

	<p>NOTTINGHAM CAMRA BRANCH MEETING: CANAL HOUSE 8.00 P.M. ON 28TH FEBRUARY 2008 MINUTES OF MEETING</p>
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The meeting commenced at 8.10 p.m.

Committee Members

Richard Studeny (RS) - Chairman		Geoff Siddons - Vice Chairman	A
Steve Armstrong (SA) - Treasurer		Andrew C Ludlow (ACL) - Secretary	
Alan Ward (AW) - Membership Secretary		Ray Kirby (RK) - Social Secretary	
David Mason (DM) - Publications		Howard Clark (HC) - Webmaster	
Steve Westby (SGW) Festival Organiser	A	Nigel Johnson (NJ) - Tasting Panel	
Spyke Golding (PBG) Editor ND		Joe Burnside (JB) - Committee member	A
Kieran Atherton (KA) - YM's co-ordinator			

Chairman's opening remarks. – RS reminded the meeting that it had been another busy year for the branch with a successful Beer Festival; Stout and Porter Stroll and Mild trail and most significantly the introduction of LocAle.

The three branch aims from last year were: 1) LocAle – that was still being progressed; 2) Local Beer Guide – deferred to 2008/09 and 3) Beer Census - had been completed.

RS informed the meeting that Ivan Dale, Conservation and Pubs Watch; and Geoff Siddons, Vice –Chairman were standing down from the committee and he thanked them for their work on the committee during the year.

RS also referred to the work undertaken by other committee members highlighting:

SA – Responsible for keeping the accounts in order and amongst other things preparing the beer festival budget; also heavily involved in the Mild Trail.

AW – Produced the best result for new member recruitment ever at the Beer Festival.

KA – Promoted YM's and organising events

DM – Best known for his work on ND; also heavily involved in POTY and the Mild Trail.

HC – Improved and updated the WEB Site; issues Branch Information sheet.

NJ – Chairman of Nottingham Tasting Panel and looking after CBOB entries and scores for the NGBG

RK – Organising and arranging social events; Stout and Porter stroll; Beer Census and heavily involved in the Mild Trail.

ACL – looks after branch administration; attends pub watch and licensing forum meetings.

SGW – Festival organiser and lead on LocAle.

Spyke – Taken on the role of ND editor and adverting manager.

Richard also reminded the meeting that after 13 years as Chairman he was standing down, but that he would still be 'active' as he was on the national promotions and marketing committee.

1. Apologies for Absence

Steve Westby (SGW); Geoff Siddons

2. Declaration of Interests.

Register circulated at the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the January meeting and the February 2007 AGM minutes, which were available at the meeting, were confirmed as a true record.

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4. Matters Arising	
None	

5. Committee nominations – RS reminded the meeting that nominations for committee places had to be made before the end of the first beer break.	
8. Branch Reports: ACL reminded the meeting that the Branch Information sheet outlined the issues which were being addressed by the committee. He asked if anyone wished to put any questions to the meeting or individual committee members.	
9. Amendment to Constitution. RK proposed that “If a committee member, misses meetings over a period of five consecutive months, without sending apologies for absence, that person will be deemed to have resigned and will be removed from the committee. A vote was take which unanimously accepted the motion. ACL confirmed that he would advise CAMRA nationally of the amendment.	ACL
A beer break was called and when the meeting continued ACL announced that there would be no election for committee places as there had only been 11 nominations as follows: Spyke Golding – Chairman; Steve Armstrong – Treasurer; Andrew Ludlow – Secretary; Alan Ward – Membership Secretary; Steve Westby – Beer Festival Organiser; Social Secretary – Ray Kirby; Web Master/Pubs/Conservation Officer – Howard Clark; Young Members – Kieran Atherton; Committee members – Graham Jackson; David Mason; Nigel Johnson (Chair of Tasting Panel).	
6. Treasurers Report – SA circulated copies of the audited accounts. He outlined expenditure and income details and the meeting approved the accounts.	
7. Appointment of Auditors – Caroline Smith and Judy Fowler were re-appointed auditors for another year and were thanked for their work.	
10. Beer Festival – ACL advised the meeting that with the likely closure of Victoria Centre other venues were being looked at. He confirmed that the next edition of ND would carry the announcement of where the Festival would be held and that it was going to be a week earlier than previously – starting Thursday 9 th October.	
11. Pub awards/POTY Judith Lewis gave a progress report on POTY and confirmed that it would be concluded for the deadline of 1.4.2008.	
12. Campaigning – ACL said that the main campaign was LocAle	
13. LocAle – ACL informed the meeting that he and SGW were to present a workshop at the Cardiff members weekend in April, as part of the ongoing process to roll out Locale as a national initiative.	
14. (i) Stout and Porter Stroll – RK reminded the meeting that details were in ND and that it was to start on 8 th March. (ii) Mild Trail – The meeting was told to watch out for the next ND.	
15. ND/NGBG – AW confirmed that surveying was on course to be finished on time.	
16. Trips & Socials. (i) RK – as ND. (ii) KA – reminded the meeting that a Young Persons pub crawl was scheduled for this Saturday. (iii) AW announced that he had participated in the 100 th Magpie brew – ‘fully fledged’ and that the beer would be launched at the Globe on 19 th March. (i) GJ said that the Globe would hold a beer festival (12 beers) 5-8 April.	
17. Pub News (i) Three Horseshoes, Beeston shut for three weeks (Glynn) (ii) Belle Vue up for sale (RS) Robin Hood, Sherwood now selling four real ales.	
18. AOB – (i) ACL, on behalf of the branch, thanked RS for his hard work and efforts over the years and wished him well in his ‘retirement’ Richard thanked the branch and invited Spyke to take over for the remainder of the meeting.	

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.37 pm. Attendance: 50

At the conclusion of the meeting Spyke welcomed Colin Wilde, Director of Castle Rock, to the meeting. Colin Wilde gave a presentation on the role and purpose of SIBA.