

WAGS Committee meeting 21st May 2020

Attendees: Shutes (AS), Bunning (CB), McGuffie (GM), Latham (RL), Hill (RH), Trinick (RT), Fawcett (TF), Berring F (FB), Stembridge (JS).



The meeting commenced at 1810 hours via Zoom video conference. Some took precautions!

1. **Membership (CB).** Nothing to report regarding new members
2. **Finance (RH).** The accounts are in good health. Discussed members accounts as well as tour deposits.

ACTION: RH will check on deposits held with clubs.

Sherringham GC have already returned their deposit re the upcoming Norfolk tour. **RH** will be refunding Norfolk tourists with credits over the next few days. All Wags member general accounts have now been reconciled online and **RH** will chase up the few stragglers for their outstanding membership fees for the season.

3. **Merchandise (RT).** **RT** had nothing new to report but displayed a magnificent personalised Wags COVID-19 face mask! These will not be made available!
4. **Fixtures (RL).** **RL** gave a detailed overview of forthcoming events starting with Gatton Manor where it is hoped we can play a series of two balls on 12th June. **FB** made the point we will not be able to mingle or hang around

to chat with anyone other than our partner that day and it will be very important we turn up on time for our round. It may take around 3 – 4 hours to get everyone started if we have a large turnout. There will be no drinks or food. **AS** made the point that so long as it is unrestricted it can be a VL event.

Briefly the others:

We have had cancelled/postponed London Scottish, RAC Club, Gatton (see above) and West Surrey. **CB** may be able to re-arrange London Scottish for the Autumn period and **JS** may be able to re-arrange the RAC Club in a similar fashion or replace it with Wimbledon Common or similar as this could be done at relatively short notice. **AS** has provisionally booked West Surrey for 1st October and is awaiting confirmation when the club is open for non-members and societies.

Westerham: One of the more relaxed clubs. A message has been left with them to confirm details.

Betchworth: No clubhouse. Two balls likely with food outside.

The Dyke: Unable to contact so far. No answer.

Seaford Head: OK to play. No clubhouse.

Richmond: Only open to members currently. No clubhouse. Doubtful at this stage.

Moor Park: OK. Probably 4 balls allowed. Food could be served outside.

Somerset Tour: The Castle Hotel is keen to accommodate us but we may have to stay in single rooms.

Farnham: They want us as much as we want them!

Pine Ridge: Should be OK.

Tour 2021: It is scheduled for July 2021 to South Africa but it clashes with the Olympics. The point was raised that it should be a golf tour where rugby is an added feature rather than a tour where it is being arranged because of the rugby (British Lions play three tests against the Springboks 24/07/21 to 07/08/21). **RL** pointed out that currently there are still too many uncertainties. An official Wags tour did not have enough support.

RL said he may arrange a private tour instead if there was no great support for the tour.

Regarding the Norfolk Tour it was agreed we should consider rearranging this for 2021 or 2022 perhaps? To be discussed.

ACTION: **GM** to get a note out to members regarding the above fixtures for the rest of the season.

5. **Communications/Handicaps (GM):** All fine. Just the small point that our Chairman Anthony Shutes has had his handicap increased to 12.
6. **Website (JS):** No issues. However, **JS** is to make some changes to the website so that members can track the state of play of events. An online capability will be added to show where events have been cancelled.

7. **AOB:** Much can change between now and June let alone the rest of the year so watch this space!

8. **Next Committee meeting and venue.** TBA via Zoom. Likely in June as the COVID-19 situation is evolving

The Meeting closed at 1850 hrs.