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MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE U.K. SOUTHERN SECTION CIBD HELD AT CAMDEN TOWN BREWERY, ENFIELD ON THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2025

The First Annual General Meeting of the Southern UK Section of the Chartered Institute of Brewing and Distilling was held on Thursday, 23rd January at 18.00 at Camden Town Brewery, Enfield at 6 pm.

The Chairman, Mr Joseph Fifield called the meeting to order, there being quorum of section members present.

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed those members and guests present to the first Annual General Meeting of the Southern UK Section of the Chartered Institute of Brewing and Distilling. He commented that there had been a full programme of events during the course of the year. He thanked Camden Town Brewery for their hospitality in hosting the evenings talks tour, pizza and beer.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Committee members Stewart Tricker and Moyra Williams, and from section members Sam Robinson, Ed Wray, Nigel Fitch, Anselm Ogbedeh, Tim O'Rourke, Francis Pilkington, Tim Hill, Colin West, Hugo Anderson, Danielle Whelan, John Stringer and George Roe.

3. Minutes

There being no comments or objections from the floor, the minutes of the Twentieth Annual General Meeting held on 1st February 2024 at Adnams Brewery Southwold were accepted.

4. Accounts

The Treasurer explained that the current account stood at £15,124.35 at the beginning of the year from 1st January 2024 when the account was based in Barclays Bank for the Southern section, and at £13,700.08 at the end of the year on 31st December 2024. The account had been moved to the Central CIBD Xero account from the 18th June 2024. The Annual Dinner and the Irish study tour had both made small profits, but the annual expenses of the officers, and the costs of the catering of the events were no longer offset by the grant from the HQ, so an overall loss of £2,510.65 was made on the year.

In response to a question from Susan Chisolm the Treasurer replied that the IOB London Trust Fund stands at £20,256, which is still available for grants to fund students, apprentices and for travel awards that could only be awarded by the section committee. Applications for funding should be made through the Section Secretary.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that the accounts be adopted and will be signed by the Chairman and Treasurer.

5. Election of Chairman for 2025/26

The Chairman explained that the position of Chair is usually held for two years and, having completed the second year of his tenure, he proposed that the current Vice Chairman Mr Mat Henney be Chairman, this was seconded, and Mat Henney was duly elected as Chairman, and handed over the proceedings

6. Vice-chair

The Chairman Mr Henney thanked Joe Fifield for his service to the Section and his willingness to assume the Vice Chairman position.

7. Honorary Secretary

It was proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed that Pooja Patel be elected Honorary Secretary for the ensuing year.

8. Honorary Treasurer

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Alan Pateman be elected Honorary Treasurer for the ensuing year.

9. Committee

The Chairman announced that the following members of the Committee: Matt Anderson, Pete Channon, Russell Falconer, Andrew Paterson, Guy Stewart, Stewart Tricker, Moyra Williams Abhishek Banik (Copper Rivet Distillery) and Grzegorz Rachon (Campden BRI) are all prepared to serve for a further year and they are, therefore, re-elected. The Chairman announced that Oliver Kitson and Jon Stringer had been nominated to the Committee from the floor. All are willing to serve and were welcomed and duly elected to the Committee.

Since the last AGM there have been some departures from the Committee and Theo Leadbetter formerly of Camden Town Brewery had relocated to Manchester. Derek Orford and Hayley Young had regrettably left the committee due to work and personal commitments.

10. Update on Proposed Section Programme

The Chair updated the section members on the forthcoming conference at Nottingham University on 3rd and 4th July and section meetings planned for the year ahead were posted on the new CIBD website

11. Any other business

There being no other business the new chairman closed the meeting.