



## CAMRA NORTH DEVON

### Minutes of the Branch Meeting held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 at 12.30pm in the Taw River, Sticklepath, Nr. Okehampton.

#### Present

Morris Elsworth (Chairman)	Bob Goddard
Terry Burrows (Secretary & Membership)	Brenda Goddard
Trish Burrows (Treasurer and Minutes)	Charlotte Goddard
Fiona Elsworth	Trevor Nash
Kerry Reardon	

Morris welcomed Trevor Nash to the meeting as a new member of the Branch.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Dave Anderson, Sandra Anderson, Dave Budd (Pubs Officer), Alan Cruse, Alison Cruse, Chris Franks (Press Officer & Social Sec.), Keith Freak (Vice Chairman), Clive Hampson, Trish Hampson, Mike James, Sarah Prew, Phil Rogers, Chris Smyth, Jackie Smyth, Allan Stephenson, Bernard Wharton.

#### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- The Minutes of the AGM in March and the Branch meeting in February had been circulated and were accepted as being correct.

#### 3. Matters Arising

- Outstanding actions from AGM are:
  - 10A “Criteria for GBG selection” to be discussed at Agenda item 13.
  - 10B Branch POTY selection to be discussed at a future Branch meeting.
  - 10C Branch Constitution Terry has a draft constitution that will be discussed at a future Branch meeting.
  - 11A CAMRA HQ have been informed of Branch Officials.
  - 12A RD was informed of Branch POTY, Hunters Inn, Heddon Valley.
  - 12B POTY Certificates were ordered and received for winner and runner-up.
  - 13A Tour of Teignworthy Brewery took place on 30<sup>th</sup> May. It was a great success. The chairman thanked Chris for organising the tour.
- Outstanding actions from Branch Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> February are:
  - 3A Gill White has been informed of Forge Brewery and Dave Budd has been nominated as BLO (Forge Brewery will be included in the 2010 GBG).
  - 3B Pub Watch Survey was sent to Paul Ainsworth.
  - 7A As 13A above.

#### 4. Chairman’s Report

- Morris, Fiona, Terry and Trish represented the branch at beer festivals held at Rougemont Castle, Exeter and St Ives. All the Regional Pubs of the Year have been judged and the results have been sent to the RD.

- Both POTY Certificates were presented to the Winner (Hunters Inn) and the Runner-up (Castle) of our POTY.
- Morris, Fiona and Terry attended the Regional Meeting. There was a long discussion concerning the South West motion put at the Member's AGM. The motion concerned single price tokens at beer festivals being decided by local Branches. The motion was defeated, but due to a technicality it will be re-entered next year. Due to the length of the discussion on this matter, we were unable to stay to participate in the item on selection of Branch POTY.
- Mail Outs –
  - CAMRA to use its “super complainant power” for the first time following recommendations from the Commons Business & Enterprise Select Committee calling for a fairer “tie” and ending the inequity of the bargaining power pub companies have over lessees. The process is aimed at the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) and should be significantly faster than a Competition Commission investigation.
  - CAMRA has announced that it will be looking at ways to celebrate its 100,000th member.

## **5. Secretary's Report**

- Terry asked if members were receiving the information and newsletters that were being distributed either by e-mail or post. All present were satisfied that they were.
- All members with internet facility were encouraged to log on to the main CAMRA web site for up to date information and mail outs. Members will need to put in their Membership number and a password of their choice.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

- Financial report circulated.
- Two 2009 GBG's were donated by the Branch for the auction held at the Hatherleigh Rotary Club function at the Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum where £10,500 was raised for children's charities.
- Copies of old GBG's are still available if members know of anyone who wishes to purchase them.

## **7. Membership Secretary's Report**

- Branch Membership stands at 193. National membership is 101,592 (variable).
- Membership Secretary Workshops are being arranged for 2010 and Terry (if still in post) intends to attend his nearest one which hopefully will be in Bristol.

## **8. Pubs Officer's Report & Pubs Database**

- Dave Budd not present.
- New Inn, Sampford Courtney has been purchased from Heavitree and re-opened with new owners.
- Kings Arms, South Zeal has also been purchased from Heavitree and under new ownership with the current licensees remaining as managers.
- Oxenham Arms, South Zeal has also re-opened with the previous licensee back in business.
- Post Inn, Whiddon Down due to re-open soon, probably as a restaurant and B&B.
- Terry has seen a prototype of the Pubs Database which is very comprehensive and will need all member's co-operation to keep it up to date.

## 9. Young Members Co-ordinator's Report

- Charlotte had nothing to report. Terry offered to send details of any young members we have to Charlotte which was accepted. **ACTION**

## 10. Social Secretary & Press Officer's Report

- Chris Franks not present but has floated the idea of a Branch Pub Crawl along the Tarka Rail Ale trail ending up in Exmouth. If agreed this will take place sometime in October. All members present were in favour. **ACTION**

## 11. BLO Reports

- Barum – North Devon Beer Festival due to take place 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August at North Devon Leisure Centre. Tim will be brewing a new beer to celebrate the birth of his second child.
- Clearwater – Rumours of Brian closing the brewery have been confirmed. Terry had a garbled phone conversation with Brian who confirmed that the equipment is being sold to someone in Somerset and he will be closing in about three months. **ACTION**
- Jollyboat – Terry spoke to Hugh at the County show and he is carrying on as usual.
- No other reports received.

## 12. Pub Closures

- None known.

## 13. Good Beer Guide (GBG)

- All our entries for the 2010 GBG are still operating, so it is unlikely that any reserves will need to be used.
- 2011 Nominations:
  - Seven Stars, Winkleigh – carried forward as 1<sup>st</sup> reserve.
  - Lacey's Ale & Cider House, Bideford – carried forward as 2<sup>nd</sup> reserve.
  - Red Lion, Exbourne – Morris & Fiona.
  - Pig on the Hill, Pusehill, Westward Ho! – Trish & Terry.
  - Blue Ball Inn, Countisbury – South Herts member by e-mail.
  - Mariners Arms, Braunton – visited by Dave Budd who would like other members to visit.

## 14. Website

- Nigel Davis not present

## 15. Newsletter

- The Summer/Autumn newsletter was sent out at the end of May, but it was necessary to issue an interim newsletter with amendments and additions to beer festivals and meetings.

## 16. Beer Festivals

- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, Mini Beer Festival, Woody Bay Station, Parracombe, EX31 4RA.
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August, Great British Beer Festival, Earls Court, London, SW5 9TA.
- 15<sup>th</sup> August, Weare Giffard, Mini Beer Festival at the Village Fete, EX39 4QR, 2pm – Close. Up to 6 beers & 2 ciders and entertainment by the Appledore Silver Band.
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, North Devon Beer Festival, Parkwood Leisure Centre, Seven Brethren Bank, Barnstaple, EX31 2AP.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August, Landmark Beer Festival, Ilfracombe, EX34 9BZ.

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August, Rackenford Beer Festival, Village Recreational Ground, EX16 8DU, Noon till late.
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September, Heddon Valley Beer Festival, Hunters Inn (near Parracombe), EX31 4PY.
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September, Somerset Beer Festival, Platform at Minehead station, Minehead, TA24 5BG.
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September, South Devon Beer Festival, Newton Abbot racecourse, TQ12 3AF.

### 17. Social Events

- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009, BBQ & Social in aid of the Devon Air Ambulance, 12 noon (eating @ 1pm), Little Shelfin Farm, Mullacott Cross, Ilfracombe, EX34 8NZ. Burgers, bangers, buns and soft drinks will be provided. Some vegetarian food available, but if you have special dietary needs then please bring your own. We are hoping a cask of ale (or two) can be arranged. Cost £6 a head. All money collected will be donated to the charity.

### 18. Any Other Business

- None.

### 19. Date and venue of next meetings

- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009, Brief Meeting/Social, 12.30pm, London Inn, Molland, Nr. South Molton, EX36 3NG.
- **No meeting scheduled for August. Hope to see you at the GBBF, Earls Court.**
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009, Branch Meeting, 12.30pm, Pig on the Hill, Pusehill, Nr. Westward Ho! EX39 5AH.
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009, Branch Meeting, 1.00pm, Seven Stars, Winkleigh, EX19 8HX.
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009, Brief Meeting/Social, 12.30pm, Rydon Inn, Holsworthy, EX22 7HU.

### Action List

No.	Action	Who?
9A	Send Young Members details to Branch Co-ordinator.	Terry
10A	Arrange Branch Social on Tarka Rail Ale trail and Exmouth.	Chris Franks
11A	Inform BLC of impending closure of Clearwater Brewery.	Terry