

CAMRA – Richmond & Hounslow Branch

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at The Adelaide, Teddington on Thursday 16 April 2009. The Meeting commenced at 20.10 hrs.

Action

PRESENT: Catherine Almond, John Austin, Gary Blazey, Julie Blazey, George Gimber, Colin Hedderwick, Roy Hurry, Brian Kirton, Paul Leonard, John Lisle, Sylvie Marie, Kim Martin (RD), Martin Matthews, Nick Mulhall, Brian Newman, Charles Owens, Andy Pirson, Colin Rose, Iain Sutherland.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Lesley Mulhall and Paul Manning.

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGMEETING were circulated and their acceptance was proposed by RH and seconded by GG.

Matters Arising.

Nil.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

BK said it had been a good and bad year. The TBF had been the best ever with 3200 people attending and the recent Brown Cow brewery visit had been a success. There were, however, to be no further Twickenham beer festivals for the foreseeable future. This was due to a lack of volunteers to take over running the festival. There was also the secondary issue of the suitability of the venue. BK reiterated that all the members of the previous organising committee were still available to help others who might come forward. He also said that he was standing down as Chairman of the branch with immediate effect owing to health concerns but he hoped to be able to serve again in the future. JA moved a vote of thanks for the 11 years of chairmanship of BK. AP seconded and the branch showed its appreciation in the usual way.

Matters Arising

Nil.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

AP distributed and described the audited accounts for the last financial year for the branch and the festival.

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RH wondered why the amount transferred to the branch account for the trip was not shown in that account. AP said it was really a festival issue.

CO asked whether the deposit for the hall booking for TBF which is not now happening might be saved if the hall were booked for 2010. AP commented that it would but that there needed to be a full BF committee before any decision could be made. Five volunteer members were needed.

KM raised the issue of the privately run beer festival at Hampton Court and the request for help. AP confirmed the offer had been declined for lack of support and unclear financial benefits.

KM also confirmed that other branches (eg WL) would be keen to supply festival committee members. CH confirmed that all our branch members had been contacted and canvassed. AP said he was prepared to be the contact for anyone interested in becoming a festival team member.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: It was proposed by AP, seconded by BK and agreed that Paul Manning continue as Auditor, which he had indicated his willingness to do.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:

CH summarised his report and various border anomalies were discussed.

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Nil.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

RH had not much to report. He said that socials had had poor attendance in recent months and that getting sufficient advance knowledge of pub beer festivals to publicise socials at them was impossible since landlords were unwilling to commit early enough. Local publicity on the web was the only possibility. He reiterated that the Brown Cow visit had been a success.

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PUB RECORDS OFFICER'S REPORT:

GG distributed his comprehensive report and discussed some issues. (Attached)

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Nil

BEER FESTIVAL REPORT AND FUTURE: See above.

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Nil.

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT: JA reported that an article had been written for Scene at short notice that covered branch activities.

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Nil.

BREWERY LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT: JA reported that TFA's results were good in a one page summary.

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Nil.

PUB GROUP LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT: No pub group liaison now needed. Item to be deleted.

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Nil.

YOUNG PERSONS' OFFICER'S REPORT: No report.

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Nil.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE:

Committee members prepared to stand again were: AP, RH, CH, GG and JA. CO volunteered from the floor. They were elected. The total committee is up to a maximum of 10 members. Specific tasks for committee members would be allocated at the next meeting.

AP

BRANCH PUB OF THE YEAR:

BK suggested that the new committee propose a new time for choosing and announcing the branch POTY.

AP opined that an announcement in early spring is necessary to meet entry requirements for GL POTY. This is the only requirement and a new approach that was good for campaigning and publicity would be devised by the committee in the next 3 months.

CO volunteered to be the R&H GL POTY judge this year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1. AP said that the London Drinkers would henceforth be delivered direct to the Magpie and Crown in Brentford on the last Wednesday of the month. He would manage their distribution from there and they would be ready for collection after 8pm.
2. AP said he was unhappy with the way the pubs in the area had been allocated to the GBG in that it left whole areas of the branch without an entry particularly Richmond. This was not good for campaigning and short changed the purchasers of the guide. AP proposed and CO seconded and it was agreed that if a principal area of the branch (there could be around 8-10 of these) had a pub that was considered to be GBG quality then it would be put in the GBG. Once the pubs representative of the geographical areas had been chosen the remaining allocation could be filled by whatever means. This arrangement would start from the 2010 GBG.
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The Meeting closed at 2305 hrs.