

**CAMRA – R & H BRANCH AGM NOTES OF MEETING**  
**Revisions 1 &2.**

**Date of AGM, Location, Participants, Apologies for Absence, Start/Close Times**

**Date:** 18 May 2022

**Location:** The Steam Packet, Strand on the Green

**Participants**

Bob Gordon	<b>(BG)</b>	Chairman/ social Secretary
Andy Pirson	<b>(AP)</b>	Treasurer
George Gimber	<b>(GG)</b>	<u>Branch webmaster/Pubs Officer/GBG Co-ordinator.</u>
Richard Northmore	<b>(RN)</b>	Minutes Preparation
Iain Sutherland	<b>(IS)</b>	
Charles Owens	<b>(CO)</b>	Pub Protection /Membership Secretary
John Austin	<b>(JA)</b>	Press and Publicity
Damian Smeaton	<b>(DS)</b>	Branch Secretary - temporary
Robin Moore	<b>(RM)</b>	Young Members' Contact
David Twaites	<b>(DT)</b>	
Bruce Blackman	<b>(BB)</b>	
Trevor Dawson	<b>(TD)</b>	
Andrew Bell-Wright	<b>(AB-W)</b>	
John Lisle	<b>(JL)</b>	Late arrival
Danny Walsh	<b>(DW)</b>	Late arrival
Geoff Strawbridge	<b>(GS)</b>	<b>London Regional Director</b>
Roy Tunstal	<b>(RS)</b>	

**Apologies for  
Absence**

Sylvie Marie  
Martin Matthews  
Roy Hurry

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<p>Apologies for Absence continued</p> <p>Bryan Betts Stewart Murray Cathy Arnold Gisela White Sarah Bell-Wright <b>Start Time: 20:00</b></p> <p><b>Close time: 21:45</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Notes of Meeting</u></b></p> <p>BG chaired and opened the meeting welcoming all those present.</p> <p><b>1. Minutes of the last meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes of the last AGM, held on 9 September 2020 at The Cabbage Patch, Twickenham were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The POTY presentation to the Black Dog, Brentford has not yet happened</li><li>- The Lock Down Hero presentation to The Jolly Coopers, Hampton will take place on 24 May 2022</li><li>- THE Brewery Market, Twickenham has agreed to the concept of the CAMRA R&amp;H Branch having a “stall” at a function in Church Street – perhaps the High Tide Festival</li><li>- BG has informed CAMRA R&amp;H Branch members where to find the official CAMRA cider definition. GS said that the Cider symbol in GBG would only be included if the producer is on the official CAMRA list of Cider makers</li><li>- AP confirmed that the York house hire deposit refund received arising from the cancellation of 2021 TBF cancellation has been remitted to CAMRA</li><li>- The Examiner of Accounts was appointed for the 2021/22 term.</li><li>- <u>GG incorrectly stated as Pub Protection Officer. Should read just, Pubs Officer.</u></li></ul> <p>It was greed that the AGM notes of meeting were a true and accurate record of the former meeting – proposed by JA and seconded by RM</p> <p><b>Continued</b></p>	<p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <p><b><u>BG</u></b></p> <p><b><u>BG</u></b></p>

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<b>2. Matters Arising from Last AGM</b>	<u>Action</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- See above</li></ul>	
<b>3. Chairman's Report</b>	
Proposed agenda:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Chairman's welcome address &amp; apologies for absence</li><li>- Minutes of the last meeting, held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (see above)</li><li>- Chairman's report</li><li>- Secretary's report</li><li>- Membership secretary's report</li><li>- Treasurer's report</li><li>- NBSS</li><li>- Appointment of Examiner(s) of B&amp;H Branch accounts for and election of committee (maximum 9 persons):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Chairman</li><li>o Secretary</li><li>o Treasurer</li><li>o Membership secretary</li><li>o Other branch committee members (maximum 5)</li></ul></li></ul>	
Any other business (none notified in advance of meeting)	
<b>Report</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- It has been a relatively short period since the last AGM in September 2021. Twickenham beer festival negotiations for a joint Landmark centre in Teddington were on going but a better offer was received at the last minute, and it was decided to hold the beer festival at The Turks Head, ST Margaret's this October, we will make an official announcement shortly. The landmark committee was informed and were not too pleased, but it was in the interest of CAMRA financially</li><li>- Good beer guide selection was completed, and a couple of new entries will appear in the next edition. Branch pub of the year is The Jolly Coopers, Hampton, presentation to be advised. The cider pub of the year is The Sussex Arms, Twickenham the presentation will be made 28<sup>th</sup> June.</li><li>- Two lockdown hero awards one has been presented to The Angel and Crown, Richmond in April, and next week at the Jolly Coopers, Hampton 24<sup>th</sup> May.</li></ul>	
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- Branch social and branch/ committee meetings have been taking place, and I wish to thank the committee and all members for their support over the last 9 months, and I am happy to continue in the position of branch chairman.

Action

### **4. Secretary’s Report**

- RH has held the R&H Branch Secretary Role for many years and has stepped down leaving the position vacant. GS urged the R&H branch to find a new Secretary so that BG does not have to fill this extra role.
- It was suggested that RH’s service be recognised through a presentation perhaps an engraved Tankard which would be funded through individual member voluntary contributions. JA was tasked to investigate

### **5. Membership Secretary’s Report**

- AP took on this role after the last AGM and has issued welcoming letters to new members.
- AP said that membership numbers since the last AGM had varied between 943 and 954 and that nationwide CAMRA membership had declined from a peak of 200,000 to 157,063 today.
- It was agreed that recruitment would be a focus area for the 2022 TBF
- CO mentioned the CAMRA national investment fund targeted at recruitment

### **4. Treasurer’s Report - see Attachment 2**

- AP said that he had been busy over the period mentioning the deposit refund and expenditure for the renewal of the R&H Branch website domain (£23.98) and sundry expenses (£10.00). An amount of £300.0 is being held for a function to thank volunteers from the 1920 TBF – held over due to the pandemic.
- This means that R&H branch has £ 1279 .00 in its bank account (nett £968)
- CO proposed acceptance of the treasure’s Report RM seconded this.
- GS congratulated AP for a job well done

### **Appointment of Examiner of R&H Branch Accounts (2022/23 term)**

- AP advised that the previously used Examiner of R&H Branch Accounts Paul Manning is willing to continue in this role. AP proposed this and PH seconded it.

AP

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<p><b>5. Press and Publicity and Public Affairs Officer’s report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing to report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Nominations for and Election of R&amp;H Branch Committee Members (max 9)</b></p>	<u><b>Action</b></u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BG confirmed that he is willing to continue as Chairman. Unanimously approved. BG will also continue as Social Secretary.</li> </ul>	<u><b>BG</b></u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A replacement long term Branch Secretary is required to replace Roy Hurry. DS volunteered to take on this role on a short-term basis Proposed by AP and seconded by RM.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GS suggested that the Secretary role should have the support of a “sweeper”</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RN confirmed that he is willing to continue performing the role of Minutes Preparation.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AP confirmed that he is willing to continue as Treasurer. GS suggested a back-up be appointed to shadow AP. BG volunteered to do this.</li> </ul>	<u><b>BG</b></u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AP confirmed that he is willing to continue as Membership Secretary however CO volunteered to take on this role Proposed by PH and seconded by AB-W</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This filled all the R&amp;H Branch Committee positions.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BG agreed to advise GS of the R&amp;H Branch Committee members and roles. GS will assist in registration with CAMRA if necessary.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Additionally:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PH will be R&amp;H Branch Cider Rep.</li> <li>○ RM volunteered to become more involved in R&amp;H Branch activities. BG suggested the role of Branch Young Members Contact. BG proposed, ABW seconded</li> <li>○ CO volunteered to continue as the R&amp;H Branch Pub Protection Officer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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<p><b>7. Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The next R&amp;H Branch social will be held at the Princes Head, Richmond at the end of July <span style="float: right;"><b><u>BG</u></b></span></li> <li>- The next TBF planning meeting will be held at the Turks Head on 1 June <span style="float: right;"><b><u>BG</u></b></span></li> <li>- RT provided some flyers promoting the Ealing BF to be held on 13 to 16 July at Walpole Park</li> <li>- DW asked when recruitment would be promoted. This will be at TBF in October.</li> <li>- <u>GG confirmed that he will continue maintaining the CAMRA Pubzilla database and WhatPub.com for the Branch area.</u></li> <li>- GG fulfils this role as Pubs Officer</li> <li>- GS mentioned the need to have a Pub Contact role in all CAMRA branches. It was confirmed that R&amp;H Branch has this. <u>GG fulfils this role as Pubs Officer</u></li> <li>- DS expressed interest in helping to judge pubs for awards/GBG etc <span style="float: right;"><b><u>BG</u></b></span></li> <li>- Pub socials were discussed – especially taking in more than one pub. BG agreed this is a good idea. GS suggested two pubs per day as being a viable approach <span style="float: right;"><b><u>All</u></b></span></li> <li>- DT emphasised the need for more people to use the NBSS system</li> <li>- It was confirmed that R&amp;H Branch has a system for distributing and promoting London drinker</li> <li>- GS confirmed that the CAMRA cider symbol would only be included in GBG for pubs which sell cider produced by entities shown on the CAMRA official list. <span style="float: right;"><b><u>AP/BG</u></b></span></li> <li>- AP said that R&amp;H Branch has its next Committee Meeting there is a need to establish two more Committee Members able to sign cheques <span style="float: right;"><b><u>AP</u></b></span></li> <li>- AP is establishing online banking for himself and BG</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Prepared by: RN</u></b></p> <p><b><u>19 May 2022 &amp; Revision 1 22 May 2022 &amp; Revision 2 23 May</u></b></p>	

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**Attachment 1**

**Membership Secretary's Report – May 2022**

Membership Category	04/04/22	09/05/22	Difference
Single	390	390	0
Single Under 26	11	11	0
Single Overseas	1	1	0
Single Unemployed	9	9	0
Single Student	1	1	0
Single Retired	241	237	-4
Single Disabled	3	3	0
Single Life	43	43	0
<b>Total Single</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>-4</b>
Joint	186	188	+2
Joint Retired	50	50	0
Joint Life	10	10	0
<b>Total Joint</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>+2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>-2</b>
Dashboard Total	947**	948**	+1

Note: \*\*The dashboard total is a headline figure at today's date which should match the summation of the figures under the individual categories – but for some reason it does not.

The dashboard also shows a national membership (today) of 157,510.

Other Information Extracted from Membership Dashboard:

In the last 30 days (to today) 3 new members have been registered and 2 members are noted as lapsed, indicating a net increase of 1 member. [Note: There is a difference between the dashboard period and the time between the April and May report dates – 35 days].

The monthly update email for this month from John Cottrell arrived on 6th May. An attached spread sheet shows that no existing members have moved to or from other branch areas this month. A second spread sheet listing the membership in each branch shows a total for R&H of 948 members at the end of April (up from 946 at the end of March).

Two welcome emails have been sent today to two new members.

ANDY PIRSON - Membership Secretary 9th May 2022

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### Attachment 2

#### THE CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW BRANCH

#### Annual Account 2021-22 Income & Expenditure Account

Date	Transaction	Income	Expenditure	Voucher	Note
20/08/21	To: George Gimber for branch web site domain renewal (31/05021 to 31/05/23		£23.98	C/01	
07/10/21	Remittance of surplus funds/ income to CAMRA HQ		£2,300.00	21/03	
31/03/22	Sundry expenses - A.Pirson		£10.74		1
		£0.00	£2,334.72		
Net deficit on year			£2,334.72		

Notes:

1. Expenses claim not submitted by year end, therefore counted as a creditor on closing balance sheet

I confirm the above Statement of Accounts for Richmond & Hounslow Branch 2021/22

Signed  .....  
Treasurer for Richmond & Hounslow Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale

Date: 17/05/22 .....

I have verified the existing balance as at 31st March 2022 and have examined the books and The above is a true statement of receipts, payments and bank balance.

Signed  ..... Branch Financial Referee

Date: 17/5/22 .....



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### THE CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW BRANCH

Date 17/05/22

BALANCE SHEET			
ASSETS AT 31/03/21		ASSETS AT 31/03/22	
BANK ACCOUNT:	£1,313.55	BANK ACCOUNT:	£1,279.00
CASH IN HAND:	£45.68	CASH IN HAND:	£0.00
Sub-Total	£1,359.23	Sub-Total	£1,279.00
DEPOSIT with LBRuT: Hall Hire 2020 (vcr 19/03)	£2,243.75	DEPOSIT with LBRuT: Deposit returned 03-08-21	£0.00
PLUS DEBTORS:	£0.00	PLUS DEBTORS:	£0.00
LESS CREDITORS / ALLOWANCES:		LESS CREDITORS / ALLOWANCES:	
Allowance for workers' outing Invoices anticipated:	(£300.00) £0.00	Allowance for workers' outing Invoices anticipated: Expenses claim awaited	(£300.00) £0.00 (£10.74)
TOTAL	£3,302.98		
Subtract net deficit for period	(£2,334.72)		
	£968.26	TOTAL	£968.26

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