

WEST DORSET BRANCH OF CAMRA

Minutes of
Annual General Meeting
Venue: Colliton Club, Dorchester
8pm 21st September 2018

1 **Members attending.** A total of 19 members attended. Apologies for absence received from Les & Diane Senior, John Parker, Andy Redding & James Bennett. Nigel Jones attended as Regional Director.

2 **Minutes of last AGM.** The minutes of 2017 AGM were accepted as a true record.

3 **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.

4 **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	Rich Gabe	Marjory Tait	Majority
Tony Egerton	Secretary & Branch Contact	Kelvin Nicholson	Russ Ware	Majority
Rich Gabe	Social Secretary & Press Officer	Nigel Smith	Steve Browne	Majority
Alastair Tillotson	Treasurer	Kylie Stroud	Kelvin Nicholson	Majority
Kelvin Nicholson	Membership Secretary	Nigel Smith	Adrian Patterson	Majority
Andy Redding	Pubs Officer	Simon House	Marjory Tait	Majority
Kylie Stroud	Committee	Bruce Mead	Russ Ware	Majority
Russell Ware	Committee/POY Organiser	Steve Browne	Simon House	Majority
In addition the following non-committee officers were elected:				
Adrian Patterson	GBG Co-ordinator & NBSS Officer	Kelvin Nicholson	Kylie Stroud	Majority
Alex Bardswell	Cider Representative	Adrian Patterson	Marjory Tait	Majority

5 **Chairman's Report**

The following points were covered:

Membership. *Although membership numbers are down slightly, we have over one in ten members of the Branch actively helping us. PubLinkers, Festival Volunteers, Giant Dongle editors, contributors and other non-committee workers e.g. updaters of WhatPub, Branch Clothing management. A big THANK YOU to all who help us!*

Giant Dongle *Now eight years old and around 2500 copies usually of 32 pages. Thanks to our editor and advertisers we are now showing a small surplus. We would like a volunteer to help Alex, our editor, in the management/administration of the advertising income.*

Festivals. *Octoberfest will be the 14th in CAMRA stewardship and we will be featuring beers from Downton Brewery from Salisbury. Dorchester Beerex will be 31 in February and there will be a couple of changes. Safetywise, the stillage is inspected annually by an external engineer. All new members are guided by experienced and registered members*

Pub Competitions *We now have competitions for Pub of the Year, Cider pub of the Year and Pub Garden of the year under the guidance of Russ Ware. I'd like to thank Russ for doing this. Nominations for next round Pub of the Year and GBG entries are now open*

Trips to breweries, festivals etc! *We have kept up the momentum of CITA events as well as maintaining our regular programme. We have also had a couple of additional informal local events published for members to join -thanks to Bruce Mead and Simon House for this. There have been some excellent minibus/coach trips and also out of area trips by train.*

Discounts for members *This continues to be a very dynamic situation. You will all have seen changes over this year as pub after pub review their offerings. We will try and keep you informed as things change. You can help by letting us know via "pubnews@camrawdorset.org.uk" so we can share the information*

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

A full copy of Dave's report is available on request to the Secretary or at the 2019 AGM

6 Treasurers Report.

Alastair presented his annual financial statement. Takings from Octoberfest were slightly down, and Beerex slightly more. Dongle production cost were breaking even. £5000 had been donated to CAMRA HQ. The report was accepted unanimously.

7 Membership Report

Kelvin reported that membership stands at 669. This is 6% down from last year but that was the highest figure ever for the branch. Both annual beer festivals have seen more local members joining.

8 Beer Scores & GBG Co-ordinators Report.

Adrian provided a summary of the GBG selection, Beer Scoring and Whatpub status so far. The GBG selection meetings in December and January were well attended and members were reminded that nominations for the 2020 GBG should be submitted before December. The secretary had copies of the 2019 GBG for sale to members at the meeting.

Nearly 5000 scores for branch pubs were submitted in the year, slightly down on last year. A list of average scores for the past 12 months was circulated. (sheets should be handed back at the end please).

Adrian and Tony are keeping Whatpub as up-to-date as possible. Will members please feedback any changes they notice to a pub as soon as possible. This specially includes changes to external appearance as some photos are over 5 years old now.

9 Social Activities

Rich gave a run down of activities throughout the year such as visits to Poole Beer Festival, Maltings, Bradford on Avon and the Purbecks.. The CITA (CAMRA in the Area) meetings continued, providing much needed scores for the NBSS. These have been supplemented this year by small CITA meetings organised by Bruce Mead and Simon House

A full copy of Rich's report is attached.

10 Cider Update

Alex reported that the Woodman in Bridport is our branch cider POY. There are now 18 cider producers in Dorset, all of which seem to be doing well. There will be 18-20 ciders at Octoberfest, with 6 from Dorset.

11 Beerex Update

Round Table will not be partnering WD CAMRA at Beerex next year. However in a complex situation we can announce that the beer festival will still go ahead, with our partners being Casterbridge Rotary although there is a lot still to do. Dave Harris (Senior) expressed the branch's appreciation of Dave Harris (Junior) for the time and effort he has put into this.

12 AOB

Nigel Smith announced Octoberfest Tickets were still available.

Nigel Jones just reminded those present that he would be pleased to pick up any item needing Regional or higher attention

There being no further items, the meeting closed at 8.37pm.