



BRANCH MEETING: MINUTES

NAVIGATION: 8.00 P.M. ON 29TH JANUARY 2009

The meeting commenced at 8.14 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 Organiser		Ray Kirby (RK) - Social Secretary	A
Howard Clark (HC) – Webmaster/Conservation	A	Nigel Johnson (NJ) - Tasting Panel	
Graham Jackson (GJ) – Political Liaison		Steve Hill (SH) Young Members Rep	
Andrew C Ludlow (ACL) - Secretary			

Spyke welcomed all to the meeting and said that at the conclusion of the meeting Mr Julian Grocock, Managing Director of SIBA, would address the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence – HC and RK	ACTN
2. Approval of Minutes and matters arising - The November branch meeting minutes were confirmed as a true record. There were no matters arising.	
3. Questions to Committee – There were no questions to Committee members.	
4 Pubs awards/POTY/Club – (i) DM informed the meeting that the first round of Nottingham POTY had been concluded (16 pubs). (ii) DM referred to Club of the Year and the meeting was informed of more clubs with real ale – Willowbrook Club, Gedling Road; Mapperley Golf Club.	
5. Stout and Porter stroll/Mild trail – DM referred to the feature in the new ND (centre pages) and advised the meeting that Magpie Stout would be available at the Trent Navigation (pub not on the stroll as not open when the stroll was prepared)	
6. National Cask Ale Week – Spyke reminded the meeting that this would take place between 6 th and 13 th April. Details of events would feature in the next ND.	
7. Local Pubs Week – Spyke informed the meeting that the branch was able to determine when it would promote National Pubs week. Locally it would take place between 4 th and 12 th July. He indicated that a number of events were to be planned.	
8. Local Guide – Spyke advised the meeting that the new local guide would be probably be an ‘on-line’ guide. Paul issued survey forms.	
9 LocAle – (i) SGW told the meeting that following the loss/removal of a couple of pubs and some further gains the number locally was now 99. The Branch was encouraged to talk to LocAle landlords so that their experiences could be shared (particularly positive ones). (ii) It was proposed that a LocAle award be considered.	Cmte
10. ND/NGBG (i) Spyke advised that the next edition of ND was available at the meeting and that currently advertising costs covered the printing costs. He encouraged people to visit pubs that had taken adverts and mention that one of the reasons for the visit was the advert in ND. (ii) Spyke also asked that when visiting pubs check to see if they have any news stories that would be worth putting in ND. (iii) NJ briefed the meeting on the pubs chosen for the NGBG (2010); He explained that this was the first tranche and that the final list was still to be determined. (iv) AW informed the meeting that entries this year would be electronic although where individuals could not send them to him in this format he would still accept paper forms.	

(vi) Spyke reminded those who had agreed to survey pubs that at this stage pubs should merely be informed that they have been short-listed for entry and not told that they were in.	
11) Trips & Socials – see ND.	
12. Pub News – (i) Brewery night at the Globe on Tuesday 3 rd January 2009. (ii) Horsley Woodhouse pub has six beers	
13. Robin Hood BF – (i) Spyke advised the meeting that the committee had decided to restructure the BF organisation, to reflect the new size and magnitude of the event. (ii) SGW confirmed that the Festival would take place between 8 th and 11 th October 2009. He stressed the need for more staff to take on roles at the Festival and explained that more details would be given at the next Branch meeting.	
11. AOB and Confidentiality – Spyke reminded the meeting that information relating to pubs which have been short-listed for the 2010 NGBG was confidential.	
The meeting finished at 9.34pm.	

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr Grocock addressed the meeting

38 Attendees.

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