

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF WINE AND BEER JUDGES



59th AGM at Peterborough, Saturday 4th November 2023

Summary

The Chair, Elaine Robinson, invited the President, John Scottow to open the meeting at 15.30.

President's Opening Address

NGWBJ President, John Scottow, welcomed everyone to the 59th Annual General Meeting and handed over to the Chair, Elaine Robinson.

Attendance

There were 19 members present and the Honorary Secretary had received 15 apologies by mail, email and listed at the meeting. Members present were Geoff Fryer, Pauline Pearce, Lesley Cooper, John Scottow, Richard Brooksbank, Colin Tweed, Peter Robinson, Geoff Cooper, Bernard Lamb, Colin Hotham, Elaine Robinson, Dave Pulley, Mike Davey, Charles Hill, Chris Evans, Kevin Martin, Kate Edge, Peter Coombs and Richard Baldwin. The apologies were as follows: Paul Matthewman, Brian Keer, Alan Hinch, Peter Miller, Audrey Atwell, Terry Ford, Roger Kingdon, Daphne Grant, Nigel Rapley, Maureen Taylor, Alison Tilly, Roger Down, John Gorton, Ron Williams and Mike Carter.

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

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

Proposed: Geoff Cooper

Seconded: Bernard Lamb

Matters Arising

None

Chairman's Report

Elaine said that 30 people attended although it should have been 34 or even 35 but people dropped out just before the weekend for various reasons.

Treasurer's Report

Colin thanked Geoff Cooper for auditing the accounts. Copies of the accounts were available.

There was £10,655.21 in the end of year accounts

There are still people paying into the old HSBC account but he will close it in 4 months time as funds are still being deposited at the moment.

Bernard had an issue with HSBC closing standing orders so close to the end of July which is the end of our financial year. He was advised that we are now using MetroBank so he will retry.

That the treasurer's report and audited accounts be accepted

Proposed Bernard Lamb
Seconded Lesley Cooper

Meeting unanimously in favour

Propositions:

There were none.

Election of President:

The Committee proposed that as John Scottow's term of office had come to an end, that Pauline Pearce be elected for the next three years.

Meeting unanimously in favour.

Pauline graciously accepted.

John presented Pauline with the chain of office and Pauline presented John with his Past Presidents badge.

Pauline then addressed the meeting saying she was terrified by the responsibility, but she would do her best. She then thanked John for all his help in the past.

Elaine also thanked John for his long years of service.

Election of Committee:

Elaine 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: Peter Coombs

Seconded: John Scottow.

Any Other Business:

Next year's conference dates became suddenly problematical. Having agreed on the 1st to 3rd November 2024 the hotel suddenly said the dates were not available.

This was subsequently changed to the 7th, 8th and 9th but after representation from a few people who could not make these dates we have now moved the date back to the 25th, 26th and 27th of October 2024.

The wine and beer assessment was discussed and we agreed the following:

Kevin suggested American Pale Ale for the beer and

Bernard suggested red or white after dinner wine but settled on white to brown.

The meeting approved these suggestions.

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

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

Richard Baldwin. (Honorary Secretary)

