

# **CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch Branch Meeting**

Date: 20/09/17

Venue: Railway, Ipswich

## **Agenda**

**Welcome:** Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (11) and opened the meeting at 20:09 hrs.

**Apologies:** Sophie Watson, Jane Scott, Chris Kenworthy, Gordon Taylor

**Minutes of last meeting:** Accepted and Read

**Matters arising:** None

**Correspondence:** Mike said that the following memo's had been received from HQ:-  
Deadline for 2017 Pub Design Award nominations: Important message about cost savings:  
Champion Beer of Britain 2017 voting: Young members Forum and AGM: Update CBOB  
Voting 2017: Brewery Information System users Guide:

**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 had been received

## **Officers Reports**

**a) Chairman:** Matt stated he had nothing to report other than he understood the next RARA in October was already sold out

**b) Vice-Chairman:** Not present no report

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

Barclay (IBF) £474.48

TSB (Branch) £984.90

Petty Cash     £ 44.94

£1504.32

The paperwork for preparing the VAT return had now been received from Peter Tetley and it was hoped to complete the return shortly. However Alan intended to deregister the Branch for VAT as we did not make nearly enough annually to justify being VAT registered. Part of the invoice from HQ discussed at the last meeting was for 'Challenge 25' wristbands which, after discussing it with HQ, we where either going to have to pay for or return to them. Nigel confirmed we had been using them for the MEAL events and that we had almost 2 boxes left.

**d) Membership:** Tim reported that membership currently stood at 1028 and although it varied slightly month to month there is a generally upward trend.

**e) Young Membership:** Not present but an e-mail had been received from Chris stating that we would have a stall at the University of Suffolk Freshers Fair on 31<sup>st</sup> October at 1100 – 1400hrs for which volunteers where required.

**f) Social Secretary:** Not present no report. Nigel proposed a possible trip to Wibblers brewery on 25<sup>th</sup> November, cost would be £10.00 per head. The trip might also be tied in with a visit to the Rochford Beer Festival (near Southend).

Traditionally toward winter and Xmas the branch held a number of Saturday Staggers (that's afternoon pub crawls for the uninitiated!). The first 2 were set for Felixstowe on 28<sup>th</sup> October and Woodbridge on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Time/itinerary will be circulated asap

**g) Media & publicity:** Nigel stated that BBC Radio Suffolk had invited him on the Mark Murphy Show to talk about the Good Beer Guide and pub closures however he had never actually got on air! The deadline for the next edition of Last Orders was 10<sup>th</sup> October and any articles for inclusion where needed by then..

**h) Beer Festivals:** Nigel reported that the Traditional Music and Beer Festival at the Long Shop Museum, Leiston was on for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Although the Beer Festival would officially be over any left over beer would be sold at a real ale bar during the Museum's Final Fling event on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Set up day would be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and volunteers for this event where needed. Any such should contact either Nigel or Mike asap.

Volunteers where also needed for Beer & Co's Saints Winter Beer&Wine Festival on 30-31<sup>st</sup> December – this is the second Beer&Co festival the Branch agreed to help with. Please note this does not mean we need to provide assistance at the New Year Hootenanny on the evening of 31<sup>st</sup> December, which is a separate event. (Anyone willing to help at any other Beer&Co event the Branch is not involved with should contact the company about volunteering separately!)

Rae Gardiner stated he was helping the Golden Hind, Ipswich stage a pub beer festival over the weekends of 20-21<sup>st</sup> and 27-28<sup>th</sup> October (with no official CAMRA involvement). There would be 20 local East Anglian beers with perhaps another 20 from afar. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help should contact Rae at the venue on the day.

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

Lord Nelson, Ipswich reopened as a free house not an Adnams tied house. Name being changed to the Nelson.

The Boot Freston – the local community is trying to reopen the pub as a community run pub

Grand Old Duke of York, Ipswich – reopens on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Dobermann Framsdan – Owner looking to redevelop. ACV being looked for by local community

Shamrock, Ipswich – no longer sells any real ale.

Oyster, Butley – A new brewery has been put in to the rear of the pub. First brew by end of October.

Debenham – all 3 pubs in the town on the market at present.

**j) Tasting Panel:** Not present no report

### **k) Brewing Liaison Officers:**

None present no reports. Nigel commented that a numbers of new breweries were springing up locally for which BLO's would be needed.

### **A.O.B.:**

Allan reminded the meeting that the Stanfield Arms Lowestoft, would be presented with an award as County POTY on 14<sup>th</sup> October and there would be a social of all Suffolk branches after. It was proposed to catch the 1017hrs train from Ipswich on the day for those wishing to attend.

Allan also announced nominations for the 2019 GBG would open mid-October and would close mid-November. Voting would commence in December. Voting procedures would be examined/finalised at the November meeting, with the question of proxy voting being particularly examined.

Nigel informed the meeting there would be a Suffolk Branches Liaison meeting at the Old Kings Head, Brockdish at 1300hrs 11<sup>th</sup> November. Those travelling by public transport should catch the train to Diss then catch the 581 bus.

### Future Meetings

November 22<sup>nd</sup> (Wednesday) Steamboat, Ipswich 20:00hrs

December 12<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) St Judes, Ipswich 20:00hrs

January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 (Tuesday) Thomas Woolsey, Ipswich 20:00hrs – followed immediately by Branch Annual General Meeting and election of Branch Committee.

**Next meeting: Mannings Ipswich 2000hrs Wednesday 24<sup>h</sup> October 2017.**

**Close meeting:** The Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 21:18hrs.