



THE GLADSTONE 8.00 P.M. ON 226TH MARCH 2009

The meeting commenced at 8.18 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	
Andrew C Ludlow (ACL) - Secretary			

Spyke opened the meeting and encouraged members to complete the NGBG score forms which were available at the meeting. He informed the meeting that at the conclusion of business there would be a picture quiz.

1. Apologies for Absence and declarations of interest - none	ACTN
2. Approval of Minutes and matters arising - The February 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) DM informed the meeting that the Nottingham POTY was the Newhouse on canal street. The presentation would take place on 7 th July 2009.	
5. Campaigning – (i) AW referred to the axe the tax campaign/demonstration that was due to take place at the Bell next Tuesday at mid day.	
6. LocAle – (i) SGW confirmed that 100 local pubs were now in locAle. Urged members to seek out more pubs. (ii) ACL asked that when visiting pubs let any member of the committee know if crowns were not being displayed or if there were issues over the quality of real ale.	
7. ND/NGBG – (i) Spyke reminded the meeting that the new edition of ND was now available. He pointed out that he had used a new font for the title. The branch was asked for their views and they were happy with the change. (ii) HC advised the meeting of the work that was being undertaken to produce a local web based pub guide. He explained that the survey form was being agreed and that pictures (internal and external) were sought. He also outlined the branch aim of adopted the HOPS database. (iii) AW advised the meeting that he had the proofs for the 2010 GBG at the meeting.	
8. Beer Festival (i) SGW confirmed that the date was 8-11 th October and that the Festival would be bigger than last year. He explained that DM had performed miracles by fitting a larger marquee on the 'top green' and that a larger bar area would also be available near the bandstand. He outlined a number of other improvements. SGW referred to the 'new structure' which saw groups established to look at Site Management (chair - DM); Sponsorship (chair – Spyke); Entertainment (chair – RK); Finance (chair – SA); Cellar management (chair – SGW) and Staffing. An overarching steering group of SGW; DM; SA; Spyke and ACL had also been established	

(ii) ACL encouraged members to seek volunteers to work at the festival, noting that admissions and door work was likely to be contracted out.	
9. Pub News – (i) Toby Jug re-opened (Spyke) (ii) Bank, market square being refurbished (NJ) (iii) Old Vol, Carlton about to re-open (Colin Elmhirst) (iv) Blue Bell closed for refurb (RK)	
10. Branch three aims - noted	
11. AOB – none	
The meeting finished at 8.45 pm.	

At the conclusion of the meeting a picture quiz took place

31 Attendees.
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