

Stroud CAMRA (SC) Minutes Tuesday 16 April 2019

1]Present = Bob Brooks, (Chair), Andy Burston, Bob Fletcher Bill Hicks, Bob Jeffrey (Minuting Sec.) and Tim Mars (Pubs Officer).

2]Apologies = Frank Nicolson, Andy Stayte, Nick Bishop.

3]No Matters Arising.

4]Other Awards.

Bob J presented his paper advocating a Country/Village pub awards arguing that Over 70% of our pubs are in this category. Tim Mars argued for a wider category of Seasonal awards. After a long discussion the following was agreed.

A]We would like to make at least 3 awards during the year possibly coinciding with the Tippler publication.

B]Those pubs in our area in the GBP for the year would not be eligible,

C]Until we come up with a better name it will be called a Seasonal Award but the nature seasons would not be one of the criteria for assessing pubs.

D]We would attempt to provide a short list for all SC members but the final decision would be made at a monthly meeting. However, SC members could let the chair know of any pub they considered worth short listing.

E]The quality of the ale would still be one of the main criteria but we could include other criteria used in assessing pubs for the Branch nominations for the GBG.

F]Country or village pubs would be given a high priority to be included in the short list.

We will report our discussion and outcomes to the next Gloucester Branch Meeting (GB)

5+6]POTY and Cider presentation – No decision yet.

7]Artisan Ales and GBG – Errors and Omissions. Tim Mars has researched this matter, been in contact with the Artisan brewer and written to GB.

8]CAMRA Branch Beer Scoring Survey. CAMRA wants branches to use Whats App more often to determine which pubs are assessed for the GBG. It was agreed that Tim Mars would put forward a resolution to the next GB meeting for discussion.

9/10/11 – Noted.

10]Brewery Liaison reports. Any Burston gave a Keep Brewing Report. At present they are brewing 3 ales and they are of good quality. BJ reported that the owner is, at present, only selling them in the Village Inn Nailsworth.

BB gave the Stroud report. Things progressing well in the new building.

There was no report concerning Artisan Ales although Tony Hill is still trying to arrange a visit. It was also noted that these Liaison Officers have to file regular reports online to CAMRA for the GBG throughout the year.

12]Fostons Ash. Noted. No contact so far but BJ had visited and told them about SC FB.

13/14]CAMRA surveys for publicans – We should encourage publican CAMRA members to take the survey.

15/16/17/] Noted.

16] AOB

A]Will members please alert Tim Mars of any inappropriate posts.

B]RL – Arlingham. Although not in our area BJ reported that a new manager has taken over and she was concerned to hear about the Skittles evening poor report at our last meeting while the last manager was in charge. She assured us it would not happen again.

C]The Old Neighbourhood is up and running and the new Tenants are now installed – last at the Lamb at Eastcombe. The latter is closed for 2 weeks for renovation with new tenants.

D]The Butchers Arms at Oakridge opens at Easter with new Wadsworth tenants.

17. The next meetings are on: Tuesdays, 21 May, 18 June.

The meeting closed at 9.30 with thanks to the Pubs Officer for all his work.