

CAMRA – R & H BRANCH AGM 2024 NOTES OF MEETING

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<u>Date of Meeting, Location, Participants, Apologies for Absence, Start/Close Times</u>		
Date:	Tuesday 7th May 2024	
Location:	Cabbage Patch, Twickenham	
Participants		
Bob Gordon	(BG)	Chairman
Andy Pirson	(AP)	Treasurer
Philip Harrison	(PH)	
Ellie Eames	(EE)	London regional director
John Austin	(JA)	Press and Publicity Officer
Damian Smeaton	(DS)	Secretary / minutes
George Gimber	(GG)	
Paul Leonard		
Danny Walsh	(DW)	
Iain Sutherland		
Bruce Blackman	(BB)	
Roy Tunstall		
Andrew Bellwright		
John Lisle		
William Reynolds		
Martin Leonard		
AGENDA (All Agenda Items to be followed by ‘Matters Arising’ where appropriate) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairman’s Welcome Address & ‘Apologies for Absence’ 2. Minutes of the Last AGM Meeting, held on 19th April 2023 3. Matters arising 4. Chairman’s Report (Bob Gordon) 5. Secretary’s Report (Damian Smeaton) 6. Membership Secretary’s Report (Clive Owens) 7. Treasurer’s Report (Andy Pirson) and Approval of Accounts 8. Appointment of Examiner(s) of Accounts 9. Press and publicity officer (John Austin) 10. Webmaster/ Pub records officer report (George Gimber) 11. NBSS 12. Nominations for and election of Committee (maximum 9 persons) 13. Any Other Business (none notified in advance of the Meeting) 		
Notes of Meeting	Action	
Meeting started 19.45		
BG chaired the meeting welcoming all those present		
1. Apologies for absence		
Richard Northmore (RN)		

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<p>Martin Matthews Sylvie Matthews Charles Owens Disella White</p> <p>2. Minutes of last meeting Minutes of last AGM at Cabbage Patch were circulated and approved</p> <p>3. Matters Arising from Last Meeting No matters arising.</p> <p>4. Chairman's Report (BG) Another year has passed and we are all getting older, we held the beer festival last November at the Turks Head in St Margaret's which despite the cold and wet weather was a success. I thank everyone who volunteered and came along to support this event. A special mention for Andy Pirson despite having health issues continued as treasurer for the festival, it is much appreciated. Andy is stepping down from festival treasurer this year and the branch is indebted to Andy for all his outstanding work over many years!</p> <p>On a sad note long standing branch member died suddenly which was a great shock to everyone, please raise your glasses in honour to Bryan.</p> <p>The Naked Ladies saga has been ongoing throughout the year and to be honest it has been tiresome! But recently the Portman group has decided Naked Ladies is not offensive, Camra announced they were disappointed by this decision, the Daily Mail and other papers picked up on this!!</p> <p>Pub of the year and GBG selection took place with a couple of new GBG entries, very few people nominated and surveyed!</p> <p>I attended all but one LLC meeting last year, one of the hot topics was Naked Ladies! No we have to wait to see if it will be reinstated to CBOB voting? London POTY judging is taking place at the moment to be completed by early July. I hope our entry the Masons Arms does well!</p> <p>Branch activities formal and social meetings take place monthly and they are attended by generally the same active members. We plan to revamp the social side, we had a joint social with West London branch in Chiswick which was well attended and a great success.</p> <p>We are waiting to confirm if Twickenham beer festival will go ahead this year, we need a treasurer, and to get a favourable agreement for hall hire at the Turks Head.</p> <p>I have enjoyed the chairman roll in the branch, and I am happy to continue in this position.</p> <p>5. Secretary's Report (DS) Nothing specific to report but two recent updates from CAMRA; a new website is in development and members can experience part of this at present when visiting the main website; CAMRA is encouraging local groups to produce a local pub heritage listing – agreed to be discussed in next committee meeting</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>BG</p>
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6. Treasurer's Report (AP)

AP presented a comprehensive report of accounts for the 2023 TBF with the following points highlighted;

A sum of £2800 was forwarded to CAMRA HQ

There was a 27.1% mark up on turnover.

Attendance was 595 vs 650 projected (91.5%). Members 303 non-members 292

Beer sales 91.3% from dipping; by income 85% sold. 7.9% on free beer/vouchers

Pints per head 3.09.

Mention was made of the generosity of the charity bin contributions.

An account summary is attached (appendix 1). A full set of accounts was available for members at the meeting.

The agreement of the accounts were proposed and seconded by the committee.

Appointment of examiner of accounts; John Lisle.

7. Membership secretary's report (CO)

No report received. BG to contact CO.

BG

8. Press and Publicity Officer Report (JA)

Twickenham Beer Festival 2023

I sent press releases to local media about the TBF, and this year most of them responded with articles. I erected and removed the 25 laminated A5 Festival flyers on lamp columns in St. Margarets and Richmond.

I counted and analysed all the Festival voting slips for BOTF and COTF to produce the winners and to obtain data on who attended the Festival. Data was passed on to CAMRA for further usage. The offer of a case of Naked Ladies each night of the Festival encouraged more people to vote.

London Drinker

I have written 4 articles with photos for London Drinker about the 2023 Festival, the POTY presentation, tributes to Tom Madeiros and Bryan Betts.

Naked Ladies support.

As Branch Publicity Officer and BLO for Twickenham Fine Ales I kept the Branch membership fully informed and updated on the "Naked Ladies" saga in the national press and CAMRA's National Executive response so far. We are awaiting their decision as to whether to restore "Naked Ladies" to the eligible list of beers for Champion Beer of Britain voting.

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9. Branch contact, Pub Records Officer, Webmaster & GBG coordinator report

Branch Contact

Since the last AGM I have been appointed and designated as local contact for the CAMRA Richmond & Hounslow Branch and this has been recorded on the main CAMRA website* - contact@rh.camra.org.uk

*I have noted that the branch website address given is wrong, however a system redirect saves the day...!!

Branch Website

After a review of our website by National Branch Website Support Coordinator (Andy Shaw) in 2022 it has been suitable updated and host transferred to a CAMRA web server in 2023. Web address is now rh.camra.org.uk from the previous address www.rhcamra.org.uk. The proposed redesign to fully comply with the review's report has yet to be implemented. However, the branch website should now, I believe, be mostly compliant with the Guidelines, except for being 'responsive/smartphone friendly'.

The final and most significant task will be to undertake a complete redesign of the website to meet the 'mobile friendly' responsive requirement. To this end I have elected to use a Content Management System (CMS) called WordPress, to develop a new website. A development area has been setup and WordPress program installed in preparation for this work. Using WordPress to develop a new website will entail a significant learning challenge for me and will also require involvement of branch members to agree new content, colour scheme and graphic design etc. At some later stage I hope some committee members will be able to directly edit and update content on the new site as it will require less technical (HTML/CSS) skills as for the current (hand coded) website.

GoogleGroup mail list

Richmond & Hounslow Branch have been using a Google group mailing list to allow branch members and the R&H Committee to exchange information of local interest or on specific meeting topics etc.

The original Google Group (rhcamra) mailing list was set-up in March 2009 by Bryan Betts and is the Owner of this group list. Because Bryan died earlier this year without transferring ownership to me, I have created a new mailing list and undertook to refresh the subscriber members. The new group name also reflects the change in our website address.

Please contact me if you would like to be included. I require Name, Your local Town, Email address and your CAMRA Branch.

Pubs and Bars

With so much change taking place in the pub trade over the years, keeping track of what is happening over the entire branch area (covering two Greater London boroughs) has been a demanding task. Maintaining branch pub records relies on what I can discover and on very few people reporting news of changes to keep

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this information up to date on our branch news page and on whatpub.com. Our branch covers a wide area, a large part I am sure remains unreported on.

WhatPub

This national CAMRA Website called What Pub is fed data from a section of a national database called Pubzilla (among others). A section of which is maintained by our Branch. When changes are made to Pubzilla, these are then exported to the WhatPub.com server to update its website. In addition to our updates, I also receive occasional pub feedback from other CAMRA Members from both inside and outside our branch area via the 'Submit Updates' facility on the WhatPub.com website. When visiting other pubs outside our area, I too have submitted updates (and sometime pictures) and encourage others to do the same.

We have **419** pubs & Clubs entered on Pubzilla for our branch area. Not all are still trading (or still in existence!). In fact there are only **289** listed as active and of those **39** have been declared 'long term closed'. This gives an indication of how many pubs we have lost over the years.

We need to get more members to provide feedback on the pubs they visit, especially those that have not been visited for years.

WhatPub.com currently lists **31,389** real ale venues **nationwide in May this year compared to 32,499** in April 2023.

GBG Coordinator

Carried out nine surveys of candidates for the 2025 Good Beer Guide and coordinated and checked the submissions of a further eighteen. The Pubzilla database was subsequently updated and then used to compile, check/correct technical errors, and then used to submit the final (18+reserves) GBG candidates to the CAMRA Regional Director by the stated deadline.

10. NBSS

No update had been given since the scores were prepared for the GBG meeting .
AP to produce a first quarter report and load to google group.

11. Nominations for and election of committee

All current members were willing to stand again and were re-elected.

Chairman – BG

Secretary – DS

Treasurer – AP branch treasurer until decision made regarding go ahead for TBF which requires a new treasurer.

Membership – CO (BG to check)

Press – JA

Website / pubs – GG

Social secretary – BB

AP

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12. AOB

BB mentioned his ideas for socials proposed at last committee meeting. It was proposed to have one different social to the current routine per quarter – to be discussed at next committee meeting. Any ideas to be sent to BB. Bg to send a branch mail out.

There was some discussion about the Naked Ladies saga and the CAMRA response. EE was not sure what would happen due to a difference of opinion regarding the Portman group decision.

Kingston & Leatherhead area to split – might have impact on branch?

BG mentioned TBF volunteer trip to Sambrooks brewery on 30th May – e-mail has been sent to volunteers from festivals.

Dates for next meetings and socials

Wed 19th June committee Roebuck, Richmond

Wed 26th June social 3 kings, Twickenham

Tues 2nd July committee Royal Oak, Isleworth

Wed 17th July social Northumberland Arms, Brentford

Meeting closed 9.35pm

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Appendix 1

CAMRA RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW BRANCH ACCOUNTS 2023/24 - SUMMARY

Date 19/04/24

TWICKENHAM BEER FESTIVAL 2023 - ACCOUNT

Item	Income	Expenditure	Surplus	Budget			Compare budget
				Income	Expenditure	Surplus	
				11,650.00	4,486.50	7,163.50	(£2,323.93)
Draught Beer	£8,928.40	£4,088.83	£4,839.57	1,420.00	555.12	864.88	(£728.53)
Cider	£417.15	£280.80	£136.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	£121.00
Products	£361.00	£240.00	£121.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£0.00
Membership	£56.50	£56.50	£0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£200.00
Glasses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00	200.00	(200.00)	(£277.00)
Admissions	£1,179.00		£1,179.00	1,456.00	0.00	1,456.00	£1,000.00
Hall Hire	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	
Printing & Publicity (incl advertising income)	£0.00	£288.39	(£288.39)	0.00	670.00	(670.00)	£381.61
Site Expenses	£0.00	£842.74	(£842.74)	0.00	1,260.00	(1,260.00)	£417.26
Staff Meals (excl sec. staff)	£158.00	£330.00	(£172.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(£172.00)
Sundries	£0.00	£45.15	(£45.15)	0.00	190.00	(190.00)	£144.85
Transport	£0.00	£1,717.20	(£1,717.20)	0.00	1,580.00	(1,580.00)	(£137.20)
Door Security	£0.00	£140.00	(£140.00)	0.00	200.00	(200.00)	£60.00
Contingency	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00	200.00	(200.00)	£200.00
Other Advertising (glasses)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£0.00
Charity Bins (cash & tokens)	£229.65	£229.65	£0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£0.00
Other Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£0.00
TOTALS	£11,329.70	£8,259.26		14,526.00	10,341.62		(£1,113.94)
SURPLUS ON 2023 FESTIVAL			£3,070.44	Surplus		4,184.38	
Adjustments to 2022/23 account			£0.00				
Gross Surplus on Festival Trading			£3,070.44				

Dispersals:		
To CAMRA Central Funds		(£2,800.00)
Allowance for staff outing (as agreed budget)		(£200.00)
Total Dispersals		(£3,000.00)

Net Surplus/(Deficit) on Beer Festival £70.44

GENERAL INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Income	Expenditure	Surplus/(deficit)
Summary of transactions	£0.00	£26.98	(£26.98)

Overall surplus/(deficit) on year £43.46

I confirm the above Statement of Accounts for Richmond & Hounslow Branch 2023/24

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

Date: 30/04/2024

I have verified the existing balance as at 19/04/24 and have examined the books and vouchers for the period ending at that date.
The above is a true statement of receipts, payments and bank balance.

Signed  Branch Financial Referee

Date: 30/4/24

Notes:

1. Site expenses covers public liability insurance, hire of radios and printing beer vouchers together with beer dispense consumables
2. Sundries includes stationery, postage and general administrative expenses
3. CAMRA "Team Tango" staff used. Cost is for staff meals for stewards not drinking during operating hours

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	833.39	295.20	538.19	(£401.84)
	0.00		0.00	£121.00
	0.00		0.00	£0.00
	0.00		0.00	£0.00
	1,170.00		1,170.00	£9.00
	0.00		0.00	£0.00
	0.00	456.79	(456.79)	£168.40
	0.00	679.20	(679.20)	(£163.54)
	0.00		0.00	(£172.00)
	0.00	180.00	(180.00)	£134.85
	0.00	1,720.00	(1,720.00)	£2.80
	0.00	80.00	(80.00)	(£60.00)
	0.00	200.00	(200.00)	£200.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	£0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	£0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	£0.00
	12,377.39	7,980.94		
Surplus		4,396.45		(£1,326.01)

BUDGET CORRECTION

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