

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF WINE AND BEER JUDGES



61st AGM at Peterborough, Saturday 26th October 2024

The Chair, Elaine Robinson, invited the President, Pauline Pearce to open the meeting at 15.30.

President's Opening Address

NGWBJ President, Pauline Pearce, said a very warm welcome to a very small but select few for attending the 61st Annual General Meeting. She also thanked the committee for all the hard work they do and handed over to the Chair, Elaine Robinson.

Attendance

There were 17 members present, and the Honorary Secretary had received 11 apologies by mail, email and listed at the meeting. Members present were Geoff Fryer, Pauline Pearce, Lesley Cooper, Richard Brooksbank, Peter Robinson, Colin Hotham, Elaine Robinson, Mike Davey, Charles Hill, Chris Evans, Kevin Martin, Kate Edge, Peter Coombs, Steve Bennett, Ron Williams, Alan Hinch and Richard Baldwin. The apologies were as follows: Roger Down, John Scottow, Geoff Cooper, Colin Tweed, Geoff Howells, Terry Ford, Dave Pulley, Arthur Hills, Bruce Graham, Nigel Rapley and Bernard Lamb.

Minutes of the 2023 AGM

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

Proposed: Kate Edge

Seconded: Peter Coombs

Matters Arising

None

Chairman's Report

Elaine said that 23 people have attended this year's conference; it was 26 at one point, but Bernard and Brenda Lamb were unfortunately unable to attend due to Brenda being in hospital.

I asked judges who were placed at this year's NAWB show if any could provide some aperitifs for our pre-dinner drinks. Response was very slow, but there were eventually some aperitifs.

The 2025 conference has been booked for 31 October -2 November 2025.

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: Kate Edge

Seconded: Kevin Martin.

Any Other Business:

Ron Williams thanked everyone for the kindness of people sending cards wishing him well earlier in the year.

There is no further info on Jim Moon who fell ill at the recent South West Counties Show. Update: he had a minor stroke and is back home now.

Next years conference will be 31st October to 2nd November 2025

Wine and Beer Assessment: It was agreed it would be a dry white wine and a dry stout.

Kevin asked why no interest was being shown on the Metro account and Colin explained that the Metro Community Account pays no interest, but it then does not charge for all payments in or other bank charges.

There being no other business, Elaine closed the AGM at 15.55.

Richard Baldwin. (Honorary Secretary)