



**THE SALUTATION AT 8.00 P.M. ON 27TH AUGUST 2009**

The meeting commenced at 8.22 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
Ian Barber (IB) – Committee member	Steve Hill (SH) Young Members Rep
	Andrew C Ludlow (ACL) - Secretary

Spyke opened the meeting by referring to the recent deaths of Graham Jackson and Chris Watkinson. He suggested that both would wish for friends to celebrate their lives and asked members to raise their glasses in recognition of the invaluable contribution that both had given to CAMRA.

Spyke advised the meeting that at the conclusion of the formal business he would conduct a consumer research exercise into crisps; he said that the results would be featured in an article in ND.

1. Apologies for Absence and declarations of interest – None.	ACTN
2. Approval of Minutes and matters arising - The July branch meeting minutes were confirmed as a true record. Matters arising: (i) RK confirmed that he was looking at Friday night’s social events. -ID (ii) ACL informed the meeting that representations had been made to the Tourist Office by DM and he had also contacted them to ensure that ND would be on display in future. - ID	
3. Questions to Committee – There were no questions to committee members.	
4. Pubs awards/POTY/Club – (i) Spyke referred to the successful POE award given to the Stag, Kimberley and thanked RK for making the presentation. (ii) Spyke reminded the meeting that mild trail presentations were to be made to The Babbington Arms, Derby (best mild) on Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September and to the Newshouse (best display) on Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2009. (iii) Spyke advised the meeting that the Newshouse had not progressed in the POTY competition.	
5. Campaigning – (i) Spyke informed the meeting that progress was being made on producing a Beer by Bus guide, to be launched at the Beer Festival. The guide would feature 45 pubs with a number of ‘try also’ pubs and would be the size of a bus timetable. (ii) RK reminded the branch of the annual beer census. This year it would take place on Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2009 and there would be twelve routes. He asked that those interested in taking part make contact with him. (iii) David Gascoigne raised the issue of ‘plastic drinking vessel creep’. He was concerned that the media and ‘other interested parties’ were hell bent of condemning the beer glass to history as part of a badly thought out H&S initiative. A discussion followed and it was agreed that whilst this was a ‘national’ issue, it would also be actively fought locally.	Cmte agenda
6. LocAle – (i) ACL asked if there would be support for an ‘adopt a pub scheme’ aimed at those pubs outside the conurbation. He felt that ideally volunteers should have access to e-mails so that a monthly	Cmte agenda

visit/report could be requested. The branch responded by showing that they would support such a scheme.	ACL/ NJ
7. ND/NGBG – (i) A request was made for NDs to be sent to Derby for their BFs. DM confirmed that he already did this but he would review arrangements. (ii) NJ briefed the meeting on the scoring so far provided for pubs which could be included in the NGBG. So far he had received 2104 scores but again he emphasised the need for visits to pubs outside the conurbation.	
8. Beer Festival (i) SGW provided a coherent update on progress made on the BF and stressed the need for volunteers. He explained the improvements that had been made and that in excess of 60 beers would be on offer. The key to making the festival was staff and he encouraged all to complete staffing forms, although volunteers would be welcome at any time even if they did not complete the form. All were welcome to the biggest and best party in the East Midlands. (ii) SGW referred to the beer mat promotion (BF and Castle museum) and asked members to take beer mats to pubs.	
9. Pub News – (i) Crown, Beeston bought by Everards and to be run as a ‘free house’. There would be two Everards beers and up to 10 other cask ales mainly from local brewers. (Spyke) (ii) Royal Children to be run by the landlord of the Salutation (Spyke) (iii) Royal Oak, RonT to open shortly, although no sign of cask ale (Julian) (iv) Old General shut (David Gascoigne) (v) Frog & Onion to be refurbished (Julian)	
11. AOB – (i) HC briefed the meeting on progress being made on the HOPS project. He explained the nature of the database and the need for volunteers to help provide information and digital photographs of every pub in the Nottingham CAMRA area (real and not real pubs)	
The meeting finished at 10.10 pm.	

At the conclusion of the meeting a Spyke conducted a ‘consumer’ exercise on the crisps. The results of the tasting were collated by HC.

39 Attendees.  
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