



ampaign for Real Ale

Stroud CAMRA

Minutes 9th November 2022



1. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees: Bob Brooks, Andy Burston, Philip Burton, Bob Fletcher, George Hill, Tony Hill, Andy Long, Tim Mars

Apologies, Nick Bishop. Andy Stayte

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising

a. Stroud CAMRA Website Update

Philip Burton reported that he had started to do work on the web and this was work in progress. The web was now using Google Analytics.

He requested all members to send him 6 images that they felt reflected the range, diversity and choice of beers and pubs within the Stroud area.

Action: All

b. Stroud Ale Trail Update

The first Trail to be posted onto Facebook.

Action: Andy Long

Andy Long reported that a second Trail was being considered around Minchinhampton.

It was proposed that a QR Code be included as part of the description of the Trail.

Stroud Valleys were contacted and a positive reply received about producing a leaflet of the Ale Trails. A meeting was to be arranged. The Gloucestershire Branch suggested that funding could be made available to support the costs.

Action: Tony Hill

Tim Mars suggested funding should be requested for three or four thermometers from the Branch.

Action: Tony Hill

c. Cider Pub of the Year

The ceremony was poorly attended by Tim, Tony and Bob Brooks and the previous owner, who was expected didn't turn up. One real cider was made available.

d. Club of the Year presentation

Tim Mars reported that the event was scheduled for Sunday 13th November at 2-30. The owners were opening up the Club just for this ceremony and were arranging for various beers to be made available, providing some nibbles and opening up the skittle alley. Members were encouraged to attend.

3. Officers Briefings (as applicable)

a. Chair's Report (Branch news)

- A question was raised as to the continued brewing status of Gloucester Brewery. Gloucester Brewery is not in doubt having just sponsored Glos Rugby.
- The Gloucestershire Chair had raised concerns that Odins in Gloucester were selling axes and swords.
- The Gloucester Beer Festival was likely to be held on the 12th and 13th May 2023 but funding from CAMRA headquarters may be required to support the event.
- The branch had sent £3000 from its local funds to headquarters leaving £1300.87 in the local fund.
- Members are allowed to claim mileage to deliver The Tippler.
- The deadline for the next Tippler was Friday 11th November. It was agreed the write up of the Cider Pub Presentation and the GBG launch at The Ship as well as the recent social at The Fleece would be submitted.

Action: Tony Hill/Tim Mars

b. Pubs Officer's Report

Tim Mars complimented the forward in next year's Good Beer Guide written by King Charles. The Butchers Arms at Sheepscombe, The Old Neighbourhood Inn at Chalford Hill, the Kings Head at Kings Stanley and The White Heart at Leonard Stanley had all closed or their use has been being changed.

4. Gold Cards and Summary

All Gold Card assessment had been completed and the results and data were tabled.

It was agreed:-

- the data would be randomly checked.
Action: Philip Burton
- The maths functions used to sum the scores would be checked for accuracy.
Action: Andy Stayte
- The Butchers Arms at Sheepscombe and The Butchers Arms at Oakridge would be removed due to sale or no landlord.
- The two tables that ranked the pubs by beer score and the table that ranked the overall scores would be the two tables to be used to decide which pubs would be proposed for the 2024 Good Beer Guide.
- In both tables, 7 pubs were consistent and it was suggested that at the December meeting we should discuss which of the remaining 5 assessed pubs make up our 10 and agree the rank order:

[REDACTED]

5. Pub of the Year Shortlist for Member Vote

It was agreed that the following pubs would be the four shortlisted pubs to be voted on by members for Pub of the Year 2023.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

6. Cider Pub of the Year Survey

The following pubs would be assessed for Cider Pub of the Year before discussion at the December committee meeting:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Action: Tony Hill, George Hill

7. Future Socials

The next social is at The Ram Inn at Bussage.

The social at The Fleece on the 25th October was well attended. The pub is popular even more so now there is the covered area at the front. The beers for the night in question were Sharp's Doombar and three guests: Gloucester Cascade, Hook Norton Old Hooky and St Austell Proper Job.

8. Any Other Business

Andy Burston enquired about Brewery Liaison Officers. Bob Brooks was Stroud Brewery, Nick Bishop- Keep Brewing and Tony Hill- Artisan Ales and Fresh Standard. It was agreed that Andy Burston would become the Liaison Officer for Artisan Ales Brewery and George Hill the Officer for the Fresh Standard.

Action: Tony Hill to contact Regional Brewery Liaison Officer

9. Date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 14th December

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