

WEST DORSET BRANCH OF CAMRA

Minutes of
Annual General Meeting
Venue: Wyke Smugglers, Wyke Regis
8pm 13th September 2017

- Members attending.** A total of 27 members attended. Apologies for absence received from Les & Diane Senior, Alan Fowler, Alan Cottee, Chris Cole, Anne Bedford
- Minutes of last AGM.** The minutes of 2016 AGM were accepted as a true record.
- Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- Election of Officers.** All current officers had expressed a wish to continue and the following were elected for a further term:

Nominee	Position	Proposed	Seconded	Vote
Dave Harris	Chairman	Russ Ware	Tony Egerton	Majority
Tony Egerton	Secretary & Branch Contact	Dawn Nicholson	Dave Harris (Y)	Majority
Rich Gabe	Social Secretary & Press Officer	Russ Ware	Stephen Browne	Majority
Alastair Tillotson	Treasurer	Richard Walters	John Parker	Majority
Kelvin Nicholson	Membership Secretary	Rich Gabe	Stephen Browne	Majority
Andy Redding	Pubs Officer	Kylie Stroud	Kelvin Nicholson	Majority
Kylie Stroud	Committee	Dave Harris (Y)	Russ Ware	Majority
Russell Ware	POY Organiser	Chris Harris	Kelvin Nicholson	Majority
In addition the following non-committee officers were elected:				
Adrian Patterson	GBG Co-ordinator & NBSS Officer	Tony Egerton	Russ Ware	Majority
Alex Bardswell	Cider Representative	Richard Walters	James Buckley	Majority

5 Chairman's Report

The following points were covered:

Membership. *We have an active and growing branch where over 10% of the membership are involved in some CAMRA activity. Thank you all*

Publications *We have produced our first pub guide leaflet, Dorchester and District, and need volunteers to expand that venture. Likewise contributors and articles are required for the Dongle*

Breweries & Festivals. *Cerne Abbas brewery have finally moved into the village and will be main sponsors of this year's Octoberfest. We loaned our stillage to E Dorset branch for their Poole beer festival and they are keen to repeat this year.*

GBG Pub selection. *With selection dependant on beer scores, members are encouraged to score beers at every opportunity. The selection schedule will be altered to allow more time for quality checks.*

Pub News *Dave gave a run down of the significant pub changes in the last 12 months.*

Campaigning ACVs are no longer needed to "force" a Planning consideration as due to a change in legislation, all changes of use for pubs now need to go before Planning Committees. Thanks to Andy Redding as Pubs Officer.

A full copy of Dave's report is available on request to the Secretary or at the 2018 AGM

6 Treasurers Report.

Alastair presented his annual financial statement. Takings from Beerex were slightly down, Octoberfest slightly more with the Dongle breaking even. £8000 had been donated to CAMRA HQ. The report was accepted unanimously.

7 Membership Report

Kelvin reported that membership stands at 710. This is the highest figure ever for the branch. an increase of over 280 in six years. Both annual beer festivals have seen more local members joining.

8 Beer Scores & GBG Co-ordinators Report.

Adrian provided a summary of the status so far for attendees to view. The sheets should be handed back at the end please.

9 Social Activities

Rich gave a run down of activities throughout the year such as visits to Poole Beer Festival, Maltings, and the adventures of the Bath Beer Festival. The CITA (CAMRA in the Area) meetings continued, providing much needed scores for the NBSS.

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10 Cider Update

Alex reported that there are now 18 cider makers in Dorset and that the Octoberfest would feature 24 ciders this year.

11 AOB

- a) Rich Gabe echoed dissatisfaction from members about the recent HQ decision to temporarily discontinue paper copies of Whats Brewing to some members as a means of saving money. There was a feeling that HQ was not listening to the memberships wishes.
- b) James Buckley reminded members that there were Branch Facebook and Twitter accounts which he was now managing on behalf of the Branch.
- c) Adrian Patterson reminded members that the blue sheets with Pub Scoring information were to be returned to him as they contained confidential information.

There being no further items, the meeting closed at 9.35.