



THE CANAL HOUSE AT 8.00 P.M. ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2011

The meeting commenced at 8.16p.m.

Committee Members

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| Steve Westby (SGW) - Chairman | David Mason (DM) - Vice Chairman |
| Steve Armstrong (SA) - Treasurer | Alan Ward (AW) - Membership Secretary |
| Howard Clark (HC) - Webmaster | Ray Kirby (RK) - Social Secretary |
| Ian Barber (IB) – Conservation/Pubs Officer | Nigel Johnson (NJ) - Tasting Panel |
| Dylan Pavier (DP) – Committee member | Ray Blockley (RB) Editor ND |
| Andrew C Ludlow (ACL) - Secretary | |

Steve Westby welcomed all to the meeting and explained that this was the also Nottingham CAMRA AGM, where the new committee would be elected.

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| 1. Apologies for Absence: Terry and Frances Lock, Julian Tubbs, RD. (ii) Declarations of interest –None. | ACTN |
| 2. Approval of Minutes and matters arising – The minutes from the January branch meeting and 2010 AGM were accepted. | |
| 3. Appointment of new committee – SGW advised the meeting that nominations (duly seconded) had been received for all the committee posts and he explained who had agreed to stand for each post. As there were no other nominations he proposed that the existing committee be re-elected. A vote was taken and the existing committee were re-elected. | |
| 4. Treasurer’s report – SA referred to the financial report, copies of which were circulated at the meeting. He explained the expenditure and income figures both for the beer festival and normal branch activities. He informed the meeting that in the last financial year it had been possible to donate £125,000 to St Albans and that the 2010 beer festival had made a surplus in the region of £96,000. A number of questions were put to SA and after responding the motion was put to the branch to receive the accounts. The meeting voted to accept the accounts. | |
| 5. Appointment of Auditors – The meeting thanked Judy and Caroline for their work as auditors and noted that they had undertaken these duties for the last 12 years. They indicated that they were now withdrawing from the role and SGW sought nominations for the positions. He suggested that interested parties should discuss this with SA during the beer break. | |
| 6. Campaigning : i) RB informed the meeting that the branch would bring cider campaigning to the fore in 2011 and he referred to the new cider guide of cider producers in the East Midlands. He explained that already a number of local pubs were stocking real cider and were expressing interest in stocking ‘local’ ciders. He outlined the process for a local cider pub of the year. (ii) SGW explained to the meeting that cider promotion was likely to be one of the three aims for the branch during 2011/2012. | |
| 7. 2011 Robin Hood Beer and Cider Festival – (i) SGW reminded the meeting of the dates for the 2011 festival. In responding to a question he outlined the role that Dave Green had played getting the festival to the castle grounds and whilst accepting it was a ‘loss’ he was confident that the City Council were very supportive of the event. | |
| 8. LocAle – (i) ACL advised the meeting that 2011 packs were available for distribution to pubs and that they could be collected during the beer break. (ii) A recommendation was made that the Samuel Hall should be admitted to the LocAle scheme (currently on watch list). | cmte |
| 9. Pubs awards/POTY/Club/Cider – (i) DM provided the meeting with a progress report on POTY. | |

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| <p>9. Pub News –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Grey Goose being demolished (ii) Cock & Hoop now offering a CAMRA discount (RK) (iii) TBI should re-open in May (Andy Heath) (iv) The new Lady Bay Inns pub is to be called the Poppy and Pint (John Westlake) (v) Lord Clyde re-opened as a traditional (GK) real ale house (NJ) (vi) Malt Shovel, Hucknall is to be sold by Punch and will become a free house (hopefully by the end of March) selling local beers and ciders (ACL & RB) | |
| <p>10. AOB – (i) Julian Hough, NE member, on behalf of the NE thanked Nottingham CAMRA for its magnificent donation towards CAMRA funds. He also said that Nottingham CAMRA had now become the largest branch in the Country with over 2700 members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Auditors – nominations were received from Denise Wright and Andy Heath. The branch formally voted to appoint them as auditors for 2011/2012. (iii) Pubs of Excellence award – nominations received for the Gate, Awsworth and The Queens Head, Watnall. | cmte |
| <p>The formal meeting finished at 9.35pm.</p> | |

At the conclusion of the meeting Dave Mason formally introduced the guest speaker – Adrian Redgrove, Head Brewer for Castle Rock.

After an informative presentation Adrian responded to a number of questions and was thanked by SGW for attending the meeting.

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