



# **May 2026 Guild Board Meeting Member Summary**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 1pm**

**Zoom**

This member summary excludes commercially sensitive topics.

## **Attendance**

### **Present**

Jonny Garrett (Chair), Michael Clarke, Rachel Auty, Robyn Black, Rose Davies, Mike Hampshire (Secretary)

### **Apologies**

Christian Gott, Myles Pinfold, Phil Mellows

### **Declarations of Interest**

Robyn Black (Fleet Street), Rose Davies (Shepherd Neame)

### **Action from Previous Meeting**

Previous meeting actions were discussed and updated accordingly.

### **Previous Minutes**

Matters arising were discussed and the minutes were approved.

### **Board**

#### **Deputy Chair**

Rachel Auty agreed to continue in the role.

## **Ambassadors**

Applications received from Klaire Alexander and Matt Curtis

## **Collaboration with International Networks**

Jonny met with Pat Walls, chair of the North American Guild of Beer Writers (NAGBW) and is awaiting a written proposal on mutual membership discounts, sharing of significant industry news and training programme exchanges.

## **CAMRA**

Jonny has emailed CAMRA to discuss concerns changes for What's Brewing, BEER, Learning & Development and CAMRA books, and what this means for Guild member work opportunities.

## **Charity Partner**

A shortlist of potential partners was created.

## **Academic Newsletter**

The first issue of *Boffins on Beer* has been published and a quarterly schedule has been agreed.

## **Zythophile**

Jonny and Mike are continuing work to try restore the Zythophile website.

## **Annual Events Calendar**

The board agreed to the proposed calendar with the addition of an in-person training event on the afternoon of the awards.

## **Awards**

The awards will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at Big Penny Social. The board discussed sponsorship opportunities.

## **Events & Marketing**

The board discussed potential training events and progress with social media engagement.

## **Membership**

Individual membership stands at 260 with 49 complimentary.

Damm UK have agreed to join as industry partners, and the renewals cycle is in progress.

## **Mentorship**

Mentorship pairings are now in place and underway.