 20.04 hrs.

Apologies: Sophie Watson, Terry Holden

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted and Read

Matters arising: None

Correspondence: Mike said that the following memo's had been received from HQ:-
Counter Terrorism Guidance: New Planning laws and CAMRA's ACV support: Pub Of The Year: New Volunteer Promotional Postcards: New Planning Laws and CAMRA's ACV support: Beer Festival Business Plan

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 received by Secretary. The Chairman had received an Email from Andy Shaw at HQ regarding closure dates for 34 closed pubs in the branch area where closure dates had not been recorded. Chairman undertook to request full list and the branch would attempt to supply details.

Officers Reports

a) Chairman: Matt stated that RARA's where going well with the next to Southwold fully subscribed and commented that a double decker could easily have been filled!

b) Vice-Chairman: Not present no report.

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

Barclay (IBF) £474.48

TSB (Branch) £822.22

Petty Cash £ 35.94

£1332.64

Bank account details had been given to Beer&Co for bank transfer payment of £200 for help at their recent Beer and Blues festival.

d) Membership: Not present, no report.

e) Young Membership: Not present no report

f) Social Secretary: Not present no report

g) Media & publicity: Nigel stated that it had been quiet on the media front. The next edition of Last Orders was being prepared at present but needed to be put to bed by 10th July.

h) Beer Festivals: Nigel reported that a meeting had been held with the Long Shop Museum at Leiston re a possible beer festival on 19/20th October. It would be quite small consisting of about 15 beers with another half dozen on sale or return, plus a number of bottled beers. John and Becky from Rock east had attended as it was hoped live music would also be on offer. Confirmation of the event is awaited from the Museum. The John Peel Centre festival at Stowmarket would not now happen this year, though JPC hoped to hold an event during the 1st week of March 2018. After the MEAL Stowmarket festival later this month this would mean that our next branch beer festival would be at xmas/new year in conjunction with Beer&co.

There would be no Ipswich Ale Trail this year due to lack of time and organisers to arrange same.

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

Plough Ipswich had been refurbished.

Mannings Ipswich had been refurbished.

County of Suffolk Ipswich was currently on the market.

j) Tasting Panel: Not Present, no report.

k) Brewing Liaison Officers:

None present no reports

A.O.B.:

In Pub of the Year the Dove had won cider pub of the year. The Fat Cat had been named Ipswich POTY winner, the Royal William Stowmarket urban POTY The White Horse Sweffling had been named Rural pub and overall Branch POTY. The Stanfield Arms Lowestoft had won County POTY after voting by all branches in Suffolk. As stated at the last meeting East Anglian POTY judging needed to be done by 30th August with members needing to judge Norwich, Lowestoft and Colchester winners themselves. Other regional contenders would be done via an organised trip.

Eric reported several members had expressed interest in a brewery tour to Frankfurt Germany as suggested at last meeting and he would look to do a programme for 6-10 people for next year, perhaps May day bank holiday. He also suggested a visit to Greenjack Brewery then on to the Triangle Lowestoft would be a good day out. Perhaps this could be made a tasting panel excursion?

Norfolk/Suffolk Bowls match on 3rd September 2017 (tbc)

Finally Nigel was looking for an assistant editor for Last Orders, as other personal commitments meant he was finding it difficult to give enough time to this.

Next meeting: California Club Ipswich 2000hrs 25th July 2017.

Close meeting: The Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 2053hrs.