



NORTH DEVON CAMRA

Minutes of the Brief Meeting & Social held on Saturday 18th July, 2009 at 12.30pm in the London Inn, Molland, Nr. South Molton.

Present

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| Morris Elsworth (Chairman) | Bob Goddard |
| Terry Burrows (Secretary & Membership) | Brenda Goddard |
| Trish Burrows (Treasurer and Minutes) | Trish Hampson |
| Chris Franks (Press Officer & Social Sec.) | Clive Hampson |
| Dave Budd (Pubs Officer) | Chris Smyth |
| Fiona Elsworth | Jackie Smyth |
| Nigel Davis | Phil Rogers |

1. Apologies for absence

Charlotte Goddard, Allan Stephenson, Geoff Spicer, Barbara Spicer.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

3. Matters Arising

- Outstanding actions from Branch Meeting 27th June are:
 - 9A - Terry has sent detail of the Branch Young Member's to Charlotte Goddard.
 - 10A – Chris Franks has arranged the Branch Social on the Tarka Rail Ale Trail for 31st October. Details to be confirmed and circulated. **ACTION**
 - 11A – BLC not informed of closure of Clearwater Brewery. Chris Franks informed the meeting that circumstances had now changed and the brewery would remain open.

4. Branch Officials' Reports

- Trish circulated the latest Financial Report.
- Morris has enquired about 'Working' T Shirts. Cost £5 + VAT, to be sold to members for £7. Tricia Hampson proposed that we go ahead with the order. Seconded by Chris Smyth. Carried Unanimously. Vote taken on the colour. 4 votes for Maroon, but 5 voted for a different colour with light blue being the favoured choice. **ACTION**
- Terry produced a letter from Philip Pyle, Hatherleigh Rotary Club, confirming that the charity event held at the Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum made £10,500 profit for charity.

5. Pub Database

- System is now on line, but lacking in data.

- Members visiting pubs in our area are asked to gather information and photographs of pubs where possible. Nigel will be producing a database survey form to assist with this. Keep it Simple! **ACTION**.
- Members will be able to update entries on a parallel database, which will be checked and confirmed by Nigel (and Dave Budd in due course) before being uploaded onto the official database.

6. BLO Reports

- Barum – No update but Tim is going ahead with the North Devon Beer Festival at the Barnstaple Leisure Centre from 20th – 23rd August.
- Clearwater – See item 3 above.
- Forge Brewery – Now brewing four beers.

7. Good Beer Guide (GBG)

- Launch date for 2010 GBG will be 10th September. Cost to the public will be £15.99p. Branch pays £9 for each copy. Members attending a Branch Meeting in Sept/Oct/Nov can pay £10. Other members and Licensees decided at £11.
- 36 copies to be ordered for the Branch. **ACTION**
- Research by Nigel found that there is no written rule that omits a pub for change of management or if it is up for sale. Confirmed by Terry and to be considered for 2011 entries.
- Beer sold in plastic polybins complies with CAMRA real ale definition.
- 2011 Nominations:
 - Seven Stars, Winkleigh – carried forward as 1st reserve.
 - Lacey's Ale & Cider House, Bideford – carried forward as 2nd 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.
 - Fox & Goose, Parracombe – Nigel Davis.
 - Grampus, Lee – Chris & Jackie Smyth.

8. Beer Festivals

- 15th 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 20th to Sunday 23rd August, North Devon Beer Festival, Parkwood Leisure Centre, Seven Brethren Bank, Barnstaple, EX31 2AP. Any volunteers wishing to help, please contact Tim Webster, details at www.northdevonbeerfestival.com
- Friday 28th to Monday 31st August, Landmark Beer Festival, Ilfracombe, EX34 9BZ.
- Saturday 29th to Sunday 30th August, Rackenford Beer Festival, Village Recreational Ground, EX16 8DU, Noon till late.
- Friday 11th to Sunday 13th September, Heddon Valley Beer Festival, Hunters Inn (near Parracombe), EX31 4PY.
- Saturday 12th to Sunday 13th September, Somerset Beer Festival, Platform at Minehead station, Minehead, TA24 5BG.
- Thursday 17th to Saturday 19th September, South Devon Beer Festival, Newton Abbot racecourse, TQ12 3AF.

9. Social Events

- Saturday 5th September 2009, 12.30pm, BBQ & Social, 12 noon (eating @ 1pm), Little Shelfin Farm, Mullacott Cross, Ilfracombe, EX34 8NZ. Cost £6 a head. All money collected will be donated to the Devon Air Ambulance.
- Saturday 31st October 2009, Tarka Rail Ale Trail to Exmouth. Details to be confirmed.
- Saturday 12th December 2009, 12 noon approx. Christmas Social with Exeter & East Devon Branch at the Tom Cobley, Spreyton. Lunch to be followed by the Beer Tasting Quiz again!

10. Date and venue of next meetings

- Saturday 26th September 2009, Branch Meeting, 12.30pm, Pig on the Hill, Pusehill, Nr. Westward Ho! EX39 5AH.
- Saturday 17th October 2009, Branch Meeting, 1.00pm, Seven Stars, Winkleigh, EX19 8HX.
- Saturday 14th November 2009, Brief Meeting/Social, 12.30pm, Rydon Inn, Holsworthy, EX22 7HU.

Action List

| No. | Action | Who? |
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| 3A | Confirm and circulate details of the Branch Social due to take place on 31 st October to the Tarka Rail Ale trail ending in Exmouth. | Chris Franks |
| 4A | Order Branch 'Working' T Shirts in a light blue colour. | Morris |
| 5A | Produce a database survey form so that members can update entries on the Branch Pubs Database. | Nigel Davis |
| 7A | Order 36 copies of the GBG 2010 from CAMRA HQ. | Terry |