

CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch Branch Meeting

Date: 24/10/17

Venue: Mannings, Ipswich

Agenda

Welcome: Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (14) and opened the meeting at 20:05 hrs.

Apologies: Sophie Watson, Eric Trabbold, Phil Hastie

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted and Read

Matters arising: A request was made that future meeting dates be advertised in What's Brewing. It was explained that although this was desired the cut off time to get dates in What's Brewing where so far in advance this was often impossible.

Correspondence: Mike said that the following memo's had been received from HQ:- Young Members National Forum and AGM: Year End Financial Statement and Remittances: Discourse – CAMRA's Official Forum: Membership Artwork and Branch magazines: Membership Secretary document: Pre-registration for members Weekend AGM and Conference: GBBF Winter 2018 Promotional Materials

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 his intention to stand down as Chairman at the AGM.

b) Vice-Chairman: Not present no report

c) Treasurer: Allan reported he had a couple of meetings with Peter Tetley re the outstanding VAT return and now needed to talk to Gordon, the previous Treasurer, to check a few things then hopefully this could be finalised.

d) Membership: Not present no report. Nigel stated that the change of Branch boundaries would be progressed at the Suffolk Branches Liaison Meeting at Brockdish on 11th November. Some 50-60 members would be effected by the changes.

e) Young Membership: Not present no report. However Chris had e-mailed Matt that we would not have a stall at the UCS Freshers Fair.

f) Social Secretary: Jane reported the visit to Harwich Old Town Sea shanty Festival was a good day out and reminded the meeting that the Harwich Sausage event was coming up soon. as per the Social events E-mail she had recently circulated to all members. She also reminded the meeting the Norwich Beer Festival was currently in progress and mooted the idea of a London Pub trip, pointing out that there where a number of good real ale pubs within easy walking distance of Liverpool St. Station. Perhaps we might undertake some joint trips with Norwich Branch? Nigel stated he was still looking at a visit to Wibblers Brewery and

Rochford Beer Festival but stated the cost was prohibitive using Ipswich Buses but he was looking at alternatives.

Eric had sent an e-mail requesting that members interested in the possible beer tour to Frankfurt Germany next spring make themselves known together with a convenient date.

g) Media & publicity: Nigel stated he had not taken part in any media events since the last meeting. The next edition of Last Orders was done and would be out soon.

h) Beer Festivals: Nigel reported that Long Shop Museum beer festival had been relatively successful, though due to a problem with the licence there had been no bar on the Sunday. The Long Shop seemed happy with the event and had indicated that it might become a yearly event.

The John Peel Centre, Stowmarket had requested an event as in the past but on the 2nd/3rd march 2018. However due to other commitments Nigel stated he would be unable to organise this. Jane undertook to take the lead on preparing for this event.

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

Lord Nelson, Ipswich – reopened but presently still tied to Adnams beers. However the current agreement with Adnams ceases in early 2018 when it will become a true freehouse.

Grand Old Duke of York, Ipswich – had reopened but seemed to be all Green King beers.

Woolpack Debenham – had changed hands.

j) Tasting Panel: Not present no report. However Gordon remarked that he and some other members were judging at the Briarbank Home Brewing Competition coming up soon. It had proved very popular in previous years and they were all looking forward to tasting the entries!

k) Brewing Liaison Officers:

None present but Chris had e-mailed a report that Briarbank would be serving their Insanity and Pumpkin beers soon. Nigel commented that a number of new breweries were springing up locally for which BLO's would be needed. Burnt Mill Brewery Stowmarket, Peninsula Ales Rendlesham where test brewing. Cabin Bildeston, Star Wing at Redgrave and Shuck Halesworth where also coming on commercially. The Oyster Butley, Bull at Trostan and Fox Shadingfield are all Brew pubs. BLO's would be needed for them all.

A.O.B.:

Future Meetings

November 22nd (Wednesday) Steamboat, Ipswich 20:00hrs

December 12th (Tuesday) St Judes, Ipswich 20:00hrs

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

Next meeting: Steamboat Ipswich 2000hrs Wednesday 22nd November 2017.

Close meeting: The Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 21:23hrs.

