

CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE – THANET BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th
SEPTEMBER 2017 AT THE AUSTRALIAN ARMS, RAMSGATE

IN ATTENDANCE

Jo Walbank, Dennis Brandrick, Damien Clark, Jez Laming, Julian Dungey, Graham Rickett, Steve Saunders, Nick Gurr, Pete Jaquiss, John Stringer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Debbie Aris, Tony Walbank, Danny O’Sullivan, Barry Branchett, Martin Baldwin, Micky Rush,

CHAIR’S WELCOME

Jo welcomed everybody to the meeting and

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were circulated and the following matters brought up:

- **Good Beer Guide:** The list was drawn up at the last meeting but Jo said we were a little premature with our nominations. Since then we have had late nominations for the **REMOVED** and the **REMOVED**. The meeting was reminded that the branch set a rule that any pub open on or before 31st August would be eligible for judging. The meeting agreed that the **REMOVED** and **REMOVED** need to be added to the list. Steve also nominated the **REMOVED** to be added.

The minutes were signed as a true record. Proposed Jez, Seconded Julian

FINANCE REPORT

In Debbie’s absence, the secretary reported that we have **REMOVED** in the account. All invoices now paid up. Next expenditure will be Ale of Thanet at **REMOVED. REMOVED** was sent to St Albans on 10th August.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jez reported that we have 576 members locally, up 13 from the last meeting, with a total of 189,875 nationally, up by 1351. Jez has investigated the membership register and we have 6 young members locally.

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KENT REGIONAL MEETING

The next KRM will be held on 30th September at the London Tavern. Jo reported that Kae has said that branch meetings should be considerably shorter and more of a social affair.

PUB UPDATES

- **Wetherspoon:** Now Open
- **Ravensgate:** Temporarily closed for decoration
- **Northdown:** Alan and Mick have pulled out so the future is uncertain
- **Orb:** Definitely closed, with hoarding being erected.

BREWERIES & PUB CHAINS

- **By the Mile:** John reported that brewing was a part-time process at present. He is hoping to brew something to go to the Tap Room, probably an English Black Ale. He is looking at a Porter for the winter.
- **Four Candles:** Dennis reported that business as usual at the Candles
- **Isla Vale:** Graham reported that the brewery is closing.
- **Margate:** Likely to be brewing in January...
- **NauticAles:** Planning a Green Hop.
- **Ramsgate:** John reported in Martin's absence that Green Hop will be launched on 20th September at the Monte. Brewing in process now, both cask and bottled. Green hop collaboration beer between Gadds', Wantsum, Goodys, Canterbury Ales.
- **Wantsum:** Graham reported that their Fuggles Green Hop will be ready w/c 11th September. It will be a Red IPA. Two more varieties are also in the pipeline using ancient hops. We have a certificate to present them for an award they received from the Gosport Winter Ales Festival. Graham to arrange this with the brewery.

BRANCH OBJECTIVES

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- **ACV Status:** **REMOVED**: Graham and Geoff are pushing forward with the ACV. **REMOVED**: This is in progress. **REMOVED**: Jodie is investigating this.
- **Ale of Thanet content:** Next copy deadline is today. Steve had said he is still short of articles and has asked for text and pictures to be sent through separately. Next edition copy deadline
- **Engagement of Young Members (18-30s):** Ongoing

BEER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Jeze has agreed to be the festival Treasurer and Peter has agreed to take on the role of Volunteer Coordinator. We need someone to run the bottled bar, a cider bar manager/festival organiser, a sponsorship coordinator.

AOB

- **NG:** 7 new followers on twitter (304) and approaching our 1000th tweet.
- **DC:** Glasses sponsor for the Festival. Could we approach **REMOVED**
- **JL:** Any CAMRA events for website and What's Brewing please send them to him and Nick
- **JW:** The incident at **REMOVED** has been investigated and we are referring it to CAMRA's head office for advice. Hopefully we can advise the branch of the outcome at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th November 2017, venue: Red Lion Ramsgate

The branch AGM will be held on Saturday 3rd February 2017. Venue: to be decided by the end of September.

Hussar Beer Festival 8,9,10 September.

Green Hop Tour 23/24 September. More information to follow from Danny.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:50