

CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch Branch Meeting

Date: 12/12/17

Venue: St Judes, Ipswich

Agenda

Welcome: Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (14) and opened the meeting at 20:06 hrs.

Apologies: Eric Trabbold, Jane Scott, 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: Pub Company Operating Models article:Whats brewing Production Schedule: First Aid training at manchester Beer festival: Festival Glass Procurement Guidance 2018: Year End financial Statment and Remittances: CAMRA to welcome a new National chairman: Festival Procurement Support – Glasses: Sharing Beer scores with Licensees

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 had nothing to report other than to remind the meeting that the venue for the January meeting and AGM had been switched to the Arcade Tavern Ipswich.

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 £833.69. He was also talking to the VAT re our outstanding return and deregistering the branch for vat in the future.

d)Membership: Tim reported that membership had increased by 190 since his last report, mostly due to Xmas gift sales. On average there was an increase of +9 per month and total branch membership currently stood at 1029. Overall 211 of there where joint memberships and there was a roughly 80/20 male to female split.

e) Young Membership: Not present no report.

f) Social Secretary: Not present no report. However Eric wanted confirmation of numbers of people interested in the proposed visit to Frankfurt germany in the sping.

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 10th January 2018.As usual articles where wanted for inclusion. He was also still looking for a volunteer deputy editor for the magazine. The last RARA of 2017 had just taken place and he was trying to prepare a list of venues for the 2018 RARA's as Ipswich buses wanted to prepare leaflets asap. Although it was difficult to fix venues up to a year in advance he was looking at same. There where likely to be more morning trips rather than Friday/Saturday evening ones as this seemed to be peoples preference.

h) Beer Festivals: Nigel reported that meetings had been held with John Peel Centre re their beer festival and CAMRA had approved our involvement with same. The event was planned for Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd March 2018 and would be open from 1200 to 2300hrs each day. Phil Hastie had arranged with Flying Firkin to provide the beer. There would be few or no local beers and about 20 firkins would be ordered. The Museum of East Anglian Life had wanted a meeting re the 2018 events but this had been cancelled and would be rebooked for early in 2018. Norwich branch were hosting the 2018 National Winter Ale Festival from Tuesday 20th to Saturday 24th February 2018. Nigel was helping with the beer ordering and it was looking to be a 50/50 split between winter ales & darks and lighter beers.

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:-

Bricklayers Ipswich – reopen (had been closed for a short time)

Golden hind, Ipswich – had a new manager

County of Suffolk, Ipswich – currently being revamped

Inkerman, Ipswich – was doing real ale again

Norbridge Social Club, Ipswich – was allowing CAMRA members in as long as a CAMRA membership card is shown

Plough, Stutton -had changed hands

George, Wickham Market – being refurbished after being closed for some years

j) Tasting Panel: Not present no report.

k) Brewing Liaison Officers:

None present no reports.

A.O.B.: Allan reminded the meeting that GBG 2019 nominations were now open but would close on 12/12/2017. There were 101 pubs nominated and 28 places in the guide for the Branch. Allan proposed that members could vote for 7 Ipswich, 3 Woodbridge and 4 Stowmarket pubs, the rest being rural pubs (this was slightly down on previous years) After discussion the proposal was voted on:- For 11, Against 1 Abstentions 2 Motion carried

Future Meetings

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

February 27th 2018 (Tuesday) Thomas Wolsey Ipswich

March 22nd 2018 (Thursday) Spread Eagle Ipswich

Next meeting: Arcade Tavern Ipswich 2000hrs Tuesday 23rd January 2017 followed by Annual General Meeting.

Close meeting: The Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 21:35hrs.