

Stroud CAMRA Minutes Tue 18 June 2019

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Bob Brooks (Chair), Andy Burston, Bob Fletcher, Bill Hicks, Bob Jeffrey (Minute taker), Tim Mars (Pubs Officer), Richard Taylor (Secretary)

2. **Apologies**, Nick Bishop, Andy Stayte, Frank Nicholson

3. **Minutes of last meeting** held on **Tuesday 21st May** (*attached and previously circulated*). Thanks to Bob Jeffrey for taking these. **Approved**

4. **Matters arising-None**

5/6. **Pub of the Year presentation**—plus launch of *The English Village Pub: Survival Stories*—**2:30pm on Saturday 22nd June** at The Ale House.

Bob Brooks, Bob Fletcher and Bill Hicks apologised for not attending due to other appointments. The plans were discussed and agreed. It was also noted that Kevin Allin from the CA at Miserden would also attend to be presented with Stroud CAMRA Cider POTY.

7. **Pub Spotlight on The Vine Tree**

Bob Jeffrey to report on progress. The pub will have a beer festival on the weekend of the 19-21 July and it was proposed that they have a 'Meet the Brewer' or Tap Take over' session from Tileys. BJ to liaise and he reported that he had written a 'narrative' about the publican's relationship to the village pub after conversations with him. BJ has also ordered CAMRA material to celebrate the Summer Campaign and will pass it onto the publican for the beer festival.

The pubs Officer will use our FB site to advertise these events and our support for the pub as well as members and attempt to get some coverage in the local Press as well as a report for the next Tippler. BJ will talk to Gloc CAMRA Branch about website support.

8. **Pub line-cleaning**

Time raised this as he was concerned about different practices and in particular he noted that only 2 pubs he knew rinsed thoroughly the lines when changing to a new ale on that line. Richard noted that in his opinion as a brewer:

A]pubs should clean lines with chemicals at least once a week and when changing to a new ale if the old cask had been on a long time.

B]Always rinse the line between new ales and preferably when putting on the same ale.

9. **WhatsApp group**

I would like to propose setting up a Stroud CAMRA WhatsApp group to simplify and speed up communications. TM will look into this. Most of the group had the app except one who did not want to be included. Apparently, when part of a group one automatically gets messages between any members of the group whether one is involved in that particular conversation or not unless one blocks messages.

10. **Facebook special measures**

The Falcon Steakhouse at Wotton-under-Edge has promised to post firstly about ale before mentioning food. TM sorted it.

11. **Brewery Liaison Officer** reports

Keep Brewery Andy Burston noted the Eclipse IPA was very good but still only brewing for the Village Inn

Stroud Brewery Bob Brooks noted the departure of Richard to the Cheltenham Brewer, Battledown as chief brewer beginning the following Monday and we all wished him good fortune.

Artisan Ales Tony Hill reported that the first fortnightly Friday night opening went well with 40 in attendance and that the BBO2 was good. However, he also noted the problem with getting the brewery appropriately named in the GBG where 'ale/s' in a brewery name is not accepted and there is another Artisan brewer. ***It was unclear who was going to take this issue further.***

14. **Chalford Sports & Social Club** first beer festival on Saturday 15th June Reports? None so far but we note that it is run by Rob Brady from the Good Beer Company and we encourage anyone to visit and possibly we may be able next year to enter it in the Clubs Section of the Club of the Year.

15. **Summer Tiplers**

These have now arrived and are in course of distribution. Copies are available in the middle drawer of the sideboard in the hall at The Ale House. BB organises and members should contact him about issues. BJ said he would ask the secretary of the GHloc Branch to drop off some more holders.

19. **WhatPub?** (*as before*)

TM asked that members please update Stroud pub information on this site including opening times, etc as many are out of date. BJ will forward copies of his Stroud 50 pubs so we can begin to chart our updates to the secretary and pubs officer.

The meeting ended at about 9.20.