



HORSE & GROOM AT 8.00 P.M. ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 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
Ian Barber (IB) – Committee member	Steve Hill (SH) Young Members Rep
	Andrew C Ludlow (ACL) - Secretary

Spyke welcomed all to the meeting and particularly Mr Alan Pateman, Head Brewer of Elgoods Brewery who would speak to the branch at the end of the meeting.

Spyke informed the meeting that he had received guidance that CAMRA would prefer that no publicity was given to the fact that Castle Rock pubs were accepting Wetherspoons vouchers as they were ‘concerned’ that this may lead to Wetherspoons rethinking their strategy.

1. Apologies for Absence and declarations of interest – Apologies for absence were received from Terry and Frances Lock.	ACTN
2. Approval of Minutes and matters arising - The August branch meeting minutes were confirmed as a true record. There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.	
3. Questions to Committee – There were no questions to committee members.	
4. Pubs awards/POTY/Club – No report.	
5. Campaigning – (i) RK reminded the meeting that the annual beer census was scheduled to take place on Friday 2 nd October 2009. There would be 12 routes covering approximately 120 pubs.	
6. LocAle – (i) ACL Informed the meeting that those wishing to participate in the 'adopt a pub scheme' needed to put their details on the form that was circulating the meeting. He explained that initially he was looking for people who had an e-mail address so that monthly reports (that would commence in November) would be easy to monitor.	
7. ND/NGBG – (i) Spyke reminded the meeting that the new edition of ND was available. (ii) NJ briefed the meeting on pub visits and again stressed the need to visit, and record scores, for pubs outside the conurbation. (iii) Spyke informed the meeting how to use the national CAMRA scoring system that was available on line.	
8. Beer Festival (i) SGW informed the meeting that he had ordered 640 beers for the festival. He stressed the need for volunteers as without support the festival could not take place.	
9. Pub News – (i) Royal Children – Pete from Salutation takes over the running of both pub from 28 th September (Spyke) (ii) Crown, Beeston re-opens on 28 th September (Spyke) (iii) Jester, Sneinton has shut and is to become a mosque (Spyke) (iv) Liberties gutted by fire (Dave Gascoigne)	
11. AOB –	

(i) Spyke informed the meeting that 2010 NGBG were available for sale at the special discounted branch meeting rate.
(ii) Dave Gascoigne asked why when the TV reported binge drinking they always showed footage of real ale pubs? Spyke agreed to mention this to his media contacts.
(iii) RK informed the meeting that the beer raffle prizes had been donated by Wendy (Chris Watkinson's widow) and that the proceeds would go to Haywood House.
The meeting finished at 8.52 pm.

After a short beer break Alan Pateman delivered an interesting and amusing talk on his time in the brewing industry.

39 Attendees.
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