

WAGS Committee meeting 14th Oct 2020

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

The meeting commenced at 1800 hours via Zoom Global Video conference encompassing Honourable Members based in the UK and Turkey.

- 1. Tours 2021:** It was decided that we would hold a vote at the upcoming AGM regarding the late summer tour between Le Touquet and Wales assuming we can play in both a Covid free environment and that the Welsh will open up to the English! The weekend of 3rd to 5th September is the date. Approximate costs to be advised.

As a contingency we could have Somerset or Cornwall should the above not be possible.

The deposit has been paid for the previously postponed Norfolk tour which now takes place in 2021.

- 2. Tour 2022:** Wags attains age 30 in 2022. It is proposed that a tour to Porto in Portugal might be a suitable venue.
- 3. Subscriptions (RH):** RH mentioned there are still a couple of outstanding subs for 2020 and one for 2019. We agreed that we would not chase subs for members who have not played for a long time where their last game was seasons ago. RH will chase up missing subs for current players.

If we have members who cannot play as a member but want to join us as a guest at a fixture he can simply contact any Wag and, assuming there is availability, come along as a guest.

RH confirmed we only need ask for the annual £85 sub in Jan/Feb and not request an additional deposit. The total subscription is allocated towards Trophy Engraving, Website, Insurance, merchandise and ad hoc costs. Generally, the events break even with some winning and some losing.

It was agreed that we would maintain the existing £5 match fee as a Wags Tax within each fixture's cost to cover prizes etc.

Guests are to be charged £5 more than members for each event.

- 4. Merchandise (RT).** RT stated that any Wag who has not received up to date merchandise should contact him. Agreed we should spend little on merchandise in 2021 thus leaving a greater budget for our 30th anniversary in 2022 as we will need tour shirts etc.

5. **Handicaps (GM).** GM gave a brief overview of the new handicap system which comes into force shortly but we agreed Wags will not use it until the start of the 2021 season to maintain our current system into the final fixture at Pine Ridge. GM has already put all of our data from the last 5 years into a system known as Handicap Master which calculates our new handicaps. The formula is based on Slope and Course Rating and GM will provide a full explanation at the AGM.

Our new Wags handicaps will be based on Wags history alone and will be independent of an individual's club handicap.

6. **Fixtures (RL):** It is possible that the Burhill Christmas Cracker will take place for December 2020. More to follow from RL in due course. **All Team Captains will be responsible for collecting payment from their team players and the Captains will then make their entire team's single payment.**

Fixtures for 2021 look as follows:

Early March – TrinickTrinket - West Byfleet

Late March - Bunning Birdie - LSGC

April - Stembridge Sandwedge - Chartham Park

May - Robinson Ryder - Surbiton

27th May - Shutes Shotglass - West Surrey

June Norfolk Tour, Postponed from 2020 - Tourist Trophy

Late June - Dearden Decanter - Westerham

July - Wells Wineglass - Betchworth

Late July - Sussex - Shaw Shield - Seaford GC
- People's Seaford Head

August - WAGS Waistcoat - Richmond

Late August - Dodgy Dish - Moor Park

September Tour – Le Touquet or Wales

Late September Berring Bowl - Malden GC (plus AGM)

October – McGuffy Quaich - Farnham

November – James Jug - Pine Ridge

7. **AGM 2020:** Due to Covid restrictions the AGM will now be held via Zoom at 8pm on 30th October at 8pm thus allowing everyone to be at home after the Stenbridge Sandwedge at WCGC. A Zoom invite will be sent out to all Wags shortly.