

**Aberdeen, Grampian & Northern Isles
Branch Meeting – Zoom - 17th June 2020 at 20.00**

- 1) **Attendance:-** Ian Chapman (IC), George Howie (GH), Nick Marshall (NM), Jim Strachan (JStr), Richard Jones (RAJ), Scott Wilson (SW), Bob Frost (BF), Ian Stewart (IS)
- 2) **Apologies:-** Mike Burton (MB), Colin Youngson (CY), Dave Lee (DL), Rigg Robertson (RR)
- 3) **Accuracy of Previous Minutes** (Zoom, 22nd April)
 - a) Add Bob Frost and Ian Stewart to attendee list
 - b) Action to delete Valhalla Brewery from BIS and not Lerwick
- 4) **Action Minute Updates** (Zoom, 22nd April) (NB Many of the actions now irrelevant due to cancellation of March 18th meeting and Pandemic closure of pubs and lockdoen)

	Action Details	By	Progress
170902	Great Grampian Beer Festival co-ordinator still required	All	Ongoing. C/f
180301	Suggestions or offers for re-location of remaining stored Beer Festival equipment	All	Ongoing. C/f
180801	Incorporate new branding in stationary, websites, etc.	GH/SW	Done on new version of website coming soon. Closed
181001	Investigate allowing all members to see minutes etc. Requires members log-in to be added	GH/SW	Ongoing. C/f
190401	Look at award winning websites for ideas to enhance our one	SW	Done and incorporated. Closed
190902	New BLO required for Deeside Brewery	All	Ongoing. C/f
190903	New BLO required for Platform 22	All	Ongoing. C/f
190904	New BLO required for Quiet Brewery	All	Ongoing. C/f
190905	Send suggestions for 1960s heritage pubs	GH	Not yet done. Need reminder of what was suggested. C/f
200401	Arrange for JStr to become Brew Toon BLO	GH	Done. Closed
200402	Get details of Island members and contact re setting up a group	GH/BF	Done. Agenda item. Closed
200403	Update status of Speyside Brewery on BIS to 'Closed'	BLO (CY)	Done by IBLC as BLO cannot do. Closed
200404	Update status of Valhalla Brewery on BIS to 'Closed'	BLO (IC)	Done by IBLC as BLO cannot do. Closed

5) Chairman's Report

- a) No activity

6) Treasurers Report

- a) Branch £987.84
- b) Beer Festival £127.14
- c) Outstanding payments due for North Sea Ale printing (Issue 65) and also postage to far flung areas
- d) £60.00 to be transferred back to Beer Festival from Branch
- e) Snapshot as at 31/03/20 sent to HQ

7) Membership Secretary Report

- a) Currently 398
- b) 2 new members since April
- c) 2 lapsed

8) Correspondence

a) **Mailouts**

Usual mailouts from HQ as detailed below were mentioned. All are available on the HQ website at <https://www.camra.org.uk/volunteers-area/branch-administration/memos/>

- 1) No mailouts listed as too many

9) Other correspondence

- 1) None apart from the usual feedback from WhatPub

10) Scottish Branches Matters

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- a) Last meeting was at Tam O' Shanter, Dumfries, on Saturday 15th February
- b) No meeting held since due to Covid19 restrictions

10) Publications

- a) **GBG 2020**
 - 1) Submit Scalloway Hotel as deletion from GBG 2020
- b) **GBG 2021**
 - 1) Proofs for GBG 2021 not yet received
 - 2) Future for GBG 2021 discussed
- c) **GBG Mobile App**
 - 1) Awaiting GBG 2021 entries
- d) **Other Publications**
 - 1) 50th Anniversary Publication

11a) Pub News / Outlets

- 1) Need information on which pubs are doing carry outs whilst not allowed to open
- 2) Need information on which pubs will re-open once they are allowed to and which are unlikely to depending on what the restrictions will be

11b) POTY/COTY

- a) All CBOB/CBOS competitions suspended till 2021

11c) BOTY (Beer Of The Year)

- a) All entries selected for competitions in 2020 are carried forward to 20210 - assuming breweries & beers become available

12) Tasting Panels

- a) No sessions planned in the near future

13) BLO Reports

- 1) **6 Degrees North (Jas Bhagrath)**
 - a) No report
- 2) **Big Fish (GH Temp)**
 - a) No report
- 3) **Bodachra (GH Temp)**
 - a) No report
- 4) **BrewDog (Steve Armstrong)**
 - a) No report
- 5) **Brew Toon (Robert Raine)**
 - a) Doing deliveries/mail order
- 6) **Burnside (Rigg Robertson)**
 - a) Are delivering beer locally with Aberdeen on Saturdays
 - b) Also delivering pies from a local butcher
- 7) **Deeside (Vacant)**
 - a) No report
- 8) **Fierce (Euan Fraser)**
 - a) Working flat out
- 9) **Keith (Royston Paice)**
 - a) No report
- 10) **Lab Rat (Vacant)**
 - a) Still not on BIS
- 11) **Lerwick (Ian Chapman)**
 - a) No report
- 12) **Orkney (Richard Jones)**
 - a) Online sales and sales direct from Quoyloo ongoing
- 13) **Platform 22 (Post Vacant)**
 - a) No longer a cafe but now a grocery store
- 14) **Quiet (Woodend Barn) (Post Vacant)**

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- a) Needs a new BLO
- 15) Reids Gold (GH Temp)**
 - a) No report
- 16) Rothes (Royston Paice)**
 - a) No report
- 17) Spey Valley (Royston Paice)**
 - a) No report
- 18) Speyside (Colin Youngson)**
 - a) Brewery now closed
 - b) BLO should update BIS accordingly
- 19) Stocatcraft (GH Temp)**
 - a) Not sure if it still exists
 - b) No activity on the Facebook page for long time
- 20) Swannay (Chris Wright)**
 - a) No report
- 21) Valhalla (Ian Chapman)**
 - a) Now closed on BIS
 - b) Remove from list
- 22) Windswept (Colin Youngson)**
 - a) No report
- 23) Wooha (Colin Youngson)**
 - a) No report
- 20) New or Other Breweries**
 - a) None this month!
- 21) CBOB Voting**
 - a) Now completed
- 14) Web Site**
 - a) SW gave details of updates to the website being worked on at moment
 - b) Main part is to revamp the pub section by using a map
 - c) This will require validation once available to committee
- 15) Pub Database**
 - a) Nothing new to report
- 16) NBSS**
 - a) Probably little or no activity at the moment due to pub closures
- 17) Beer Festivals**
 - a) **Aberdeen**
 - 1) No progress
 - b) **Other Beer Festivals**
 - 1) All known beer festivals cancelled
- 18) Trips**
 - a) None
- 19) Magazine**
 - a) GH had previously suggested that we could produce Issue 66 as online only
 - b) IC said that he had no material and so it will not go ahead meantime
- 20) Members Activation**
 - a) Nothing new
- 21) Future Meetings/Socials (Aberdeen unless otherwise specified)**
 - Future virtual socials to be held on a regular basis via Zoom. Probably every fortnight and meetings would be announced as part of this as and when required
- 22) A.O.C.B.**
 - a) GH has contacted all Orkney/Shetland members by Comms tool (13) and e-mail for those who supplied an e-mail address without allowing contact (6). So far only 4 positive replies from those willing to assist

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- b) For those who have not supplied an e-mail address, it is intended to write to those members to see if they might be willing to supply an e-mail address which will make contact much easier
- c) Hopefully we will get more members there to help out if we can get somebody to lead this initiative and set up virtual meetings on-line

Meeting closed at unrecorded time

Action Minutes (200601 onwards new from this meeting)

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