

South Devon Branch

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 10th December 2024

Held at TQ Beerworks, Torquay

Apologies: Bob Southall, Paul and Elizabeth Hulme, Dave Faulkner, Dave Buckler, Andrew Thompson

We had 10 attendees which out of a branch membership of 535 is not good and committee need to look at how we can improve attendance at Branch Meetings, any suggestions would be welcome.

Chairmans Report: No report

Totnes Beer and Cider Fest: We now have the Business Plan approved following some hard work put in by Edgar Halton. The Totnes Civic Hall is our new venue for 2025 which has now been booked and paid for 100%. Dave Buckler and Dave W have been meeting with various breweries to secure sponsors. A small group had been to the Air Ambulance base to present them with the monies raised at the Sunshine Festival and we have confirmed the Air Ambulance as our charity for 2025. DW expressed the opportunity that we have with food. We have a kitchen and can offer our own food; the committee would like to seek one person to lead on the selection of what food we offer. We are also producing a 6pp folder to promote real ales in Totnes, a draft was shown.

Treasurers Report: Ian reported that we had £2263.01 in the bank. The majority of this was income coming in from adverts in News and Brews and would be used to fund future issues.

Members Weekend: IP gave a brief update; events were beginning to evolve.

Secretaries Report: DW asked if we had PLO list for the branch, BK said he had an old list which he would circulate to committee

POTY TOWN: Queens Arms Brixham and The Albert Totnes

POTY RURAL: Tally Ho Littlehamston and Rugglestone Inn Widecombe-in-the-Moor

COTY: Paignton Conservative Club Paignton and Teignmouth Social Club Teignmouth

CPOTY: Ye Old Cider Bar Newton Abbott and The Queens Arms Brixham

The meeting thanked Billy for his work in presenting the shortlist

Membership Report: LS stated that the membership figures were 535 down by 6 from previous report.

Social Secretary Report: AC reported on recent and upcoming socials all available on the website.

Website, Social Media, Whatpub Report: AC reported that all were up to date and apologised for such a short report caused by having such a busy week.

News and Brews: The latest edition was now out and LS was thanked for taking over as editor.

Cider News: Bob reported that the Cider Bar was not now going ahead with alterations and that a Cider Festival was being held in Kingsbridge.

Brewery News, Cider News, Pub News: IP reported that Ashburton would have the Ashbern Inn opening its doors on Saturday 14th December. BK reported that the Torbay Inn now had new tenants and were having their official opening Saturday 14th December; he also confirmed that it would not

affect our Christmas Buffet in the afternoon. It was reported that the Dartmouth Inn in Totnes had closed.

AOB: DW pointed to the advert in News and Brews for a beer and cider festival to be held in the upstairs room at TQ Beerworks 6th – 8th February

Meeting closed at 9.00pm