

Minutes of the Newark CAMRA Branch Annual General Meeting Held at the Flying Circus, Newark On Wednesday 13th November 2024

Attendees: Stuart Clift, Richard Trafford, Carolyn Gibbons, John Dunstan, Jo Dunstan, Sam Lucas, Rory Audsley-Spence, Max Greeley, Jim Mason, John Ward, Olly Blundell, Dominic Haythorne, Jim Power, Andrew Birkhead, Pip Barley, Derrick Fawcett, Colin Campbell

1. Apologies for absence

Allister Ferguson, John & Moira Williams, David McAdam, Alan Ward, Rob Hamnett-Day, Rob Green, Les Hooton.

2. Minutes of previous meeting inc accuracy/action minutes

Minutes of the AGM held on 8/11/23 were accepted as a true record.

3. Receive the Branch Accounts for the year from the Branch Treasurer

John Dunstan reported that the Branch Accounts had been audited by Rory Audsley-Spence and Jim Power for the year ending 31st October. The Beer Festival was successful and made a surplus this year of £5462. As the current stillage used for the beer festival had reached the end of its useful life, approval had been sought from the Regional Director & HQ to invest in the purchase of new stillage. There was a surplus in the Branch Accounts of £119. Thanks were given to Allister, social secretary, for keeping travel costs low this year. It was noted that there hadn't been many socials to the more remote locations within our Branch, where transport would be needed, and the Treasurer confirmed there would be a small fund available should it be required this year.

4. Appointment of Auditors

Rory Audsley-Spence and Jim Power were appointed as auditors for the coming year's accounts.

5. Chair's Annual Report

Stuart thanked the Flying Circus for hosting today's AGM. He thanked all members who have been involved in the Branch activities over the past year. The Beer Festival had been a success and thanks were given to Sam Lucas and all beer festival volunteers for their hard work.

6. Appointment of Branch Officials

The Chair explained the election process which had been outlined in the AGM notification.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Second
Branch Chair	Stuart Clift	Carolyn Gibbons	Rory Spence
Branch Secretary/ Branch Contact	Carolyn Gibbons	Rory Spence	Sam Lucas
Treasurer	John Dunstan	Richard Trafford	Max Greeley
Vice Chair	Richard Trafford	Sam Lucas	John Dunstan
Beer Festival Organiser	Sam Lucas	Jim Power	Colin Campbell
Membership Secretary	Max Greeley	Carolyn Gibbons	Jo Dunstan
Young Members Contact	Max Greeley	Richard Trafford	Jo Dunstan
Social Secretary	Allister Ferguson	John Williams	Stuart Clift

Good Beer Guide Submissions Co-ordinator/ Pub Promotions & Awards Co-ordinator (POTY)	Richard Trafford & Carolyn Gibbons	John Dunstan	Sam Lucas
Cider Representative	Carolyn Gibbons	Jo Dunstan	Sam Lucas
Pub Protection Officer	John Ward	Sam Lucas	Rory Spence
Social Media Co-ordinator	John Dunstan & Max Greeley	Rory Spence	Carolyn Gibbons
Media Contact (Press & Publicity Officer)	Sam Lucas	Stuart Clift	Jo Dunstan
Website Co-ordinator	Richard Trafford	Max Greeley	John Dunstan
Pub Data Co-ordinator/Beer Scores Co-ordinator	vacant		
Pub Campaigns Co-ordinator	vacant		

The Chairman thanked all those who had volunteered for committee positions and asked members who may be interested in standing for any of the vacant positions to contact him for further information about the roles. chairman@newark.camra.org.uk

7. Appointment Brewery Liaison Officer Co-ordinator

Rory Audsley-Spence agreed to take on the role of Branch Brewery Liaison Officer Co-ordinator and would liaise with Brewery Liaison Officers in relation to submitting quarterly reports to the Regional BLC.

8. Amendment to Branch Constitution

The Branch Treasurer had suggested amendments to the Branch Constitution to bring it in line with the current financial year end. Details of the amendments had been circulated with the agenda. The amendments were approved unanimously. Carolyn agreed to update the constitution and arrange for it to be uploaded to the Branch Website.

9. Any other business

- a. Rob Hamnett-Day, East Mids Regional Director, had sent his apologies and asked that thanks be passed on to the active members of the Branch for all the hard work that they do. Without volunteers, CAMRA wouldn't exist.
- b. Carolyn confirmed that CAMRA publicity materials had been ordered from HQ. However, due to CAMRA moving premises the delivery of publicity materials had been delayed. As soon as these were received, they would be brought to the next meeting for distribution by members to their local pubs.
- c. Sam confirmed that the Beer Festival sub-committee would be appointed as soon as confirmation had been received that the site was available. The nominated charities for the 2025 Beer Festival would be chosen by this sub-committee.
- d. Richard informed the meeting that the current Nottinghamshire County Co-ordinator, Alan Ward, was stepping down from his role. Richard had agreed to take over this position.

10. Date and venue of future Branch meetings

- **Christmas Social** - Wednesday 11th December at the Fox and Crown for Mexican food/pizza. Meet at 7pm for drinks, with food served at 8pm. Food needs to be pre ordered with a £5 deposit paid in advance (by 1/12/24) to the Branch Treasurer. treasurer@newarkcamra.org.uk. To select food please visit <https://www.castlerockbrewery.co.uk/pubs/fox-and-crown/>
- **January Branch Meeting** – Wednesday 8/1/25 at 7.30 pm at the Prince Rupert, Stodman Street, Newark.