



THE DERBYSHIRE PUB QUIZ LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING - SOUTHERN AREA

held on Wednesday 4 June 2014 at the Brunswick Inn at 8.00 pm

Sally Levitt	Black Cow	David Shelton	Bowling Green
John Wesson	Black Cow	Nigel Coe	Bowling Green
Richard Dobson	Black Cow	Dave Bunting	Bowling Green
Les Hurst	Dew Drop Inn	Alison Coe	Bowling Green
Tony MacDonald	Labour Club	Diana Gardner	Son of Lakeside
Elizabeth Banks	JCB Lakeside	David Edwards	Son of Lakeside
Iwan Thomas	Royal Oak Ockbrook	Alan Smith	Burton Bridge Inn
Steve Hatcher	Brunswick	David Symons	Burton Bridge Inn
Craig Robbins	Brunswick	Kevin Halligan	Burton Bridge Inn
Ian Parker	Brunswick	Debs Simpson	Duke of Clarence

We remembered with sadness the death of Frank Sanders and Dave Tapsell during the season. Dave had been Chairman of the DPQL since my records began in 1990/91 when Frank was General Secretary. Dave was mentioned in the accounts of the DPQL since its inception in 1982. Frank's name first appears in the old accounts in 1987 as a Question Setter and he became a Vice-President on his retirement from the League.

1. Apologies for absence: Mike McKenna (Question Coordinator), Chris Willis (Dew Drop Inn)
2. Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 19 June 2013 were read and agreed.
3. Matters arising – there were none.
4. Review of 2013-2014 League Season
 - Again we had only 30 teams which led to two divisions of 8 teams and two of 7.
 - The questions were deemed good to excellent.
 - The question checker does a good job and there would be many more errors without him. The occasional repeated question cannot be avoided because of the time lag between them being prepared and being used.
 - It was appreciated that David Edwards (DE) had managed to avoid too many byes by matching the teams in the North between the two divisions.
 - Members appreciated the earlier start to the season and suggested an even earlier start this year. This would allow a longer break at Christmas and the season finishing in April, leaving a couple of spare weeks when unplayed matches may be fitted in.
 - Dave Shelton (Bowling Green) suggested we could try out a different style of Team Questions. It was suggested that this could be tried out in the Beer Rounds.

5. Website is excellent and maintained regularly. Thanks again to Les for this work. Les commented on the need for a Publicity Officer. This has been mentioned fruitlessly many times before in committee. He said he would post a piece on the website, hopefully to engender some interest. The meeting suggested a formal proposal to the AGM.
Last year a message board was suggested. Following the deaths of Frank and Dave only three tributes had been received. Other posts were mainly to note errors in the questions we put on the site for free! Les and David Shelton (Bowling Green) to liaise on promoting the Message Board.
6. Arrangements for the 2014 - 2015 League Season
Towards the end of the season DE had sent out a questionnaire (Q) to gain feedback on the various changes he had made to ensure fewer byes and more participation throughout the season.
It was the first choice by the majority or the 19 teams who had replied to the Q to maintain the upper and lower divisions in the North and South Areas and to continue the promotion/ relegation system of 2 up and 2 down. There are 2 problems to be sorted out in the South – one team requests to go down from Dove and another doesn't want to go up from Trent. To be resolved.
We have heard that the Horse and Jockey in Wessington is ceasing to provide a team but DE is pursuing the chance that the Gate at Tansley may re-enter the League to maintain the 2 divisions of 7 in the North.
7. Chairman's Charity Quiz Night held at the JCB Lakeside October 2013
General consensus that it was a good idea to hold this at the beginning of the season. The Lakeside Club is still perceived as being too far for some teams to travel to. A more central venue in the south would be appreciated.
8. Open Trophy and Plate Finals Night held at the Strutt Club on Weds 7 May 2014
OT Bowling Green beat Darley Abbey Club 65 – 56
PLATE Brunswick beat Son of Lakeside 69 – 63
Reasonable attendance and good buffet thanks to the Strutt Arms. The 'cupboard' not ideal for the Plate final!
9. Awards Evening and Brain of Derbyshire held at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook on Wednesday 21 May 2014
DE having won the Brain of Derbyshire 2013 prepared and ran the 2014 event. Many thanks to him. Steven Cooke of the Blue Stoops won the event.
The buffet was good. How to get the Northern teams to attend and collect their awards? Look into holding it in the North if a suitable venue can be found.
10. Proposals for the AGM
Honorarium for Match Coordinator.
11. Election: Area Match Secretary – Sally remains
Area Representative – Iwan Thomas
Debs Simpson agreed to join the committee
12. AOB
DE offered DPQL members sponsored participation in the League of London Quiz.
No takers at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm