

CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch Branch Meeting

Date: 23/08/17

Venue: Spread Eagle, Ipswich

Agenda

Welcome: Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (15) and opened the meeting at 20:02 hrs.

Apologies: Eric Trabbold

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted and Read

Matters arising: Suffolk/Norfolk Bowls match at Beccles on 3rd September 2017

Correspondence: Mike said that the following memo's had been received from HQ:- Cider Bar Training GBBF 2017: Website Development: Good Beer Guide 2018 -Publication,Distribution Timetable and Publicity Embargo: GBG 2018 pre-order form: Launch of What's Brewing website: Business Rates – update and request for campaigning support: Template Letter to councils: Pub Saving Award: 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>

An e-mail has been received from The Long Shop Museum, Leiston. See Beer Festivals section for further details.

Officers Reports

a) Chairman: Matt stated he had nothing to report

b) Vice-Chairman: Sophie stated she had nothing to report

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

Barclay (IBF) £474.48

TSB (Branch) £794.90

Petty Cash £ 44.94

£1314.32

No further action has been taken on the bill from HQ discussed at the last meeting. It was an invoice for information only. The problems with the VAT return are ongoing and the VAT department are getting impatient. We may need to set up new accounts as Ipswich & East Suffolk, rather than Suffolk Branch as at present, in order to operate until this is resolved.

d)Membership: Not present, no report.

e) Young Membership: Not present no report

f) Social Secretary: Not present no report. Nigel reported the seats on the RARA's for September where already fully booked, although there may be a few seats available on the day if Ipswich Buses use the larger vehicles.

g) Media & publicity: Nigel stated that it had been quiet on the media front. The next edition of Last Orders was now out.

h) Beer Festivals: Nigel reported that the beer for the traditional music day event at MEAL, Stowmarket on 2nd September had been ordered. The John Peel Centre, Stowmarket had decided not to proceed with the proposed Beer Festival this year but hoped we would be involved with them in staging one in early March 2018. Long Shop Museum, Leiston had emailed they wished to proceed with the beer festival on 20-21st October and were preparing local advertising posters. They had also secured transport for moving our stillage/counters to and from Stowmarket. Our involvement would be along the lines of our involvement with MEAL's events i.e. we would provide some equipment, expertise and staffing in conjunction with their own volunteer staff. It would be quite small consisting of about 15 beers with another half dozen on sale or return, plus a number of bottled beers. Rock East would provide live music. Mike undertook to contact them re a further meeting to discuss same. Nigel also stated that following last month's meeting at the California Club, Ipswich the club had offered the premises if we wished to stage a beer festival there in the future, depending on their other bookings. Nigel thought that a 30 firkin festival at the club would be possible. Nigel reminded the meeting that the Salutation had also offered their premises as a possible venue.

Rae Gardiner stated he was helping the Golden Hind, Ipswich stage a pub beer festival in October (with no official CAMRA involvement). Nigel undertook to put notice of same in Last Orders and on the branch website.

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

Lord Nelson, Ipswich had changed hands and was offering a discount to CAMRA members

Mannings Ipswich was offering some beers at £2 per pint at present

Grand Old Duke of York, Ipswich it was understood a new lease had been signed and hopefully reopening mid September

Three Buchaneers, Ipswich reopened but no draught real ale presently offered

Boardwalk, Felixstowe new bar opened on the pier with 3 hand pumps serving real ale

Robert Ransome, Ipswich had reopened as a Yates Pub on 22nd August

Pubzilla website had been updated

j) Tasting Panel: Terry hoped to organise a tasting panel to be happening at end September, possibly at the Lord Nelson. The Briarbank, Ipswich was holding their home brewing competition in October and CAMRA had been asked to provide 4 of the judges. Anyone interested in the role should email Terry – first come first served!

k) Brewing Liaison Officers:

Dove Street – new beers – White IPA a 5.6% wheat beer with IPA pretensions! Amarillo, citra and cascade hops with orange, coriander, lemon grass and sage! Also Summer Blade a 5% blonde ale and the current seasonal beer.

A.O.B.:

Allan informed the meeting the Stanfield Arms Lowestoft, after winning County POTY after voting by all branches in Suffolk, had now won East Anglian POTY as well. There would be a presentation to them on 14th October. The Dove St. Inn would receive their certificate as Branch Cider POTY at 1930hrs 31st August.

Next meeting: Railway Ipswich 2000hrs Wednesday 20th September 2017.

Close meeting: The Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 21:06hrs.