

Rutland Branch of CAMRA

Minutes of Branch meeting 11 October 2018 @ Black Bull Market Overton

Item	Minute (Minute Taker DC)	Action by
	Present: . 19 Members present, (9% of membership) making the meeting quorate for decision making, and the best attended branch meeting!	
1	Apologies for absence: Andrew Hull, Russ Hibbitt, Sean Wersching, Susan Holford	
2	Declaration of interest: Will Davis (P'Boro) Grainstore	
3	Confirmation of minutes13/9/18. Approved subject to noting that Andrew Hull had submitted apologies.	
4	Matters arising from minutes: None	
5	<p>Reports:</p> <p>Chair/ Press Officer/Tint Pint/Web Site: JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be attending October CAMRA mass lobby in London together with Dave Casewell • Tiny Pint to get his priority. Offers of help • Web Site working smoothly • Attended CAMRA reception @ Conservative Party Conference. Lobbied attenders re Taxation/rates/Tenancy rights • As member of CAMRA 'public affairs committee' took us through CAMRA response to House of Lords 'Rural Economy' document <p>Secretary/Membership Secretary : DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership stands at 201 • Welcomed new members at the meeting <p>Treasurer : NB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branch financially viable. • Generous branch donation from 2018 BF food supplier. • BF accounts not yet closed, but surplus envisaged. Should be finalised after Cambridge 'Thank You' trip • Computer glitch has slowed down request for central funding for 2018 Survey trip <p>Social Secretary : DLN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post BF trip to Cambridge on 20 October 26 names to date. Bus timings which will be posted on web site 	<p style="text-align: center;">JW/DC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DC/JW</p>

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	<p>Pubs Officer : DL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheatsheaf Langham announced as Winter POTS. • Regional POTY: Rutland entry (Green Dragon) came 6/7. • Current front runners for Spring 2019 POTS are Capt Noel, Lord Nelson, Grainstore all in Oakham • Please keep scoring on 'whatpub' . • DL announced his intention to stand down as Pubs Officer 2019 AGM. He would be happy to discuss his role with anyone interested in taking it up <p>Cider Update : (vacancy) No report</p> <p>BLO Reports : SH,NH &JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report. • Query re possible brewery @ Falcon in Uppingham. Planning permission to upgrade outbuilding granted. DC to check 	ALL
6	<p>Mass Lobby 30 October London</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned attendance by JW/DC. Meeting being sought with MP Alan Duncan 	JW/DC
7.	<p>Beer Festival 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC reported that RCC have agreed price 2018+5%. Require a 10% deposit. Branch will need to gain CAMRA approval to planned festival budget • Meeting agreed date: W/C 24 June 2019 • Susan Holford has agreed to be Food Supplier • Russ Hibbitt on board to procure beer. • In response to 'thank you' note re 2018 sponsorship, many sponsors have indicated interest in 2019 sponsorship. • Planning will continue 	NB DC/JW
7	<p>A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to organise Pub Survey trip in Spring. Saturday was popular choice • DL described SIBA tasting panel duties • Vaults BF : 19/21 October. DC suggested branch gathering on 19 @ 12.31pm • Will Davis expressed his disappointment that Grainstore not in GBG. There followed a discussion regarding GBG processes. Beer scoring by Branch 	

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	<p>members is the central activity. Chair pointed out that process clearly outlined on Rutland CAMRA website www.rutlandcamra.org.uk</p>	
8	<p>Diary Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 October (TBC) thank you trip to Cambridge for ALL BF volunteers (free) and friends/guests @£10 • 15 November Branch Meeting 7.30 Grain Store Oakham • 13 December (TBC) Branch Meeting 7.30 Plough Caldicott • 10 January . Branch Meeting TBC • 12 January. Straw Bear Festival Whittlesey. Possible Branch Minibus • 07 Feb Branch Meeting (NB date change) 7.30 Fox North Luffenham • 14 March Branch Meeting Location TBC 	<p>DLN</p> <p>DC</p> <p>DL</p>