



CAMRA NORTH DEVON

Minutes of the Branch Meeting held on Saturday 13th February, 2010 at 12.30pm in the Town Arms Hotel, South Molton.

Present

Morris Elsworth (Chairman)	Mac McDonald
Terry Burrows (Secretary & Membership)	Trevor Nash
Trish Burrows (Treasurer and Minutes)	Jim Rhodes
Chris Franks (Press Officer & Social Sec.)	Phil Rogers
Dave Adshead	Geoff Spicer
Dave Anderson	Barbara Spicer
Sandra Anderson	Chris Smyth
Charlotte Goddard	Jackie Smyth
Bob Goddard	Bernard Wharton
Brenda Goddard	Sue Teague (Licensee)

1. Apologies for absence

Dave Budd (Pubs Officer), Nigel Davis, Fiona Elsworth, Dave Glasscock, Mick Gullick, Tricia Hampson, Clive Hampson, Mike James, Keith Prescott, Joyce Prescott, Sarah-Jane Prew, Allan Stephenson,

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

3. Matters Arising & Actions

- Outstanding actions:
 - 3A – The production of a Database Survey Form is ongoing. Unfortunately Nigel has been unwell lately and unable to carry out this action at present. The Branch wishes Nigel a speedy recovery.
 - 4A – Terry has replied to Sarah Durham re What's Brewing.
 - 4B – Terry has replied to Emma Haines with feedback for the GBG National Database.
 - 4C – Terry has sent photo showing Clare Balding at the Heddon Valley beer festival to CAMRA HQ.
 - 9A – Terry circulated newly designed Branch GBG Judging Form with minutes.

4. Good Beer Guide 2011

- Terry and Morris thanked all the volunteers for surveying the 46 nominated pubs. All the nominees were discussed by members with Branch score sheets and NBSS entries taken into account. 27 entries were agreed with 3 reserves. Terry will now enter them on the GBG database and submit them to the Regional Director before 1st March. **ACTION**

5. Branch Officials' Reports

- Morris thanked Chris Franks for arranging the Tarka Line Social on 23rd January. Chris expressed his disappointment with the turnout of only 8 members. It was a great day out and thoroughly enjoyed by those who did join in. Terry has sent a message of thanks to Gregg Towing from Topsham who met us in Exeter and acted as a tour guide. A copy of the message was also sent to Alan Cottee, the Chair of Exeter and East Devon Branch.
- Mail Outs:
 - Price Surveys
 - Discounts for CAMRA members in Pubs
 - National Cask Week – 29th March – 5th May
 - Cider Pub of the Year
- Secretary – Terry has made a draft copy of the Branch Constitution and would like two members at least to check it before the AGM. Chris Smyth, Bob Goddard and George Ballard volunteered. Copies to be sent to all. **ACTION**
- Treasurer circulated latest financial report.
- Membership Secretary – We have passed the 200 mark. We now have 203 members.
- Young Members Co-ordinator – Nothing new to report.
- Pubs Officer – There was no report as Dave Budd was not present. *Since the meeting Terry has discovered that the North Country, Boutport Street, Barnstaple is closed with the bar being cleared. The pub sign is still outside so hopefully it may re-open.*
- Social Secretary – Chris has asked for ideas for our next Social.
- Press Officer – No report.

6. BLO Reports

- Barum – Tim is brewing a new beer called Marathon to commemorate a friend who is running the London Marathon this year. 5 pence from each pint will be going to charity. Tim has also expressed his disappointment that the Reform Inn was not in the guide this year.
- Clearwater – Barry is no longer brewing Oliver's Nectar as the 5.2% ABV is considered too strong for most pubs. Instead he is brewing Village Pride (3.7% ABV) all year round. There is a major re-vamp of the brewery and renaming of beers is imminent. The re-launch is happening on 27th March in the Old Market Inn, Holsworthy, EX22 6AY.
- Country Life – Simon has a bottling plant at Chivenor.
- Forge – Dave is now brewing 7 ales.
- Jollyboat – Nothing new to report.
- Wizard - Nothing new to report.
- Cider – Nothing new to report.

7. Pub of the Year (POTY) 2010

- The judging teams are Chris and Jackie Smyth, Brenda, Bob and Charlotte Goddard and Terry and Morris (with Trish as chauffeur). All nominees must be visited on at least two occasions, preferable on different days of the week and at different times.

8. Pubs Database

- Trish has offered to keep the diary up to date. *Since the meeting Nigel has been in contact and he has made clear that he is still willing to run the web site and pubs database for the Branch. Nigel is going to contact Lee Sycamore with a view to obtaining his assistance to run the database.*

9. Beer Festivals

- Friday 26th February to Sunday 7th March – Devon Beer Festival at all Wetherspoons in Devon.
- Saturday 20th March – Yeofest at the Yeoford Village Hall. (Jonathan - 01363 84501)
- Wednesday 17th to Sunday 21st March – The Grampus, Lee, EX34 8LR. (01271 862906)
- Friday 19th to Sunday 21st March – Porlock Weir Beer Festival at the Bottom Ship, Porlock Weir, TA24 8PB. Just in Somerset Branch (01643 863288).
- Friday 2nd to Monday 5th April – The Waverley, Ilfracombe, EX34 9BJ. (01271 862681)
- Friday 2nd to Monday 5th April – Clinton Arms, Frithelstock, EX38 8JH. (01805 623279)
- Friday 30th April to Monday 3rd May – 10th Anniversary Beer Festival at the Landmark Theatre, Ilfracombe, EX34 9BZ. (01271 324242)
- Friday 14th to Sunday 16th May – Blue Ball Inn, Countisbury, Lynton, EX35 6NE. (01598 741263)

10. Any Other Business

- The Branch must complete voting for the Champion Beer of Britain (CBOB) 2010. The Branch has 5 votes for each category of beer style and completed votes should be returned to Phillip Roberts by 31st March 2010. **ACTION**
- George confirmed that £280 was donated to Devon Air Ambulance Trust from the BBQ that was held in September. There will be another held this coming September.
- George Ballard has stated his intention to stand as Vice Chairman of the Branch at the AGM on 13th March. He was proposed by Chris Franks and seconded by Phil Rogers. George has put his intention in writing and was witnessed by Chris and Phil.

11. Date and venue of next meetings

- **Saturday 13th March 2010, 12.30pm, Branch AGM, Lacey's Ale and Cider House, Bideford, EX39 2BU.**
- Saturday 17th April 2010, 1.00pm, Presentation of Pub of the Year (POTY) 2010. Venue to be announced at AGM.
- TBC - Saturday 15th May 2010, 1.00pm, Branch meeting & presentation of POTY runner-up. Venue to be announced at AGM.

Action List

No.	Action	Who?
4A	Submit GBG 2011 entries to RG	Terry
5A	Send draft copies of constitution to Chris Smyth, Bob Goddard & George Ballard	Terry
10A	Complete and submit voting for the Champion Beer of Britain (CBOB) 2010 to Phillip Roberts by 31 st March 2010.	Branch