

## DCRA AGM Meeting Minutes 22nd March 2022

### Agenda

- Chairman's Welcome
- Apologies
- Bereavements
- Treasurers Report
- Membership Report
- Secretaries report
- Walking Group Report
- Brewing group Report
- AOB and future meeting dates
- Mini Home brewed Beer and non/low-alcoholic fermented drinks tasting and nibbles  
There were 13 people at the meeting.

#### Apologies

Graham Pugh  
Gloria Suridge  
Mike Dams

C Vale  
Brenda Dowdell

Mary Currie  
Brenda Saunders

#### Bereavements

Giovanni Bassani  
Joan Lake  
Colin Rowlands  
Chris Cain

Alum F (Tiger) Jones  
Malcolm Potter  
Gerry Goodman

Len Little  
Al Perkins  
Charlie Lacefield

We discussed memories that people had of the people above and it would be very good if we could organise a memorabilia afternoon to bring together anything the membership had such as photographs, items from their time at DC and anecdotes about things that happened. We could also have a special edition of the newsletter of the stories. Anyone interested in this should get in touch with Don Surridge or Richard.

#### Treasurers Report

Margaret went through the accounts.

Year-end 2021 summary showing income and expenditure 2021 attached to minutes. Accounts have been audited and approved by D.T.Edwards.

Total income 2021 £431.13

Total Expenses 2021 £685.43

Total Assets at year-end £4756.01

Due to the situation with Covid lockdowns there was very little activity and expense during 2021. However, we continue to spend more than our annual income. Main expenses are Insurance, Printing, donations in memory and support to Walking group.

Report attached for 2022 Year to date 22/03/22

Income Year to date £313.03

Expenditure to date £113.04

Assets Year to date £4956.00

Income is declining each year due to lower membership numbers and no outside support (DC).

The main expenses now are liability Insurance, In memory donations, printing and support for the walking group.

A full report is attached to the minutes

Don Thanked Margaret for her continued work as Treasurer.

There was some discussion about whether we should increase our membership fees and would this mean that we would lose some people.

A question about why we have got large assets that we are not using and why don't we just run them down was asked.

When we do get more active in our activities, we may have to consider raising fees and using up the assets but at present fees will remain the same, but we will monitor it at future meetings.

We make a donation in memorial of members that have died but, in some cases, it has been difficult to find out what charity the bereaved have nominated. There was a proposal that instead of making individual donations to different charities we could nominate a charity every year and donate in memorium of that person to that nominated charity. To do this we would need a mechanism in place to choose the charity for the year. This could be done at the AGM every year with the membership nominating charities and choosing one via a vote.

#### Membership Report

Val went through the membership report. We have 244 members with 2 new members. There are sometimes renewal issues with getting cheques to Val.

Don Thanked Val for her continued work as membership secretary and her work putting the Newsletter together and sent out, people have commented that they really appreciate reading the articles.

#### Secretaries Report

There were no matters arising or comments from the last meeting minutes.

#### Walking group Report

Stuart went through the walking group report for the January and February walks with the March walk being cancelled due to the weather.

With the Welsh restrictions on Covid becoming 'more normal' the walking group has been able to proceed with its 2022 walking programme, starting with the January walk fairly close to home at Dunraven Bay, walking along the Wales Coast Path to Cwm Nash and then up to the infamous

Plough and Harrow pub for lunch, which was unfortunate because the Chef had not turned up, so it was a packet of crisps instead. The 15 walkers walked back across the wide expanse of Traeth Mawr to Trwyn y Witch (witch's nose) some climbing up the cliff via the stony steps, others attempting to circumnavigate the nose on the sand, but ultimately having to climb up onto the nose to get back to the car park. A delightful 6 mile walk.

February's walk had 15 walkers travelling to the Gower and Rhossili car park for a 8 mile walk along the expansive Rhossili beach up to Spaniards Rocks, past Burry Holms, around to Broughton and then inland to skirt around the flanks of Llanmadoc Hill before reaching Llangennith and the Kings Head for a well-earned lunch. Suitable refreshed some walkers returned to Rhossili via the beach, whilst the majority walked up and over The Downs, enjoying superb views as a reward. The weather was kind with light wind and sunny periods.

The planned 7 mile walk for March in the Raglan area had to be cancelled at short notice because of heavy overnight rain and heavy rain forecast during the morning of the walk, but will be re-scheduled, probably in 2023.

Upcoming walks are;

6 Apr	Llantrisant Forest and Llanharan	6	M
Meet 1030 Llantrisant Forest, Forestry Commission Car Park (ST 025 847) off A4119 to Tonyrefail			
18 May	The Three Pens: Pen Cerrig-calch, Pen Allt-mawr, Pen Gloch-y-pibwr, plus Table Mountain	10	C
Meet 1030 at Crickhowell Market Car Park NP8 1AE			
1 June	Penrhys Pilgrimage Pt 1: Llandaff 1 to Llantrisant (linear walk)	10	M
Meet 1000 at Llandaff Cathedral			

It was our plan to visit Portugal in June 2021 for a week's walking in the Minho area near Porto. However the Covid restrictions guided us to defer the holiday until June 2022.

Anyone wishing to join the walking group, or wanting more information may contact Stuart McMillan (Tel 029 2070 5234, or e-mail [mcmillan42H@talktalk.net](mailto:mcmillan42H@talktalk.net)<<mailto:mcmillan42H@talktalk.net>>).

We thank the Retiree's Association and the Executive for their continued support.

#### Brewing and Fermentation group Report

Richard ran through the activities of the brewing group which consisted of a beer brew off and tasting at the end of February. The beer we decided to try to brew was a black IPA. The general recipe was that it should have an original gravity of around 1055 (ABV at 5 to 6%), colour of 30

SRM (black to the eye) and a bitterness of 50 to 60 IBU. Paul's was called Ink Blot and Richard's was called Black Hole. Full recipes can be obtained on request. We then set up a beer tasting at the end of February to try the beers along with a few other brews that each of us had made. There were 5 people at the tasting session from the DCRA membership and we had about 1/3 of a pint of each beer to try and score on things like Appearance, Aroma, Flavour, Mouthfeel and Aftertaste. The beer was then given an overall score out of 10.

#### Beer

DCRA Brewing Group Belgian (BGB) - the first beer the group made together

Sundon Brewery, Paul H

Imperial Rye Stout

Ink Blot, Black IPA

Abbey Porter

Christmas Bells (Christmas brew off beer)

Beach Hut Brewery, Richard T

Dead Donkey, Session IPA

Sour Dough Experimental

Black Hole, Black IPA

Christmas Cake (Christmas brew off beer)

Most were quite dark winter type ales except for the pale ales dead donkey and sour dough experimental.

The full results are in the attached with the tasting notes and scores. Overall, the DCRA brewing group Belgian (BGB) and Paul's Imperial Rye Stout came out as the favourites.

We will have another group brew day in the next months for anyone who wants to help create another DCRA group beer on my kit (as well as individual brews from anyone else) followed by another beer tasting.

Lunch and snacks were provided and consisted of hotdogs (using Richard's sausages made at a recent sausage making course) and nibbles.

We are also testing a small scale (5 Litre) kit for anyone who wants to have a go at a full mash brew at home. We can supply all the kit and bottles on loan along with the ingredients and the full method with pictures for anyone to try to make 8 bottles of a beer of their choice which we can try at a future tasting. Just let me know the style and strength you fancy making and when and we will get it ready. It can all be done in the kitchen. No prior knowledge required just a day to do it in (I can come and help if needed).

#### AOB

There are short walks organised by Diane Baker in the Barry area and there is a Nordic walking group every Monday and Wednesday usually about 3 miles with coffee (Sue Sugden for details). Anyone interested in these activities can contact me by phone, email, letter or carrier pigeon and I'll pass on the information.

We had a small beer tasting after the meeting to try the Christmas beers from the brewing group along with a few others. Some were on sale and proceeds went to the DCRA. Future meetings could include more tasting events but with a non-alcoholic mocktail as well. Ideas to Richard please.

Meeting Dates

Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th June 2022, 2pm at Highlight Park Community centre Barry.

Any feedback to Richard

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