

South Devon CAMRA Branch Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 11th June 2024 – 7.30pm

TQ Beerworks, Torquay

Minutes

In attendance: Bob Southall, Ian Packham Dave Wheeler, Alan Cooke, Lawrence Stringer, Dave Clarke, Dave Faulkner, Eddie Pyle, John Betts, Kate Betts, Philip Stevens, John Clements, Richard Kemp, Elizabeth Hulme, Paul Hulme, Andrew Thomson, Alan Waldrow, Roger Adams, Edgar Halton, Kate Halton, Dave Buckler, Peter Bridle

Apologies for absence: Billy Kidd, Paul Adams – Paul asked for the meeting to raise a glass in the memory of Ian Dickinson who sadly passed away last week.

Minutes of AGM 2023 – no questions were raised

Chairmans Report – BS gave his report and said that the committee had tried to make the Branch Meetings more interesting and hopes that the Sunshine Beer and Cider Festival will help to cement relationships.

Treasurers Report – IP presented the branch accounts for 23/24 and with no questions from the floor were proposed by DW and seconded by LS to be approved. Unanimous. IP thanked Roger Adams for auditing the accounts and proposed RA to do the same for 24/25. All agreed.

Secretary's Report – DW had nothing to report

Membership Secretary's Report – LS gave a brief report of membership figures – the branch currently have 539 members. A shout from the floor was “where are they?”

Social Secretary's Report – AC gave a report of activities in 23.24 and looked forward to events going vforward. AC asked if anyone had any new ideas or places to visit to let him know. A huge thanks from the floor for a very good programme of events.

News and Brews Report – As many already knew Andrew Thomson is standing down as Editor/Organiser after the Autumn edition. IP highlighted that LS had agreed to be Editor, AC will organise distribution and IP will look after advertising and invoicing. The floor thanked Andrew for 8 years of devotion to

bring News and Brews up to what is now a very professional magazine. A round of applause to Andrew followed.

Sunshine Festival 2023 report – DB gave a report on the 23 Festival and outlined the ongoing planning for 24. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help at any time during the festival were asked to fill in the form to be found on the branch website.

Election of Committee – PB asked if there were any nominations for Chairman, none were forthcoming, and BS agreed to stand again. IP proposed and DW seconded, all were in favour. No nominations were taken from the floor for other committee posts and all current officers had agreed to stand again which also included the Festival Organiser as a committee post. It was agreed unanimously.

Motions received – AC had sent in a motion to change the logo to a more modern look, and he presented his idea to the meeting. In general, the idea was accepted with BS and IP both against the change. It was proposed by AC and seconded by DW that the logo be changed. The voting was 15 for the change, 3 against and 3 abstained. DW then proposed and seconded by AC that the design presented by AC be approved, except for the CAMRA logo being made slightly more prominent. The voting was 17 for and 4 abstaining
That concluded the business of the AGM.

After a beer break the AGM was then followed by further discussion on Members Weekend 2025. IP outlined the fact that a lot of volunteers would be needed and that a meeting had been organised for 2pm tomorrow at the Riviera centre. Peter Bridle, Regional Director, gave a report on how he saw things moving forward and how CAMRA were taking on board the need to campaign for cask ale. More talk was had on how we make Branch Meetings more appealing to members with possible speakers and the evening finished with jovial chat that comes from the amber nectar.