

South Devon CAMRA Branch Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 10th June 2025 – 7.30pm

TQ Beerworks, Torquay

Minutes

In attendance: 24 Branch Members and Ray Dwan (RD)

Apologies for absence: Paul and Elizabeth Hulme, Roger Adams, Alan Waldron. DW read out a message from Elizabeth thanking the Committee which gained a spontaneous round of applause.

Minutes of AGM 2024 – minutes were approved

Chairmans Report – BS gave his report announcing that he would be standing down as Chairman after the AGM. He particularly asked members to be more vigilant in keeping the information in WhatPub up to date. IP gave a few words about Bob and all the work he had done over the years. A small event will be organised in the future to celebrate Bob's time as Chairman.

Treasurers Report – IP presented the branch accounts for 24/25 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 25/6. All agreed.

Secretary's Report – DW gave a short report and thanked the Committee in general for making life as Secretary easy.

Membership Secretary's Report – LS gave a brief report of membership figures – the branch membership slightly up from last year. LS announced that he would be standing down as Membership Secretary. The floor thanked him for all his work and wished him well.

Social Secretary's Report – AC gave a report of activities in 24/25 and listed all the places we had visited over the year. He looked to events going forward. 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.

Totnes Beer and Cider Fest 2025 report – DB gave a report on the forthcoming 25 Festival and outlined the ongoing planning. DB thanked the Organising Committee for all their help in producing what we believe will be a successful

Festival. 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.

News and Brews Report – LS apologised for the latest edition being slightly late (due out on 17th June) caused by his hospitalisation in Torbay Hospital. LS stated that he will stay on as Editor and remain on the Committee.

We had a short beer break which then followed the____

Election of Committee – We had received a nomination for Clive Mackriel to be Chairman, nominated by Ray Ellmore, seconded by Dave Buckler. No other nominations had been received and all were in favour. No nominations were taken from the floor for other committee posts and IP read out all other nominations received. All current officers had agreed to stand again; Dave Clarke was nominated as Membership Secretary and BS nominated to stay on Committee as Cider Rep. They were put to the members present en block and agreed unanimously.

Motions received – We had a discussion paper and one motion from Paul Hulme. The discussion paper was around the Judging for PotY and the lamentable numbers that did the judging this year. After some lengthy discussion and some positive suggestions it was agreed by the meeting to refer it to the Committee. The motion that Paul had put forward was “That the Branch’s PotY be able to be won on successive years” after much discussion of views from both camps the motion was put to the vote and carried 14 for 10 against.

A motion to award a Brewery of the Year was put forward by Dave Buckler and Dave Wheeler but was defeated following a vote 2 for 20 against and 2 abstained.

Members Weekend – IP gave a report following a very successful Members Weekend. 95% of surveys had given a positive response and Ian thanked all those who had helped over the weekend.

That concluded the business of the AGM and closed at 20.56