



Campaign for Real Ale

Stroud CAMRA

Minutes - October 2020



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BRANCH OFFICIALS DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC

1. Committee – Vacancy for Secretary

No change: Bob Jeffrey has kindly agreed to carry on as acting branch secretary until the AGM but will not be attending committee or CAMRA meetings. Accordingly, it was agreed that Tim and Tony will share taking and writing up of meeting minutes for now – there is one possibility who could be approached but inappropriate to minute the name.

2. Social Media – Facebook/Whatpub – prevalence of non-beer related content

Since the previous meeting excessive food posts from the Crown and Sceptre were deleted but this has resulted in a dialogue between the licensee Rodda and Tim Mars, with the former outlining how close to the wire publicans are and how important the posts are to his business. In addition to this, complaints have been received by Tony on the number of posts from Tewkesbury CAMRA specifically daily postings of the beers on at the Cross House Tavern. Tim/Tony agreed that the issue the Facebook page has is the lack of clarity on what is and is not appropriate. Facebook has a rules section on groups and it was agreed that Tim would draft rules. Aim is to agree rules, publicise rules then apply rules. **Action 1 Tim Mars**

3. Launch of 2021 GBG

Following a vote it was determined that Stroud CAMRA would launch the GBG 2021 in the Vine Tree. **Action 2 Tim to liaise with Lajos to organise the launch.**

4. Resumption of Monthly Meetings

Formal meetings are not currently happening anywhere within Gloucestershire. Branch contact is limited to submission of reports. Some sub-branches are having informal meetings with few participants. Stroud proposes to continue with branch officer meetings once monthly making the agenda and minutes available to members.

5. 2020 Calendar – what was missed – consequences

Discussion with Gloucestershire chair indicates that there is no decision on how GBG pubs may be selected for 2022 but both Tony and Margaret felt that the usual method of gold cards would not be appropriate since we have missed some rounds and that fact pubs are operating in survival mode means differences in offering (example some pubs are putting some Keg on in lieu of cask to reduce spoilage. Whilst further guidance from CAMRA central is likely going forward, Tim/Tony feel that we can always fall back on local knowledge and membership voting.

6. Whatpub

The list of pubs has been shared with Tim and Bob. See below for updates.

7. Pubzilla

The following pubs have been surveyed for publication in Whatpub since the last meeting:

The Kings Head France Lynch
The Prince of Wales Cashes Green
The Stirrup Cup

The following pubs have been photographed for Whatpub since the last meeting:

The Ragged Cot
The Old Lodge
Stonehouse Court.

9. Breweries

No updates.

10. Pub News Sales/Closed Venues/Other

The following pubs have had a recent change of tenancy:

The Kings Head – Kingstanley
The Rose Inn – Paganhill

The following pub is available for tenancy:

Falcon Hotel – Painswick

Over the summer the following pubs were placed on the market for sale:

Beacon and Railway – Haresfield
Kings Head - France Lynch
Queen Matilda – Avening (not Stroud CAMRA postcode)
Queen Victoria – Stroud
Rose & Crown – Nympsfield
White Hart - Leonard Stanley

11. Gloucestershire Branch Reports

Bob is currently still available to help with reports to Gloucester Branch and provide updates as appropriate.

16. AOB

None.

17. Next Meeting – Wednesday 11 November 2020 7.30pm – For the minute limited to Tony/Tim

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September Action Status				
Action	Description	Actionee	Status	Comments
Action 1	Advise Rodda Crown and Sceptre on use of SC Facebook page	Tim	Closed	
Action 2	Vote on location for GBG Launch	Tim	Closed	Seems positive - need to take on board Bobs comment on only one beer.
Action 3	Seek advice on resuming meetings	Tony	Closed	Seems this is not really advisable - problems with location
Action 4	GBG 2022 gold card assessments consequences/solutions	Tony	Closed	
Action 5	Share Spreadsheet of pubs with Tim & Redacted with Bob J	Tony	Closed	Sent as requested
Action 6	Agree shortlist of surveys	Tim/Tony	Closed	Kings Head - France Lynch, Old Lodge Inn - Minchinhampton
Action 7	Update Britannia on Pubzilla and export to Whatpub	Tony	Closed	Whatpub updated - survey dates updated
Action 8	Renew contact with Gloucester Branch	Tony	Closed	Communication sent