

## Stroud CAMRA minutes 17 September 2019

**1]Apologies** – Bill Hicks, James Taplin, Andy Stayte, Andy Burston.

**2]Matters Arising from the last minutes.** Bob Brooks noted that he had sent his apologies which were not noted. Apologies were given.

**5]GBG Launch.** The launch had taken place at the Bowbridge Arms and the meeting was pleased with the cover by the Stroud News and Journal. We hoped to be able to get the paper to cover more of our stories now that the Pubs Officer has good relations with one of the journalists.

**7]Beer temperatures.** All members carrying out assessments were urged to take them.

**8]Updating WhatsApp.**

A]Members were again urged to carry out this task on the pubs they visit. BJ volunteered to try to replicate the form on the website as a document for us to fill in when at a pub.

B]CAMRA has urged us to remind our pubs that they can apply to CAMRA to be a pub that offers discounts for CAMRA members and this information is then advertised on the latter's website and relevant posters and literature is sent to the pub to advertise its offer. However, the meeting agreed that it was up to members individual choice as to whether they mentioned this to publicans on their visits. Where our pubs do have this discount advertised we would supply them with leaflets about joining CAMRA and a holder for the leaflets. The only pubs in our area that have applied to CAMRA for recognition are the Little George and the Lord John.

**9]Stroud Pub Spotlight.** It was agreed that we would consider the Golden Fleece in Stroud and the Village Inn Nailsworth. Reports from Tim Mars/BJ for the former and Richard Taylor for the latter will be considered at the October meeting. It was suggested that we need a good narrative/story as we had for the Vine Tree and the Bowbridge Arms for the GBG launch.

**12]Gloucester Branch** – BJ provided a summary of the last meeting.

**13] Pubs that take the *Tippler*** – Bob Brooks agreed to update the list and forward it to the relevant persons.

**14]Our AGM** was discussed under this item. It was agreed to have it in November and BJ agreed to find out possible criteria for each post that is open to members. We envisage sending out notification of the November meeting to all members with the agenda for the October meeting. The current Chair Bob Brooks indicated that he wouldn't be standing again. BJ has, since this meeting, volunteered to provide a review of his long term has chair.

**16]FB.** There was an issue about a post that it appeared could not be removed. TM to investigate. BJ agreed to visit the Roes and Crown at Nympsfield to ascertain recent changes.

**Pubs News** It was noted that the Carpenters Arms Westrip had now closed and that the Black Horse Cranham had new tenants who are renting for now with an option to purchase. Opening hours have been increased to 6 days a week.

