

MINUTES OF DRONFIELD CAMRA BRANCH MEETING

Meeting held at The Rutland, Holmesfield on 10th January starting at 2000.

16 members present.

- 1) Apologies
Received from Richard Smith.
- 2) Declaration of Business Interests
Graham, Roger and Nick as shareholders in Drone Valley Brewery. Rob as co-organiser of 3 Valleys.
- 3) Minutes of Previous Meeting
Accepted as a true record.
- 4) Matters Arising
Nothing not already covered on agenda.
- 5) Correspondence, including Membership Update, Press Releases and Publicity.
John reported that our new membership total is 162, which includes 4 new members and 2 lapses. Graham will send a message (devised by Ruth) to all female members reminding them about the Ladies Group walk later this month.
- 6) Peel Ale Update
Fox and Hounds at Marsh Lane has placed an advert on a '4 for 3' basis starting from next issue. Content is coming in well, although we still need more local content. Pubs in Marsh Lane - although slightly out of our patch - will feature in the next issue. We'll also look to focus on some of the clubs in our area in future issues.
- 7) Pub and Brewery News.
Three Tuns is now closed, as is White Swan. Drone Valley Brewery is holding a series of events - pop up pubs, open days etc - to increase opportunities for selling DVB beers - these appear to be very successful. Looking forward, Fox and Hounds and DVB are both very keen on joining 3 Valleys this year. Talbot and Brook @ Troway have reopened - we hope that this will continue! Hopjacker has a series of 'collaboration' brews planned, some of which will be on a small scale. Collyfobble has produced a mild.
- 8) Treasurer's Report
Richard sent a report to Graham, indicating that accounts are healthy. There are three premises that still owe money for previous advertising, but this is in hand.
- 9) BLO
GBG 2019 BLO reports are due imminently.
- 10) Locale
Current total remains at 23. Process will need to begin again for new year, but no problems envisaged.
- 11) Tasting panel
Graham reported that he'd sent out a reminder about tasting panel training using the comms system. There are currently 19 people from across the region signed up, which is good.
- 12) Beer Festival
Rob reported on his recent visit to Dronfield Woodhouse club concerning a possible Beer Festival, which could take place in September 2018, possibly 13th/ 16th. For this to be realistic, a budget / business plan needs to be created and approved ASAP. Graham will contact HQ to let them know that we are planning a festival via the Festival hub.
- 13) Activation, including Social Activities
Feedback:
15th December - Christmas trip to Hope / Castleton. Excellent evening with a surprisingly good range of beers. Article to follow in Peel Ale.
Upcoming:
13th January - minibus survey trip to Holmesfield / Owlbar, usual pickups from 1830.
20th January - Ladies Group walk round Dronfield, meeting at 1300 at Victoria, and then visiting pubs on High Street.
27th January - Manchester Beer Festival leaving on 1102 train from Dronfield.
3rd Feb - Winding Wheel Beer Festival. A group of Dronfield members will staff a bar at Saturday lunchtime, 1100 - 1600.
23rd Feb - survey of local pubs. We'll use minibus for this.
Sue talked about a possible joint social with the Wakefield ladies group - this will be pursued when she returns from holiday in March. John will consult Leeds Branch about a brewery trip / crawl around Leeds. Further details to follow as confirmed. We'll aim for 24th March 1102 from Dronfield (TBC). A proposed trip to Liverpool at some time in future met with lots of approval. Nick will investigate further, looking for a cheap train deal.
- 14) CAMRA Campaigns
Report on revitalisation process will be presented at next regional meeting. This will be communicated to members at an appropriate time.
- 15) Awards.
We agreed to use NBSS to provide 50% of judging process. We agreed that all scores - whether from Dronfield members or otherwise - should be considered, with a minimum of 10 different surveyors required for the pub to have been fairly scored. Pubs will be ranked by average score, having met this criteria and points allocated. The other 50% will be from Dronfield members votes either on line or at February meeting. These will be combined to produce an overall top 6, which will form a shortlist for survey in late February.
- 16) Peel Ale / InnSpire/ Beer Matters Distribution
Peel Ale has been distributed and topped up. Beer Matters will be available on 24th January at Coach and Horses. We have a limited number of InnSpire which we need to distribute to key venues.
- 17) Date and Venue of Next Meetings

14th February 2018; Yew Tree
13th March 2018; Blue Stoops (AGM)
11th April 2018; Peacock @ Owler Bar
9th May 2018; Royal Oak @ Millthorpe
13th June 2018; Dronfield Arms
11th July 2018; Beer Stop

All future meetings to be held on Wednesdays.

Roger suggested that we should only hold meetings at venues that can guarantee a certain level of privacy. We agreed that this was worthy of consideration.

18) AOB

Nick offered to place another order for branch apparel. Anyone wanting to order, contact Nick. Meeting closed 2215.