

CAMRA – Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch Branch Meeting

Date: 23/01/18

Venue: Arcade St. Tavern, Ipswich

Agenda

Welcome: Chairman (Matt) welcomed members (23) and opened the meeting at 20:05 hrs.

Apologies: Liz Edwards, Jane Scott, Phil Hardie, Eric Trabbold

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted and Read

Matters arising: None

Correspondence: Mike said that the following memo's had been received from HQ: Discrimination at beer festivals: 1st aid training at Manchester beer festival: Clubs on WhatPub: Campaigner of the year 2018 nominations: Pub closure statistics: Cider Pub Of The Year 2018: Eventbrite advanced tickets for festival use: Eventbrite info pack: Beer temperatures at CAMRA festivals: External Policy Documents post Conference 2017: Get involved with CAMRA's big decision: Internal and External policy documents: Internal Policy Document post Conference 2017: WhatPub updates

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 reported that the Real Ale Run Abouts had once again been well supported, especially by non- CAMRA attendees! Once again there had been no Ipswich beer Festival but some smaller joint festivals with outside bodies had taken place, particularly at Museum of East Anglian Life. However staffing at the various MEAL festivals had been mostly by Museum volunteers not the Branch. This was quite worrying given that our participation at MEAL events effectively “paid the rent” for our storage container located at the Museum.

b) Vice-Chairman: Sophie stated that due to Matt's efforts she had nothing to report.

c) Treasurer: Allan reported that financially it was quiet. Mike and Shirley had done sterling work on posting copies of Last Orders out to subscribers. However with ever increasing costs there was a case for a possible subscription rise to £4.00. The VAT return was being sorted and a stock take of the lock-up at MEAL re branch assets done. Allan provided the meeting with copies of the Summary Accounting Return 2017 , which where still subject to approval by the branch Auditors.

d) Membership: Tim reported that membership stood at 1023 presently. There were 407 joint memberships, 616 single and 29 life members in the branch. Demographically 35 members where under 30, 111 under 40 and 140 over 60. The majority of the membership was therefore between 40 and 60 years old.

e) Young Membership: Chris had nothing to report, other than there was a young members social on 24th February at the National Winter Ale Festival at Norwich

f) Social Secretary: Not present no report. However Jane had an article re recent social activities published in the last edition of Last Orders.

g) Media & publicity: Nigel stated he had not taken part in any media events since the last meeting. There had been 4 editions of last Orders in the last year and there had been no negative feed back re content. Despite his requests there had still been no offers of help in producing the magazine and he would ask again. A typical run of Last Orders was 7000, of which 3000 were delivered by the printer and the rest by CAMRA members , though there were very few helping to do so! Particular thanks were due to David and Roger for their efforts on this. The RARA's would be supported by Ipswich Buses again in the coming year, but they were looking to make them more commercially successful. To this end there would be a small price rise (some 20p to CAMRA members). A list for the coming year had been submitted , with more of the popular day trips.

h) Beer Festivals: Nigel reported that the Branch had pulled out of the joint festival with the John Peel Centre, but this would still go ahead on 2nd/3rd March with outside assistance. It was understood that volunteers to assist were still required. See Last Orders for details.

Mid Suffolk Light Railway were holding a beer festival on 8/9th September and a RARA bus trip had been arranged to attend this. The Branch might help with stillage if this event was CAMRA approved. Volunteers for this event were required if anyone was interested.

The Long Shop Museum, Leiston might hold a beer festival late in the year but there needed to be some financial return to the branch for us to be involved.

The MEAL beer festival would be held on 6/7/8th July and arrangements for a meeting with them needed to be made. Also volunteers would be required.

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

County of Suffolk, Ipswich – now re-opened

Oyster, Butley – management team has left, new management team awaited

Rose, Crowfield – has been closed for a long time but has been bought. Should reopen end 2018

Ark, Cattawade – reopened in November 2017 as a restaurant/bar

George, Wickham Mkt – was gutted by fire but a community benefit society looking to buy and re-open it.

j) Tasting Panel: Not present no report.

k) Brewing Liaison Officers:

St. Judes – last new beer was pre-xmas.

Briarbank – Insanity Clause went well. A wheat beer should be out at end January.

A.O.B.: CAMRA cricket report – several good games over the year. In the match against Barwell 187 were made in 24 overs but in the Ipswich Cup game at Brightlingsea Eastern Ladies beat us with overs to spare! Ipswich Cricket Club played 2 games against us and unfortunately we lost both! The game against Old Bentonians had to be abandoned after 5

overs due to atrocious weather. Overall results – 1 win, 5 draws, 1 defeat and 1 abandoned.
Player of the year Colin Sparrow. (a full report in next edition of last orders - hopefully!)

Next meeting: Thomas Wolsey Ipswich 2000hrs Tuesday 27rd February 2018.

Close meeting: The Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 21:12hrs.

Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch, CAMRA, Annual General Meeting

Nigel Smith, Suffolk County Organiser, took charge of the meeting. He thanked both Matt (outgoing Chairman) and Mike (outgoing Secretary), both of whom were not standing again, for their efforts over their time in post. He also noted that tough times looked to be ahead for CAMRA generally over the coming year.

The meeting then proceeded to election of Branch Officers:-

Chairman – 1 candidate, Gordon Taylor. Proposed Allan Crampton, seconded Chris Kenworthy. **Elected unopposed.**

Secretary & branch Contact – 1 candidate, Mike Day. Proposed Sophie Watson, seconded Mike Lewis. **Elected unopposed**

Vice Chairman – 1 candidate, Sophie Watson. Proposed Caroline Crampton, seconded Mike Lewis. **Elected unopposed**

Treasurer – 1 candidate, Allan Crampton. Proposed Sophie Watson, seconded Chris Kenworthy. **Elected unopposed**

Membership Secretary – 1 candidate Tim Edwards. Proposed Allan Crampton, seconded Chris Kenworthy. **Elected unopposed**

Under 26 Membership – 1 candidate, Chris Kenworthy. Proposed Nigel Smith, seconded Mike Lewis. **Elected unopposed**

Pubs Officer – 1 candidate, Roger Greep. Proposed Nigel Smith, seconded Mike Lewis. **Elected unopposed**

Social Secretary – 2 candidates, Matt Long & Jane Scott (not present but indicated would stand by e-mail). Voting – for Matt 17, for Jane 1, abstentions 5. **Matt Long elected.**

Members without Portfolio – left vacant till required

Other non committee posts – Allan Crampton undertook Cider Rep and Terry Marquand Tasting Panel Organiser positions.

AGM ended 2155hrs