



Campaign for Real Ale
Stroud CAMRA
Minutes 14th December 2022



1. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees: Andy Burston, Philip Burton, Bob Fletcher, George Hill, Tony Hill, Andy Long, Andy Stayte.

Apologies, Nick Bishop, Bob Brooks, Rob lafrati, Tim Mars, Richard Taylor

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising

a. Stroud CAMRA Website Update

The Secretary reported that slow progress was being made to update the web site. With the kind help of Andy Stayte changes were being made. He had contacted the HQ of CAMRA to seek further technical assistance.

b. Stroud Ale Trail Update

The first Trail has been posted on Facebook. Thanks were given to Andy Long.

Stroud Valleys were contacted and a positive reply received about producing a leaflet of the Ale Trails. The Gloucestershire Branch suggested that funding could be made available to support the costs. Chair has scheduled meeting with the Stroud Valleys Project for January to discuss possibility of them publishing the trail(s).

Action: Tony Hill

c. Thermometers

The chair had procured 3 thermometers and made them available in the meeting. Bob Fletcher took one.

d. Club of the Year presentation

The event was successful and CAMRA members attended the event at Chalford Sports and Social Club on Sunday 13th November. Excellent choice of beers was available together with food and use of their skittle alley. Sadly, the Chair, representing CAMRA, lost in the final of skittles against Rob Brady of the Club.

3. Officers Briefings (as applicable)

a. Chairs Report

The Fresh Standard will be closing the tap room soon to focus on the next stage in their business plan to increase their capacity to be able supply pubs. They will reopen in March.

Artisan Ales will close its doors for the last time at the end of January. The Chair visited the brewery on Friday 9th but found the brewery closed.

b. Pubs Officer's Report

Apologies received.

c. Secretary's Report

The next Tippler edition was imminent. It was agreed that the Chair would look at the distribution list given Bob Jeffries has now left.

Action Chair

d. Pubs Data Officer's Report

Nothing to report.

4. Gold Cards and Summary

The data had been randomly checked by Phil Burton

The maths formulae used to sum the scores were checked for accuracy by Andy Stayte and no anomalies found.

A request to delay the decision of the Stroud sub-branch's recommendations/proposals for the 2024 Good Beer Guide until the next meeting had been made by Tim Mars. However, given that the discussions with other sub-branches and the Gloucestershire Branch of the proposed pubs is due to be held on 3rd January, it was felt that we needed to make our decision in the December meeting. The deadline to make the recommendations is the end of February, and the next Gloucestershire Branch meeting after 3rd January is not until the beginning of March.

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5. Pub of the Year Shortlist for Member Vote

The Ballot was launched for the Pub Of The Year included the following pubs. Closure date is Midnight on New Year’s Eve:

- Prince Albert
- The Ale House
- Lord John
- Stroud Brewery

6. Cider Pub of the Year Survey

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7. Future Socials

The November social did not happen. The Ram at Bussage did not welcome CAMRA as they’re not interested in a WhatPub update or wet sales and ditto George at Frocester.

The December social suffered a similar fate with Tim agreeing to contact the Prince Albert to have our final social of the year on 8th Dec in our 2022 Pub of the Year. Again, the contact and timing ran to the wire allowing no time to publicise.

It was agreed to continue monthly socials.

8. Any Other Business

The Chair had had to implement post approvals for one month for a member of the Stroud CAMRA Facebook page who repeatedly posted against the Lord John. The ballot for POTY had to be defended for inclusion of the Lord John on the Prince Albert's Facebook page.

9. Date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 11th January 2023

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