

MINUTES OF DRONFIELD CAMRA BRANCH MEETING

Meeting held at Blue Stoops on 12/09/18, starting at 2000. 12 members present

- 1) Apologies
John. Hadfield
- 2) Declaration of Business Interests
Roger, Graham and Nick as shareholders in Drone Valley Brewery.
- 3) Minutes of Previous Meeting
Accepted as a true record.
- 4) Matters Arising
Nothing not already on agenda.
- 5) Correspondence, including Membership Update, Press Releases and Publicity
Ruth provided a membership update, with new figure supposedly 164. It was suggested that if Tom was to be less involved in day to day branch matters, we may need to look to replace him as publicity officer / tasting panel chair. Graham will contact him to see if he wishes to continue in role.
- 6) Activation, including Social Activities
Feedback:
8th September – trip to Saltaire. Branch involvement was limited due to changed ticketing arrangements and problems with trains, but a group of members improvised with a pub crawl around North Sheffield instead! Roger S. reported that he'd attended the Barrow Hill helper's trip
Upcoming:
28th September – trip to Amber Valley Beer Festival at Belper. Bookings are relatively sparse – Graham will enquire at Pioneer Club to see if anyone from there would like to join us.
6th October- ladies group trip to Nottingham leaving on 1115 train from Dronfield. Graham will invite lady members from Erewash and Nottingham to join them!
10th – 13th October – Steel City Beer Festival. Graham, Roger S. and Sue will work on the Thursday afternoon Slot (1100 – 1500).
20th October – possible joint social with Sheffield branch visiting pubs in Derbyshire. Cost is £5, pick up from Pioneer 1330.
17th November – minibus trip to Stockport, leaving Pioneer Club at 1130. This will be advertised through comms system to all members in a bid to fill bus.
- 7) Awards
Date for presentation of Most Improved POTY was provisionally set for November meeting (14th), which is at Horse and Jockey. Graham to confirm.
- 8) Pub and Brewery News
Hopjacker brewery is currently not brewing due to Ed (the former brewer) no longer wishing to continue brewing. An excellent range of guest beers is currently on offer. There seems to be some action at the White Swan, and the Talbot has reopened, at least temporarily! Thai at Travellers has now been sold for development, and Barrack at Apperknowle is also closed. Festivals at Barlow have been held, with mixed reviews. Matlock Wolds farm beers will soon be available at Coach and Horses. Discount scheme at Coach and Horses has been discontinued. Andy reported that Mother Redcap remains closed.
- 9) Treasurer's Report
Same balance as last time, £1245, pending payment of £675 printing bill for latest Peel Ale. Full update at next meeting once advertising revenue has been received.
- 10) BLO
DVB has its AGM next week. Graham will try to attend. We need to report to BIS that Hopjacker is temporarily not brewing. Graham will ask Rob to do this.
- 11) Locale
Nothing new.
- 12) Tasting panel
Nothing new.
- 13) Beer Festival
Andy gave some information on the suggested Dronfield CAMRA festival. The proposition is that, as Three Valleys will not be taking place next year, we hold a beer festival based around the Pioneer Club. Tony at Pioneer Club is very much in favour of this. The plan is to hold a two- day festival (Friday and Saturday), possibly, with a soft launch on the Thursday. The meeting was generally supportive of the venue, and we'll start the budget setting process ASAP. Andy, Nick, Graham, Rob and Peter all offered to serve on committee, with Andy/ Rob to act as Beer Festival Organiser. Budget setting will be the priority. First meeting will be on Wednesday 19th September at Pioneer Club starting at 2000. Graham to confirm with Tony.
- 14) CAMRA Campaigns
October is Cider Month – please try to sample some! Members were reminded to vote for CBOB.
- 15) Peel Ale Update
Peel Ale is now in the public domain, and articles are being gathered for next one, which will go out late November. We need to chase up adverts and artwork to guarantee we meet this deadline. Peter offered to help with this.
- 16) Peel Ale / InnSpire Distribution
Nick brought a limited number of InnSpire for distribution.

17) Date and Venue of Next Meetings

11th October 2018; Hilltop Club

14th November 2018; Horse and Jockey

19th December 2018; Christmas meal at Traveller's Rest

8th January 2019; Green Dragon (TBC)

18) AOB

Graham reported that we'd received licensees' packs for GBG 2019 entries, which will be distributed to pubs this week in time for embargo lifting. Ruth invited us to her 80th birthday party this Sunday. Nick reported that there may be a possibility of some new input on developing the branch website. We'll add the website as an agenda item from next meeting.