



Campaign for Real Ale Stroud CAMRA

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 11th May 2022



1. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees: Nick Bishop, Bob Brooks, George Hill, Tony Hill, Bob Jeffrey, Tim Mars, Andy Stayte

Apologies, Philip Burton, Bob Fletcher

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted with no changes.

3. Officers Briefings (if any)

a. Chair's Report

Last Social at the Carpenters Arms, Westrip was the best I have been to with an attendance of 10 even with the usual suspects not in attendance. Chas Townley came over from Glos, and Bob Fletcher stretched his legs walking to the venue. Two new attendees, a gentleman called Chris from the village and a lady called Kerry turned out, with Kerry not even being a CAMRA member. Sammy, the licensee spent the evening with the group and the banter was lively with a great atmosphere resulting in a much later finish than planned with more beer consumed. Beers available were two from Clavell and Hind and Uley Bitter.

The Chair briefed on the Branch meeting: Latest situation with the Tippler where there is still no agreement across CAMRA. The Glos. Treasurer agreed to write to CAMRA head office on the matter. Chris Leibbrandt has issued a communication on his future plans on this which would mean CAMRA paying for festival adverts albeit at a reduced rate. Articles are requested with a deadline of second week in June. Stroud CAMRA deluged the Winter edition but had nothing in the Spring edition. Please submit any articles you may have or wish to write. Postlip Beer Festival is now going ahead 15th July. Account for Branch stands at £800. Stroud membership is down. Queen Matilda Tavern has new Team. The Crown Uley has reopened. The Turk's head has reopened in St Aldate St Glos.

b. Pub Data Coordinator's Report

A visit was made to the Black Horse at Amberley and Whatpub details updated.

c. Pubs Officer's Report

A planning decision on the Imperial Hotel, Stroud was due to be made on Monday 9th May. It appears this may have been deferred.

4. Pub of the Year Update

Regional competition now in progress

5. Stroud Pub, Cider Pub and Club of the Year Presentations

The Chair has ordered and received the certificates & picture Frames are enroute. Expense for these had to be sought from CAMRA central. A date was picked for the first presentation of POTY

to the Prince Albert on the 14th but our cameraman was double booked. A new date is needed.

Action - Tim Mars.

Several members questioned the lateness in the year of the awards but it was discussed and agreed that early in the year we are fully occupied with GBG work and reviews of other sub-branch POTY, COTY and Cider POTY candidates. The point was also made that better weather suits presentations where we are more likely to get photographs for the press outside premises.

6. Spring Gold Cards Status/Finalise

Redacted from public record – publicans are not to know who is being surveyed for inclusion in GBG.

7. Next Social

Next social will be the Kings Head at Kingscourt. Venue was suggested by Sammy McKie of the Carpenters Arms, Westrip. Proposed date 23rd May. Discussion ensued as to whether it was right and proper that a publican could nominate a social venue. It was agreed that the aim of socials was to move around our pubscape and not visit the usual haunts. Chair made the point that he felt that anyone could suggest a venue and it did not really matter where as long as the aim of inclusiveness by moving around the area was achieved. The issue of a social venue needing to have good beer was raised but counter point was floated that like an MOT checking for good beers is only valid at the time of the check. It was also noted that the socials are intended to be inclusive welcoming non-CAMRA members, with no official function or outcome. It was agreed that the chair would call to ensure that real ale would be available. Post meeting note – when called the pub was serving Stroud Budding and Fullers London Pride, though it is likely that this will change before the social.

8. Any Other Business

Andy Stayte raised the issue of removal of old tipplers from the Alehouse. Bob Jeffreys kindly offered to do this.

Bob Jeffrey raised the cold beer motion discussed in the April meeting and asked if GBG candidate pubs should receive a letter from Stroud CAMRA reminding them of the CAMRA guidelines for correct beer serving temperature. The Chair responded stating that in researching this he was unable to find any actual values from CAMRA. Cask Marque was mentioned who check against 10-14 Celsius. but it was noted that this is not related to CAMRA. It was agreed that in the absence of any CAMRA guidelines a letter would not be written.

It was mentioned that the details for Stroud CAMRA are incorrect in the Tippler, with respect to our monthly meeting start time (20:00 advertised when it should be 19:30), the contact (Richard Taylor, should be Philip Burton) & contact email (stroud@gloucestershire.camra.cor.uk when it should be secretary@stroud.camra.org.uk). Richards personal mobile numbers should also be removed.

Action – Tony Hill to resolve. Post meeting note – Email sent to Chris Leibbrandt.

The issue was raised of lack of recent Emails to membership. It was accepted that this was a result of a lack of resource during the period without a secretary.

The issue of a joke published on our CAMRA WhatsApp group was raised and discussed & the suggestion of whether we should have moderation in the group. It was pointed out that the group is closed, not public and that the joke may have been misinterpreted, being neither aimed at a person or religion, rather the increase in presence nationally of the beer Doombar. One member of the meeting stated that we should all be able to have some light-heartedness in the group and that

if we were going down the route of moderation of the closed group then this was not the organisation that he felt he wanted to be part of. The chair stated that he was unaware of any moderation functions but this view was countered by one other. The conclusion was that no change/action was needed.

9. Date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 8th June at 19:30 backroom of Stroud Alehouse.

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