

Minutes South Devon CAMRA Branch Meeting

Tuesday 11th March 2025 – 7.30pm

TQ BEERWORKS, TAPHOUSE, TORQUAY

17 members attended

Apologies for absence: Dave Faulkner, Dave Buckler, Kate and John Betts

Chairmans Report: Bob had nothing to report but did say that he thought some of the entries in Whatpub were out of date.

Final Selection: PotY, CLoTY, CPotY – Ian and Billy said that they had covered stage 1 and needed to now collate the information to finalise stage 2. Paul Hulme asked the question of how many judges had handed in the judging forms; it was a bit disappointing to be told that only four had been returned. DW stated that this had been a topic of discussion at last weeks committee meeting. BK suggested that we could perhaps use the mid-week socials to judge pubs once we knew the short list. Car sharing on a Saturday was another suggestion.

Treasurers Report: IP reported that we had £3815.63 in the bank account but News and Brews was about to come out which would need paying for.

Members Weekend: IP stated that most of the planning was completed and the list of visits had been published. Volunteers from South Devon would be nice to see.

Secretary's Report: DW raised the question of problems at the Hole in the Wall and reminded members to give support where they could.

Membership Secretary: LS Reported that we had two new members who were present at the meeting. The increase by 2 actually bucks the trend Regionally and Nationally who are losing members.

Social Secretary's Report: AC gave a resume of past trips and upcoming socials. Alan had produced a 6 page Ale Trail leaflet to support the Totnes Festival and had suggested that we could produce a similar leaflet for other Towns in the area.

News and Brews Report: LS stated the next edition was at the printers and should be ready in the next couple of days. At last weeks Committee meeting it became apparent that AC and DW distributed the magazines to individuals

who then distributed to pubs but no one knew which pubs they went to. So AC and DW are in the process of creating a list to see A) where we are taking them and B) who we are missing. It also threw up that we did not know who the PLO's were.

Totnes Beer & Cider Fest Report: DW reported that the organisation of this years Festival was well in hand and at an advanced stage. An open meeting had been arranged for 10am on 28th March for anyone interested in joining the planning stage. We had only six volunteers so far and DW asked members to fill in the volunteers form showing where they could help. We also need a concerted effort to get Companies to sponsor a cask. If anyone was interested to email Secretary@Southdevon.camra.org.uk

Website, Social Media and Whatpub Report: AC said that he had created two new pages on the website, he had sent out notices to publicize the Totnes Festival to Exeter, Somerset, Plymouth and Cornwall.

Cider News: Nothing to report

Brewery News: Nothing to report

Pub News and PLO report: Nothing to report

Any Other Business: There was no AOB

IP and BK then gave the final details for PotY, CotY and CPotY

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 8th April – Torbay Inn – 7.30pm