

Minutes

South Devon CAMRA Branch meeting

Maltings Taphouse and Bottle Shop, Teign Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4AA

Tuesday 14th February 2023.

1. **Members present:** Bob Southwell (Chairman), Ian Packham (Treasurer and Vice Chairman), Roger Adams, Alan Cooke (Whatpub, website and social media coordinator), Andrew Thomson (Magazine Editor), John Bishop, Phil (Billy) Kidd. (Pub Liaison, Beerscoring and Locale coordinator), Paul (Grizzly) Adams (Beer tasting panel chair), Dave Wheeler, John Betts, Kate Betts, Tim Parsons, Rick Kemp.
2. **Apologies**

Received from: Lawrence Stringer (branch Secretary and social secretary), Edgar Halton (membership secretary), Kate Halton, Peter Lister, Philip German, Dave and Amanda Buckler, Duncan Moss, Ian Thompson.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** These have been made available on the branch website for all members to peruse.
4. **Officers reports:**
 - a. **Chairman-** Nothing much to report as there were no real updates from the regional meeting apart from reminders for GBG and POTY dates.
 - b. **Secretary-** Nothing to report as Lawrence was not present
 - c. **Treasurer-** Ian reported that the branch currently had £ 3,207.31 in the current account and this was helped by money in from News and Brews Advertisers.
 - d. **Social Secretary –** Reminder given for the midweek social
 - e. **Membership –** Nothing to report as Edgar was not present
5. **Good Beer Guide Selection 2024**

Billy gave a brief resume of the rules for the GBG selection. Following some discussion about a few of the entries all 29 entries plus 3 reserves were agreed. Surveyors were allocated and a completion date for entries by Friday 3rd March. Thanks were given to Billy for all his work on analyzing the scores and producing the spreadsheets.
6. **Magazine (News and Brews) report –** Andrew reminded everybody that the copy date for the Spring 2023 edition is 15th February and submissions are requested by this date. Also Andrew requested updates on any pubs that members knew that did not have copies of News and Brews so that we could try and sort out as wider distribution as possible.
7. **Beer Festival –** The Business Plan is being finalized with a view to getting it sent off for approval by the middle of March. It was mentioned that prices for glasses have risen substantially and that we are unlikely to have tankards this year due to the price increase. A new brewer has been found who is willing to produce a Sunshine beer for this year due to the situation at Black Tor. We have been asked to judge a CBOB category at the beer festival



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this year. North Devon was chosen as the regional focus this year. We are in the process of negotiating to buy some stillage in conjunction with Exeter and Somerset branches and we will update in due course.

8. Website, Whatpub and Social Media - Alan reported as follows.

Website – There have been a number of articles added along with the midweek social.

Whatpub There have been a few updates recently

9. Cider News - Nothing specific to report other than to ensure that when GBG surveys are being done ensure that ciders listed are checked against the Cider Producers list on the national website.

10. Brewery News – There is a new brewery called Copperhead

11. Pub News – The main item is that the Sandygate at Kingsteignton is changing hands.

12. Any other business - none

13. Date and venue of future meetings - The Barn Owl, Kingsteignton on Tuesday 14th March 2023. Dave Wheeler sends his apologies for the meeting.

