

WAGS Committee meeting 19th July 2019

Attendees: Dearden (MD), Bunning (CB), McGuffie (GM), Hill (RH), Stembridge (JS). (Note: Hill (RH) present from section 4 onwards)

Apologies: Latham (RL), Trinick (RT), Shutes (AS).

The meeting commenced in the fine surroundings of the Surbiton Golf club lounge area at 11:15am just before the inaugural Bunning Birdie event.

- 1. Tours.** MD presented the views of Richard Latham and noted that the Rome Tour numbers are 18 signed up, with a capacity for 24..

Action: GM to advertise again.

There was discussion on points raised by an email from RH. He had raised the idea of UK only tours but punctuated by Overseas tours locked into significant society anniversary events. RL supports the current status quo of a mix of 'Sunshine and UK Tours plus the Anniversary tours that tend to be overseas' but is happy to bring this question to the AGM on Sept 19th.

Action: RL to raise the question at the AGM, 'UK only' or 'Sunshine Tours++'?

RH suggested by email that event groupings were becoming predictable often with WAGS friends being paired together etc. The suggestion being that event organisers set out to randomise the draw more to bring 'variety'. Points were raised to encourage this approach in future event organisation. It's noted that members still request 'playing in the last group' due to outside factors such as work and family commitments, plus 'slow player effect' whereby it would be detrimental to place known slow players in the leading groups.

'Singing Hills Gate', was discussed, as it was advertised before the event as 'Matchplay', members would have taken this account when deciding on whether or not to play the event. The Committee agreed it isn't a VL counting event.

- 2. Membership. (CB)** We are on 50 UK Members with 2 Juniors and 1 Overseas (Mr Stoner). Piers (the Elder) has resigned. Nigel 'Badger' Caufield has resigned but has promised to play several future events as a 'guest' of an existing member. The handicap section will be cleaned of old members.

- 3. Website. (JS)** All in all website administration is going well. Event Organisers can input their own results with online scorecard entry after the event.

Action: JS will email all organisers with instructions on how to enter all cards for their events online.

- 4. Communications and Handicaps. (GM)** All communications carried out in a timely fashion. It's noted that 'Captain' Fred voluntarily cut himself to parity with his club handicap of 11.4, very commendable. It was noted that the phrase 'send cheques' on event advertising should be removed, members of course being fully up to speed with e-settlements or cash payments.

Action: JS to remove the phrase 'send cheques' from all online advertised events.

- 5. Finance. (RH)** all online members accounts have been updated online to reflect transactions and balances up to and including the Sussex Tour. JS requested that the WAGsite 'What's New' section has an entry added to reflect news of financial or handicap updates.

Action: JS to send instructions to all Committee members on how to update the 'Whats New' section.

- 6. AOB.** The draft Agenda for this years AGM will be distributed by AS. Members to be asked for new event venue suggestions for next year's fixture list.

- 7. Next Committee Meeting and Venue.** Tba

The meeting closed at 12:06pm ready and excited to play in the inaugural Bunning Birdie 2019.