



August 2026 Guild Board Meeting Member Summary

Monday 10th August 2026 1pm

Discord

This member summary excludes commercially sensitive topics.

Attendance

Present

Jonny Garrett (Chair), Michael Clarke, Myles Pinfold, Rachel Auty, Rose Davies, Mike Hampshire (Secretary)

Apologies

Robyn Black

Declarations of Interest

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

Ambassadors

Klaire Alexander and Matt Curtis have agreed to be ambassadors.

Zythophile

Consent from Martyn Cornell's family has been granted to proceed with work to restore the Zythophile website.

Charity Partner

Members elected Only A Pavement Away as this year's charity partner.

In-Person AGM

The board decided to continue the AGM online. This was so as not to exclude those members based geographically too far to reasonably travel (a hybrid meeting is too complex for the venues likely to be used), and also due to the low attendance at the last held in-person AGM. The board did acknowledge more in-person events were needed though, and will work on this.

Awards

Potential new venues for 2027 were visited in London, but were considered to be impractical spaces and too expensive for the Guild's budget. The board noted that the visits had, however, offered new insights into how Big Penny could be utilised differently and are revising how the event looks for 2027.

Events & Marketing

Events

The Summer Social was well attended, well hosted by Anspach & Hobday, and feedback positive.

The board agreed to arrange an in-person cider tasting on the afternoon of the Guild awards.

Membership

Individual membership stands at 255 with 54 complimentary.

Industry partnership stands at 56.

Fyne Ales, Kirkstall Brewery and Celtic Marches have expressed interest in joining.

Mentorship

Mentorship pairings continue.