

Minutes of ACB Meeting, The Woolpack Chelmsford, Essex – Saturday 4th May 2019

Attendees: Tony Tilbury, Gerard Galvin, Steve Plampton., Nigel Sadler, Roger Yates, John Watson, , Alan Orbiston, Colin Miller and Simon Baker.

Apologises Dom Anthony

11.15 start

A big thank you to Will & his team at The Woolpack for hosting our meeting and also for setting out the tables and chairs ahead of us arriving, and for providing hearty pub grub at the allotted time.

Agenda circulated

Presentation by Nigel Sadler on Water Treatment

Nigel Sadler then gave us a very interesting and technical 45 minute presentation on Water Treatment, which Steve Plampton kindly recorded and in conjunction with Simon Baker will upload to our new website:

<https://angliancraftbrewers.org.uk>

On the home page top right hand side click on the 3 lines which opens the drop down menu. On the left hand side click on the Resources tab for technical information Nigel has kindly donated. Also info on the ACB Homebrew Comp /festival and latest news.

Any Mild under 6% Challenge

This month's Beer Challenge was a mild (any style with an abv under 6%.)

Details including the recipe and details of this challenge are on the Groupspace's and new website.

We tasted and marked the 6 mild entries using the latest scoring cards.

Thank you to Steve Plampton for stepping up to be Steward for this tasting.

John Watson – 1st

Alan Orbiston - 2nd

Colin Miller – 3rd

Well done to John Watson in 1st with Alan Orbiston in 2nd place.

There was a good standard of entries and thank you to everyone who took part.

1.30pm We broke for lunch

2.15pm New Website

Simon Baker then gave us an update on the new website he has been working on for some time. The link is <https://angliancraftbrewers.org.uk> and we collected further contributions (in previous meetings monies have also been kindly donated by members.)

Apart from his time setting up the new website, Simon confirmed costs (as mentioned at the Norwich meeting and as those minutes previously reported)

60 US dollars for annual hosting and also he had to buy Wordpress software as a one off cost of £57

A big thank you to Simon for all his hard work with the new website, and we will run both the groupspaces and new website alongside each other until further notice.

We discussed the content needed and we hope everyone can contribute a small article to the site. Nigel Sadler very kindly donated a number of pdf's on technical information to help all of us improve our brewing practices.

Inaugural National Homebrew Competition in Essex

Steve Plampton then gave us an update on the National Homebrew Competition to be held at The Royal British Legion Hall in Wivenhoe on Saturday 15th June 2019. –

Please see all the information on <https://competition.angliancraftbrewers.org.uk>

So far there are 76 plus entries with 10-12 judges confirmed.

Beers entered and to be judged have been from far afield as Denmark, France and Scotland

Norwich Amateur Brewers Festival

The NAB Festival will be held on Saturday 8th June – Link???

Any Other Beers

The remaining beers were evaluated but not officially scored, but included:

Roger – Soft Bitter with own home grown Cobbs Goldings

Colin – Hop Head clone with own allotment grown Cascade hops

Alan - Bitter Soft bitter 4.3% with Challenger / Firsg Gold hops and SO4 yeast

Colin - Kolsch 5% soft, some DMS

AOB – We briefly discussed the upcoming Lacons trip and the beer to try and clone will now be Patriot to be brewed for Oct / Nov and December. More information will be made available once Simon has confirmed that Patriot will be made available in certain regional pubs for tasting

Meeting was concluded shortly before 5pm.