

**Q GUILD**  
**North West Region**

**Minutes of the regional meeting**  
**held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015**  
**at The Hartwood Chorley**

**Present**

Greg Hull, Martin Bennett, Stuart Higginson, Neil Corry, Howard Callaghan,  
Philip Cranston, Gordon Newland (Q Guild manager).

**Apologies**

Jonathon Wallwork, Charles Clewlow.

**Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

Proposed SH Seconded HC

**Executive report**

The last meeting took place in February. Sandy Crombie has resigned. There are currently 108 members and 34 corporate members. Due to financial constraints there are no funds available for marketing activities.

Mark Turnbull is now the current Chairman and will serve a 3 year time after which he will be replaced by David Lishman.

**Open Forum**

GN circulated a list of the regional winning products entered into the BBQ competition which is taking place in Coventry on 31<sup>st</sup> May in conjunction with the business conference on 1<sup>st</sup> June. A number of speakers have been invited to speak at the conference. There are currently 25 members and 14 corporate members attending the dinner and BBQ prize presentation. GN urged members to try to attend.

The North East region have instigated a policy of members attending meetings making a presentation on a chosen subject. David Lishman was the first member to make a presentation on his latest burger promotion.

**Any other business**

The Midland region is visiting Northern Ireland 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> June. There places available. Please contact GN if you wish to attend.

GH asked about apprentice schemes. The consensus was that Meat Ipswich offered a robust training plan.

GH took the opportunity to thank GN for the work he has already undertaken and looked forward to a long association.

**Dates of the next meetings**

14<sup>th</sup> July. Venue The Hartwood Chorley  
23<sup>rd</sup> September Venue Cranstons Penrith Cumbria.  
3<sup>rd</sup> November . Venue The Hartwood Chorley



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