

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

Date: 22/11/17

Venue: Steamboat, Ipswich

## **Agenda**

**Welcome:** Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (6) and opened the meeting at 20:02 hrs.

**Apologies:** Sophie Watson, Eric Trabbold, Jane Scott, Gordon Taylor

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

## **Matters arising:**

**Correspondence:** Mike said that the following memo's had been received from HQ:-  
Christmas gift Membership 2017 promotion: National Executive Elections 2018: Pubs Code recent developments: Branch Magazine survey: Membership price Increase: CAMRA support PubAid and the Worlds Biggest Pub Quiz: National Pub of the Year 2018 Competition Dates: GBG 2019 an Overview of the Editorial and Production Process Factsheet: GBG 2019 Pub Surveying information Memo: GBG 2019 Pubs Section Schedule Timeline: GBG 2019 Stylesheet: GBG 2019 Survey Form – A3form: (ditto but A4 form): CAMRA Conference 2018 – Submitting Motions to Conference: Data Protection Update:

**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>**

The Chairman (Matt) had received an e-mail from Phil Hastie regarding disabled access to the venue selected for the AGM meeting in January 2018. Whilst the Thomas Wolsey offered sufficient space for the AGM the fact it was on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor made access by people with limited mobility difficult. It was felt that Phil had a valid point and that a change of venue for this important meeting was required. It was decided to change the venue to the meeting room at the Arcade Tavern Ipswich at 20:00hrs 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.

## **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 no change in The IBF and Petty Cash accounts but after payment of some minor expenses the Branch account stands at £873.99.

He also reported the Branch End Of Year Returns where required by HQ by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017. He did not see any problems meeting this deadline.

**d) Membership:** Not present no report.

**e) Young Membership:** Not present however Chris had e-mailed Matt that at the Young Members meeting in St Albans on 12<sup>th</sup> November the age limit for young members had been reviewed. The next Young Members meeting would be at the GBBF Winter Festival at Norwich.

**f) Social Secretary:** Not present no report.

**g) Media & publicity:** Nigel stated he had not taken part in any media events since the last meeting. The next edition of Last Orders would be out about 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018. He had also done and submitted a branch report for the Regional meeting held recently.

**h) Beer Festivals:** Nigel reported that a meeting had been held with John Peel Centre re their proposed beer festival. Phil was looking at setting a beer list and would be looking to order the beer. JPC had requested 4 hour shifts for working bar staff to cover the event. However it was felt that an internal branch meeting re the event was required as there were some concerns regarding covering the event by the Branch. A number of the people managing the event for the branch had health issues and proper cover by the branch for the event was felt to be uncertain.

The Museum of East Anglian Life wanted a meeting re the 2018 events. One worry for all small/local events was that CAMRA HQ were looking for a sum of £50 for Public Liability Insurance costs for set up and take/down which might not necessarily be covered by the events own insurance. This would have an impact on both JPC and MEAL events in the coming year.

Beer&Co were looking for some support (by individuals not the Branch as a body) for their events on Friday 29/12 and Sat 30/12 4 hour shifts 12-4, 4-8 and 8-1130 pm. Anyone willing should volunteer direct with Beer&Co.

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

Green Man, Tunstall – now closed

Bowmans, Ipswich – now closed

County of Suffolk, Ipswich – being re-vamped.

Ark, Cattawade – now a bar/restaurant

Red Lion, Bildeston – now selling beer from Cabin Brewery

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

**k) Brewing Liaison Officers:**

None present no reports. However on general brewery news Earl Soham had new brew kit going in in the new year. Butley Oyster had their 1<sup>st</sup> brew due to be available this coming week end.

**A.O.B.:**

Allan reminded the meeting that GBG 2019 nominations were now open but would close on 12/12/2017. The secretary had sent an email to branch members on this subject today. It was proposed to reduce the Ipswich nominations to 7 and the Woodbridge nominations to 3. Branch total remained at 29.

Nigel stated that the proposed boundary changes had been discussed at the recent Suffolk branches meeting and agreed. Some 40/50 branch members would be affected. On another general point the Regional Revitalisation Study was shortly to be signed off. Also HQ were looking to set up a chat room forum via the Comms Tool.

## Future Meetings

December 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 (Tuesday) St Judes, Ipswich 20:00hrs

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

**Next meeting: St Judes Ipswich 2000hrs Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

**Close meeting:** The Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 21:29hrs.