



## CAMRA NORTH DEVON

### Minutes of the Branch Meeting held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 at 12.30pm in the Pig on the Hill, Pusehill, Nr. Westward Ho!

#### Present

Morris Elsworth (Chairman)	John Adey
Terry Burrows (Secretary & Membership)	Trish Hampson
Trish Burrows (Treasurer and Minutes)	Clive Hampson
Dave Budd (Pubs Officer)	Dave Anderson
Fiona Elsworth	Sandra Anderson
Phil Rogers	Trevor Nash
Kerry Reardon	Mike James

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Keith Freak (Vice Chairman), Chris Franks (Press Officer & Social Sec.), Mick Gullick, Bob Goddard, Brenda Goddard, Charlotte Goddard, Allan Stephenson, Nigel Davis, Chris Smyth, Jackie Smyth, Allan Stephenson.

#### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

#### 3. Matters Arising

- Outstanding actions from Branch Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> June are:
  - 3A - Chris Franks was not present and the details for the Branch Social on the Tarka Rail Ale Trail on 31<sup>st</sup> October are still to be confirmed and circulated.  
**ACTION.**
  - 4A – Branch ‘working’ T shirts have been obtained and are on sale to members at £7.
  - 5A – Nigel Davies was not present and the Database Survey Forms are ongoing.  
**ACTION.**
  - 7A – Terry has obtained 36 copies of the GBG 2010.

#### 4. Chairman’s Report

- Morris apologised for the T Shirts not being available at the BBQ as he was unwell and unable to attend.
- Morris, Fiona, Trish and Terry attended the GBBF on 5<sup>th</sup> August. Once again, it was an excellent event but Terry noted that there seemed to be a reduction on the number of beers available and only one from North Devon breweries (Jollyboat Mainbrace).
- The Champion Beer of Britain was Rudgate’s Ruby Mild.
- Morris, Fiona, Trish and Terry attended the South Devon Beer Festival at Newton Abbot racecourse on 19<sup>th</sup> September. It was a glorious afternoon, sitting outside in the sunshine with excellent beer.

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

- Information from George Ballard that the sum of £273 had been collected for the Devon Air Ambulance at the BBQ on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

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

- Financial report circulated.
- Fiona Elsworth thanked Trish for all her hard work.
- Copies of old GBG's are still available if members know of anyone who wishes to purchase them.

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

- Branch Membership stands at 195. National membership is over 105,000 (variable).
- The report of the 100,000<sup>th</sup> member was announced at the GBBF.
- The latest Member's Newsletter was distributed at the end of August and is available on the Branch web site.

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

- Dave Budd is awaiting clarification of the Pubs Database situation before he reports further.
- The Royal Oak, Dolton, The Portsmouth Arms, Umberleigh and The Fountain, Barnstaple were all reported as being closed.
- Post Inn, Whiddon Down has now re-opened as a pub, restaurant and B&B.
- Pubcos are now selling leases on their pubs without the tie (e.g. New Inn at Sampford Courtenay which is owned by Heavitree). Also they are no longer entitled to attach covenants to the sale of a pub.

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

- Charlotte not present. No report received.

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

- Chris Franks not present. No report received. However, Terry informed the meeting that recent Admart publications had contained articles on two North Devon pubs namely, the Old Market Inn, Holsworthy and the Prewley Moor Arms in Sourton.

## **11. BLO Reports**

- Barum – Nothing new to report from the brewery but the North Devon Beer Festival venue is likely to change to a more central location in Barnstaple next year.
- Clearwater – The brewery is now under new ownership, but Brian has been retained for two days a week to assist with the change over.
- Country Life – Chris Franks not present. No report received.
- Forge – Now brewing six beers. Doing well.
- Jollyboat – Mainbrace was the only beer from North Devon at the GBBF.
- Wizard - Chris Franks not present. No report received. Mike Garner donated a free cask of Old Coombe for the BBQ which was sold at £1 a pint.
- Cider. Nothing to report. Still no Winkleigh cider at the GBBF despite Terry's efforts.

## **12. Pub of the Year 2010**

- As discussed at the AGM the POTY selection process is to change to one where a group of judges will decide the outcome. To assist judges with this, Terry has updated the Regional Judging Form for North Devon purposes. Basically the marks were now out of

100. And the weighting scores for Beer Quality etc. has been altered from x 3 to x 4 (40 points). Sympathy with CAMRA Aims remains at x 2 (20 points). The rest are now x 1 (10 points each). The form was distributed to members present and Terry proposed it be accepted as the North Devon POTY Judging Form. Seconded by Tricia Hampson. Vote carried unanimously.

- Nominations for POTY 2010 will be taken from members present at the September, October and November meetings. Nominations forms were distributed to members present. One nomination per member and Licensee members cannot nominate their own pubs. There will be no more than four pubs to be judged over a three month period with the winner being announced at the AGM in March with the POTY presentation taking place at the winner's pub in April 2010. The selection of judges will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **13. Good Beer Guide (GBG)**

- GBG 2010 envelopes containing licensee packs were distributed with GBGs to be sold at £11 to the licensees.
- 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.
  - Kings Arms, South Molton – Nigel Davis.
  - Seven Stars, South Tawton – Keith Freak.
  - New Inn, Sampford Courtenay – Terry Burrows.
  - Kings Arms, Winkleigh – Trish Burrows.

### **14. Website**

- Nigel Davis not present. No report received.

### **15. Beer Festivals**

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October, Plymouth Inn, Okehampton.
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Okehampton RFC 125<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Beer Festival. Free entry for CAMRA members on the Thursday on production of membership card, including a Country & Western evening.

### **16. Any Other Business**

- Morris announced that the Regional POTY was the Old Spot in Dursley.
- Hunters Inn at Heddon Valley came 5<sup>th</sup> out of six pubs in the South of the Region POTY.
- Survey forms for the 2011 GBG will be distributed at the November Social meeting.
- Updated Membership forms for the GBG pubs were circulated at the end of the meeting. All previous copies of forms to be destroyed.

### **17. Date and venue of next meetings**

- 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.

- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2009, Branch Christmas Social and beer tasting quiz with Exeter & East Devon Branch, 12.30pm, Tom Cobley Tavern, Spreyton, EX17 5AL.
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010, Branch Meeting, 12.30pm, Lacey's Ale and Cider House, Bideford, EX39 2BU.

### **Action List**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who?</b>
3A	Confirm and circulate details of the Branch Social due to take place on 31 <sup>st</sup> October to the Tarka Rail Ale trail ending in Exmouth.	Chris Franks
3B	Produce a database survey form so that members can update entries on the Branch Pubs Database.	Nigel Davis