

Minutes South Devon CAMRA Branch Meeting

Tuesday 12th August 2025 – 7.30pm

TQ BEERWORKS, TAPHOUSE, TORQUAY

15 members attended

Apologies for absence: Andrew Thompson, Billy, Elizabeth Hulme

Chairmans Report: Clive gave a report on where he saw the future of the branch. He emphasised the importance of everyone adding in beer scores so that more pubs get recognised.

Treasurers Report: IP reported that we had £6167.53 in the bank account but we still had over £700 sponsorship money to come in from the Totnes Beer and Cider Festival. We also had News and Brews which would need paying for.

Secretary's Report: DW reported that 4 members had attended a Regional Festival Seminar in Exeter, We had had 2 Committee Meetings since the AGM. The Committee had adopted Sue Peters to the Committee and Amanda Buckler would be co-opted at the next Committee which gives the Branch two female voices on the Committee. Steve Murray who is the Regional CBOB is organising a blind tasting at the Imperial on Wednesday 27th August at 4pm. The Imperial will also organise a small beer festival based around Steve's selections. If anyone is interested in going let DW know.

Membership Secretary: DC Reported that we had 539 members in the branch. This was an increase of 2 and actually bucks the trend Regionally and Nationally who are losing members.

Social Secretary's Report: AC gave a report of upcoming socials. Alan asked for approval and if anyone had any new ideas to let him know.

News and Brews Report: LS stated the the next edition was due out at the end of the month, latest date for copy was 23rd August. He needed more information on Breweries, Pubs and Cider makers

Totnes Beer & Cider Fest Report: DB reported that the festival had been a success. He was happy that the new venue had proved to be the correct decision to move. IP reported that we will have made a surplus but still had money to come in from sponsors and a couple of bills to pay. DB stated that he had approached Totnes Council to book the Civic Hall again for 2026.

Website, Social Media and Whatpub Report: AC said everything was up to date and that members should note that from the end of August Whatpub was closing down and you will need to log on through CAMRA website to do beer scoring.

Beer Scoring: CM asked that we keep an eye for Wainwright beers being served as cask beers but are actually keg. JB stated that no beer scores were on the website for the whole of last year.

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

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9th September, Henry's Bar Paignton – 7.30pm