



North Oxfordshire Branch
AGM
Monday 14th July 2014
The Chequers, Churchill

1. Present

John Bellinger, Lynne Baldwin, Nick Boley (Regional Director), Paul Forrest, Jackie Parker, Geoff Clifford, Dick Palmer, Dave Shirt, Simon Whitehead, Mick Romty, Mike Parker, Keith Rigley, Oliver Sladen, Kevin Kramer, Steve Lympany, Geraint Jones, Helen Jones, Martin Batts, John Betts, Kate Betts, Nick Faulkner, Tim Wilkins, Phil Hall, Russell Broom

Apologies for Absence

Paul Worth, Geoff Tyler, Brian Wray, Jim Hopcraft, Mark Isham

2. Approval of 2013 AGM Minutes

The minutes were presented for approval. Dick Palmer proposed to accept the minutes and this was seconded Paul Forrest. All present agreed, to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the 2013 AGM.

Matters arising from AGM minutes not covered by agenda

There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda

3. Committee Reports

Chairman

The Chairman made a report to the branch, on separate sheet

Treasurer

Copies of the accounts for the financial year ending 31 December 2014 were presented to the Branch.

Questions raised:

Q. Why is the BOT advertising year different to the financial year

A. Because Landlords requested this, and it was easier to sell in the summer

Keith Rigley proposed to accept the accounts and this was seconded by Steve Lympany. The accounts were accepted.

Membership

Updates are received by the branch monthly. There is also now a pop up membership stand which is available to borrow.

Questions raised:

Q How many non committee members come to socials/meetings

A Not many

Q Some people from the Chipping Norton area have reportedly not received membership cards.

A The person who originally raised this did not provide the information requested to check into it.

Pubs Officer

- Report to be sent in

Q Has What Pub made any difference to marks

A Apparently not

4. Election of Branch Officers

The election of the officers was overseen by Nick Boley, Regional Director

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Geraint Jones	Paul Forrest	Steve Lympany
Vice Chairman	Paul Forrest	Dick Palmer	Keith Rigley
Secretary	Lynne Baldwin	Nick Faulkner	Steve Lympany
Treasurer	Nick Faulkner	Simon Whitehead	Steve Lympany
Membership Secretary	Paul Forrest	John Bellinger	Steve Lympany
Social Secretary	Helen Jones Simon Whitehead	Lynne Baldwin	Steve Lympany
Branch Contact	Martin Batts	Lynne Baldwin	Paul Forrest
Press & Publicity Officer	Vacant		
Beer On Tap Editor	Steve Lympany	Helen Jones	Paul Forrest
Pubs Officer	Brian Wray	Lynne Baldwin	John Bellinger
Public Affairs Officer	vacant	---	----
Campaign Officer	Vacant		

The RD was thanked for overseeing the elections

5. Appointment of Auditors

- Kevin Kramer – proposed by Helen Jones and seconded by Tim Wilkins

It was agreed to ask Yvonne Hallows to help out again. Mike Parker will assist if necessary

6. Any Other Business

- John Bellinger was thanked for his work as Chairman of the Branch, during this time he has driven mini buses, lobbied MP's , signed up members and many other things.....
- It was suggested that there is not enough communication within the branch, and it was also suggested that we should have more Branch Meetings.

Questions to the RD

Q Why does CAMRA not loan beer festival equipment help support our Pubs

A This is being looked into a report is being issued soon. More info will be Sent out when available.

The Regional Director was thanked for attending the meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the AGM, which was then closed. A Branch meeting followed on immediately for any other business to be discussed.

BRANCH MEETING

Appointment of other posts

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Young Members' Officer	Vacant		
BOT Assistant Editor	Oliver Sladen		
GBG Co-ordinator	Lynne Baldwin		
Beer Festival Co-ordinator	Tim Wilkins		
Cider Co-ordinator	Martin Batts		
Website	Geraint Jones Martin Batts		
Locale	John Bellinger		

Review of BLOs

Hook Norton – Paul Worth is happy to continue in the role and the Branch confirmed they had no issues with Paul as the BLO for Hook Norton Brewery.

CATS BREWERY – It was confirmed that Lynne Baldwin would be put forward as BLO

OXFORDSHIRE ALES – It was confirmed that John Betts would be put forward as BLO

TURPIN BREWERY – It was confirmed that Dave Shirt would be put forward as BLO

Keith Rigley questioned the process by which the above had been chosen as he was not aware that the vacancies existed. It was explained that volunteers had been asked for in the Chairman's letter.

WEBSITE – separate report

GBG ENTRIES – Concern had been expressed over the number of votes needed for a pub to be placed in to the GBG, as it was felt that one person only could be responsible for any entry. As a result a proposal was put forward suggesting that the number of individuals should be increased.

The secretary reported that the Pubs Officer had asked her to raise his concerns about this proposal and inform the meeting that he felt this was not the way to deal with the issue.

Some members present felt that the number should be raised considerably, and a suggestion was put forward that pubs who received a larger number of marks should received preferential treatment. After discussion this was felt to be unfair on pubs in more difficult to reach places as this would place them at a disadvantage.

After further discussion it was proposed that any entry for the Good Beer Guide should have been marked by three different members, and any pub which would otherwise qualify should be referred to the committee to check out.

This was put to the vote and **carried** by a majority.

FUTURE EVENTS –

16TH August – Winchcombe Beer Festival

6th September – Regional Social

AOB – It was suggested that John Bellinger be co-opted onto the committee. This was proposed by Lynne Baldwin and seconded by Steve Lympny

The meeting closed at 10.15pm