



THE VICTORIA, BEESTON: 8.00 P.M. ON 30TH APRIL 2009

The meeting commenced at 8.11 p.m.

Committee Members

Peter (Spyke) Golding - Chairman (& ND)		David Mason (DM) - Vice Chairman	
Steve Armstrong (SA) - Treasurer		Alan Ward (AW) - Membership Secretary	
Steve Westby (SGW) Festival co-ordinator		Ray Kirby (RK) - Social Secretary	
Howard Clark (HC) – Webmaster/Conservation		Nigel Johnson (NJ) - Tasting Panel	
Graham Jackson (GJ) – Political Officer	A	Steve Hill (SH) Young Members Rep	
Ian Barber (IB) – Committee member		Andrew C Ludlow (ACL) - Secretary	

Spyke opened the meeting and was delighted to inform the branch that Nottingham Drinker had, for the second year running, being awarded CAMRA publication of the year at the national AGM meeting. He thanked all those associated with the magazine for making it so successful. The branch, in response, congratulated Spyke on winning the award.

1. Apologies for Absence and declarations of interest	ACTN
2. Approval of Minutes and matters arising - The March branch meeting minutes were confirmed as a true record. There were no matters arising.	
3. Questions to Committee – There were no questions to members of the committee.	
4 Pubs awards/POTY/Club – (i) Spyke reminded the meeting that the Nottingham POTY winner was the Newshouse on canal street. The presentation would take place on 7 th July 2009.	
5. Campaigning – (i) Spyke informed the meeting that Nottingham CAMRA was to take an active role in Local Pubs week. HC confirmed that events would be published on the web site. (ii) Spyke informed the branch that after contact with Smooth radio he was hopeful that they would help in an in-depth programme on pub closures. (iii) HC referred to the axe the tax campaign and encouraged members to sign up to the campaign and contact their local MP. (iv) The meeting noted that the mild trail had commenced.	
6. LocAle – (i) SGW advised the meeting that pubs continued to join LocAle; Punch Taverns were allowing their pubs to buy a local beer and therefore join the scheme. (ii) ACL asked that when visiting pubs let any members of the committee know if crowns were not being displayed; Locale was not available or if there were issues over the quality of real ale. (iii) Ivan Skinner informed the meeting that Home in Arnold were selling local beers and were to have a house ale from Magpie Brewery to be called 'Home' bitter.	
7. ND/NGBG – (i) Spyke asked the meeting to enter scores for pub visits over the last month on the forms provided. (ii) NJ advised the meeting that at the May meeting he hoped to present scores indicating the likely pubs to be considered for the next NGBG. (iii) AW advised the meeting that he had the proofs for the 2010 GBG at the meeting.	
8. Beer Festival (i) SGW informed the meeting that the 2009 festival would be bigger and better than the 2008 event. He indicated that the aim was to have in excess of 600 cask ales. There were plans in place to improve admissions; token sales; security and provide better facilities on	

<p>site.</p> <p>(ii) SGW advised the meeting that the 2008 Festival had been nominated for a tourist award.</p> <p>(iii) Spyke informed the meeting that he was to hold discussions with David Green, Nottingham castle, to improve the quality and range of food (and soft drinks) at the Festival.</p>	
<p>9. Pub News –</p> <p>(i) Hayloft, Giltbrook – new landlord (NJ)</p> <p>(ii) Lord Nelson, Eastwood, shut (Didler)</p> <p>(iii) Scotholme to open as an Indian restaurant.</p> <p>(iv) White Hart, Lenton shut.</p> <p>(v) Nags Head, Mansfield road to offer a 15p a pint CAMRA discount (RK)</p> <p>(vi) Stag, Kimberley to have a beer festival at the end of May (Didler)</p>	
10. Branch three aims – noted new aims	
11. AOB – none	
The meeting finished at 9.28 pm.	

At the conclusion of the meeting John Hickling, owner/brewer of Blue Monkey gave a talk about his experiences in setting up and running a new micro-brewery

42 Attendees.
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