



HAND & HEART AT 8.00 P.M. ON 25TH MARCH 2010

The meeting commenced at 8.10 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	A

A list of beers qualifying for East Midlands CBOB with voting forms were passed round and members were requested to fill these in throughout the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence and declarations of interest – ACL.	ACTN
2. Approval of Minutes and matters arising – The previous branch meeting minutes were confirmed as a true record. Notification was given of the Special meeting to be held at the May (Horse & Jockey) branch meeting, to appoint auditors and approve accounts.	
3. Questions to Committee – There were no questions to committee members.	
4. Pubs awards/POTY/Club – Judging in progress for POTY. Last round will be Friday, 26 th March. Final 3 pubs are Hand & Heart, Crown and Victoria. No other POEs nominated. The new initiative in the city of the “Purple Flag Status” was raised. This is through an association of town centre managers and deemed appropriate that CAMRA ought to have some input into it. Nick Tegerdine (APAS) will pass link to PSG to investigate.	PSG
5. Campaigning – Budget - Noted that small cider brewers, will not be affected by 10% increase.	
6. LocAle – SGW pushed the anomaly with pubs actively sourcing and promoting local produce for meals, yet having National beers on the bar, after the recent NEP article about a carbon neutral pub. Pub to be contacted, then possibly write a letter to the NEP. There will be a beer festival at the Volunteer at Caythorpe, Sat 3rd to Sun 4 th April featuring all Caythorpe range and other locals in a marquee.	
7. ND/NGBG – (i) New ND out. Cider now features in an article and a regular column will follow. (ii) GBG – AW thanked all surveyors, but please keep filling in score sheets (NJ) for next year’s selections.	
8. Beer Festival – Festival site is now live and advance tickets can be purchased, which will guarantee entry. A suggestion was made to place a larger “advert” in What’s Brewing. Declined as felt this was not aimed at our target “customer”. CAMRA members will know it is on.	
9. Pub News – Market, Heanor taken over by “Little Tap Co”, from Leeds. Moot – closed due to lessee pubco going bust. Should re-open in next week or so. Ram at Redhill is about to start with real ale. Old Pear Tree, Basford is serving bottled real ale. Tom Browns, Gunthorpe now have 2 real ales, including Nottingham Rock Bitter. Chopins, Alfreton Road possibly has real ale.	
11. AOB – (i). HOPS. Forms were available for people to take to survey pubs. (ii). Mention was made of 3 new breweries, Flipside in Colwick, Bacchus Hotel at Sutton-on-Sea	

| and Reality at Beeston – launching at the Hop Pole on 9th April. |

| The formal meeting finished at 9.15 pm. |

After a beer break Spyke hosted an interesting quiz.

42 Attendees.

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