



AGM CANALHOUSE: 8.00 P.M. ON 26TH FEBRUARY 2009

The meeting commenced at 8.15 p.m.

Committee Members

Peter (Spyke) Golding (PBG) - 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 Liaison	A	Steve Hill (SH) - Young Members Rep	
Andrew C Ludlow (ACL) - Secretary	A	Julian Hough - Regional Director (RD)	

Spyke welcomed all to the meeting and said that at the conclusion of the meeting Mr Dave Green of Nottingham Castle would address the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence – ACL	ACTN
2. Declarations of Interest – Available for branch to read.	
3. Approval of Minutes and matters arising - The January branch meeting and last AGM (2008) minutes were confirmed as a true record. There were no matters arising.	
4. Committee Nominations – The above committee members were all re-elected unopposed, but with the change of post name of Beer Festival Organiser to Beer Festival Co-ordinator. There were no new nominations for committee but it was stated that members could be co-opted to posts, as the committee requires. After a prompt from the floor, the committee members present were introduced.	
5. Questions to Committee – A question was put to explain the difference of POTY and POE and why choices are made. Committee members made acceptable answers.	
6. Treasurers Report – SA introduced and guided members through the audited accounts. It was reported that the accounts were very healthy due mainly to the successful Beer Festival and the ND now in profit. One minor report detail on terminology was discussed and will be looked into by RD and SA. The accounts were proposed/accepted by the branch.	
7. Appointment of Auditors – After thanking the auditors for compiling the accounts, they were asked again and proposed/accepted by the branch for next year.	
8. Pubs awards/POTY/COTY (i). POTY - DM informed the branch that there were 6 pubs forward to the next round and invited members to judge them from 6.30 at the Victoria, Beeston on Friday 6 th March. (ii). COTY – RD suggested not putting Hockey Club forward and suggested guidelines as to selection procedures; the club not being suitable as access to judging was severely restricted due to opening hours. New clubs identified included British Legion at West Bridgford, Willowbrook in Gedling, Conservative Club at West Bridgford, Boots Sports Club on Trent Boulevard. (iii). Pubs nominated for POE on branch “Pub news” sheet were: Johnson Arms - Glyn Roberts - Welcoming, good ambience and promoting Real Ale to young people. Bread and Bitter - Terry/Francis Lock - Brilliant pub and well kept beers. Vat and Fiddle - No name – Great beer, good atmosphere. Newshouse – Bob Harper – Friendly, always a dark beer on.	
9. Campaigning (i). European elections about to come up. Chance for all members to “bend the ears” of local politicians to affect the European Manifesto. (ii). We have had some influence in the local media about pub closures.	

10. LocAle - SGW indicated that in April the campaign would be 2 years old and would be celebrated, hopefully, with 100 pubs joined locally in the scheme. The Branch was encouraged to talk to landlords to encourage them to join. There are also now 50 branches Nationally on the scheme.	
11. ND/NGBG (i) Spyke advised that the next edition of ND was underway. More copies have been requested and it was suggested that everyone tries to encourage more advertising to pay for these. It was also requested that the on-line file size be reduced enabling easier downloads for viewers. (ii) NGBG now almost finalised, the selections would be made public at the next branch meeting. An appeal was made to everyone to complete score sheets either by hand (and possibly win a prize at branch meeting) or to fill in on-line.	PBG/ HC
12. Beer Festival - SGW reported that plans for this year's 2 nd Robin Hood Festival were underway and thanked everyone who were involved for their work last year. He expressed the need to expand but also to get more people involved with the organisation so there was less stress on individuals directly organising.	
13. Trips & Socials – see ND.	
14. Pub News – (i) Old Angel offers cask ale at £1.50 Tues night. (ii) Hand and Heart to have a house beer brewed by Full Mash. (iii) Lord Clyde, Kimberley “Under new ownership” - A GK pub. (iv) Earl of Chesterfield, Carlton lease for sale. (v) Woodthorpe Top - No LocAle on (vi) Wheatsheaf, Sneinton Road lease for sale.	
15. Branch Three Aims to be confirmed at next committee meeting.	
16. AOB and Confidentiality - No further business	

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr Green addressed the meeting
The meeting finished at 10.40pm.

49 Attendees.

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