

# THE NATIONAL GUILD OF WINE AND BEER JUDGES



## 58th AGM at Peterborough, Saturday 29th October 2022

### **Summary**

The Chairman, Dave Pulley, invited the President, John Scottow to open the meeting at 15.15.

#### **President's Opening Address**

NGWBJ President, John Scottow, welcomed everyone to the 58th Annual General Meeting and handed over to the Chairman, Dave Pulley.

#### **Attendance**

There were 18 members present and the Honorary Secretary had received 17 apologies by mail, email and listed at the meeting. Members present were Geoff Fryer, Maureen Taylor, Pauline Pearce, Lesley Cooper, John Scottow, Richard Brooksbank, Colin Tweed, Ron Williams, Peter Robinson, Geoff Cooper, Bernard Lamb, Colin Hotham, Elaine Robinson, Dave Pulley, Mike Davey, Charles Hill, Chris Evans, and Richard Baldwin. The apologies were as follows: Alan Eldret, Terry Western, Arthur Hills, Paul Matthewman, Brian Cross, Geoff Howells, Marian Martin, Alan Hinch, Jim Moon, Peter Miller, Audrey Atwell, Terry Ford, Kate Edge, Kevin Martin, Phill Turner, Peter Coombs, and Mike Carter.

#### **Minutes of the 2021 AGM**

The minutes were taken as read and agreed unanimously by all members present at the meeting.

Proposed: Geoff Cooper

Seconded: Chris Evans

#### **Matters Arising**

None

#### **Chairman's Report**

Dave said it is nice to see some old faces with the dwindling numbers we have but not sure if we can recover our former larger numbers. People are getting older so not so keen to drive longer distances. Hopefully, the Guild can keep going as long as NAWB does. He looked forward to seeing everyone at the National next year.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Colin thanked Geoff Cooper for helping him to get the accounts up to scratch and they had now been audited.

We are quite viable and can certainly run for at least another couple of years financially. Please check your standing orders as more people are paying the old rate rather than the new one. There are even a few who are paying twice (new rate and old rate). This does cause admin issues. He is trying to change the Guild bank account from HSBC to Metro Bank as HSBC are now charging for cheques being paid in.

That the treasurer's report and audited accounts be accepted

Proposed Bernard Lamb  
Seconded Pauline Pearce

Meeting unanimously in favour

### **Propositions:**

There were none.

### **Election of President:**

The Committee proposed that John Scottow be elected for a further year.

Meeting unanimously in favour.

### **Election of Committee:**

Dave advised the meeting that the Committee were prepared to stand again en-bloc but asked if anyone would like to stand for one of the positions. There were no volunteers.

Proposed: Geoff Cooper

Seconded: Pauline Pearce.

### **Any Other Business:**

Bernard thanked the organisers for all the hard work that had gone into getting the weekend arranged.

There were comments on the buffet lunch – some people thought that it was unnecessarily lavish and we could do with a bit less it was not a complaint, more an observation. Elaine said that she understood the comments being made and would pass them onto Sophie next week when they went over how the weekend had been as well as thanking her for all the work she had put in to make the weekend successful.

Colin Hotham raised the question about formal dress on the Saturday night as raised by Mike Carter. It was proposed that at the least it could be smart casual although people could dress up if they wanted. Geoff Cooper pointed out that if we agree to smart casual then we all must do it. Younger people are likely to be put off by formal dress.

It was finally proposed by the committee and agreed by all that the dress code would be flexible but **no jeans**.

Ron Williams pointed out that travelling on a Friday afternoon on a school holiday was not pleasant due to excess traffic

Elaine advised that she has provisionally booked next year's Conference for the 3rd to 5th November 2023.

It was agreed that next year's assessment would be London Porter beer and Medium Dry Rose wine.

Lesley asked whether some car sharing was an option to encourage older members to attend. It was an option but not sure whether it was viable due to people living quite large distances apart. However, it is something to explore via The Newsletter.  
Bernard will organise a top-class wine tasting next year, and Colin will agree a big budget with him.

There being no other business, Dave closed the AGM at 15.50.

Richard Baldwin. (Honorary Secretary)