



HORSE & GROOM: 8.00 P.M. ON 30TH OCTOBER 2008

The meeting commenced at 8.19 p.m.

Committee Members

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| 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 | |
| Howard Clark (HC) – Webmaster/Conservation | | Nigel Johnson (NJ) - Tasting Panel | |
| Graham Jackson (GJ) – Political Liaison | A | Andrew C Ludlow (ACL) - Secretary | |

Spyke opened the meeting and informed the branch that the guest speaker would be Police Inspector Paul Winter, Nottingham City Local Area Commander. Questions for Inspector Winter were to be submitted in writing and also comments relating to the Beer Festival.

He then referred to the beer festival and thanked all those who had worked at the event and made it such an incredible success. Service at the bar had been quick and efficient and whilst there were a number of issues, they were solvable, subject to funding. Issues included:

Queues – caused by numbers attending; speed up admissions (staff overworked) – perhaps next year outsource this and glass washing; ‘organisers’ had too much pressure on them- need to re-structure; staff tokens; food (in tent catering praised); H&S issues; improved signage.

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| 1. Apologies for Absence – GJ | ACTN |
| 2. Approval of Minutes - The September branch meeting minutes were confirmed as a true record. | |
| 3. Declaration of Interests - Register circulated at the meeting. | |
| 4. Matters Arising – there were no matters arising | |
| 5. Reports – no reports. | |
| 6. Young Members representative – Spyke thanked Kieran for his work as the Young Members representative. He hoped that someone would be prepared to take on this role. | |
| 7. Pubs awards/POTY – Branch voted that the Kean’s Head receive a Pub of Excellence award | |
| 8. Campaigning – Spyke reminded the branch to support their local pubs/festivals and particularly those pubs which advertised in ND – without them there would not be an ND. | |
| 9. LocAle – SGW briefed the meeting on the current position. 21 branches were now involved. | |
| 10. ND/NGBG – (i) Spyke advised the meeting that a new scheme would be launched in ND to help new landlords understand cask ales and cellarwork. (ii) NJ referred to scores received for NGBG entries and explained the new geographical split that had been adopted for this year. (iii) SA- New NGBG’s were available at the meeting for £10. | |
| 11. Trips and Socials – RK referred to a trip to Leicestershire villages on Friday 14 th November. | |
| 12. Pub News – (i) The Bell has a new landlord (ii) Brian Rigby has become landlord of the Meadow Covert (Spyke) (iii) Rose on St Peters Street has been demolished (iv) Trent Navigation close to opening (v) Fire & Ice rumours about the pub may have been sold | |

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| (vi) Woodthorpe Top opens on Friday 14 th November | |
| 13. Branch three aims - noted | |
| 14. Beer Festival – SGW thanked all involved and said that during the event 616 different cask ales were sold – a new world record. He reminded the meeting that comments should be made on the forms provided. | |
| 14. AOB – none | |
| The meeting finished at 9.26pm. | |

At the conclusion of the meeting Inspector Winter gave an interesting presentation covering a number of local policing issues. At the conclusion of the presentation he responded to questions.

45 Attendees.

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