

## **WAGS Committee meeting 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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

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

### **RL - Fixtures**

RL has been doing a sterling job rearranging the fixtures which has meant the Trinick Trinket being postponed to May 6<sup>th</sup> at Woldingham and the Shutes Shotglass being rescheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> October as West Surrey will not allow non members for the next 12 weeks. This means the first fixture will be the most prestigious Stembridge Sandwedge at Chartham Park on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April followed by the newly introduced Cuddington Golf Club on the 18<sup>th</sup> May for the unique event that is the Bunning Birdie. No doubt the organiser will be living up to his event's name on the day!

Gerry Robinson is now unlikely to be back by May so RL suggests we try and reschedule for late August. Maybe the 19<sup>th</sup> August which would fit nicely between TF's event at Richmond and Dodgy's event at Moor Park. Wimbledon Park GC was discussed as a possible venue (it will be the final hurrah there before it closes!). The committee ruled out using Wimbledon Common as last year it was in awful condition.

We discussed a Burn / Latham idea to organise the 2023 fixtures in Marseilles to coincide with the Rugby World Cup and specifically England v Argentina and Scotland v South Africa! This was opposed successfully due to cost concerns and the fact that not every WAG is interested in rugby, however there are some WAGS members in favour of this tour. More to follow.

**Welsh Tour:** Rhod James is considering Cradoc Golf Club near Brecon as a possibility instead of Llandrindod Wells on the Friday. Cradoc GC has incredible views and maybe a great choice. Over to Rhod to confirm in due course. St Pierre GC is being considered for the Sunday venue near Chepstow. The Welsh Tour takes place 17-19<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Norfolk Tour:** There are currently questions regarding catering. We may be heavily restricted on numbers where it might be limited to 20. Naturally this is a moving feast so please pay attention to the Wags fixture list and email updates from our highly accomplished Communication and handicap Secretary GM on the website.

**Wags 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour:** Morocco, North Portugal and Turkey were considered. The committee ruled out Morocco as many Wags may return with less kit than when they arrived!! We agreed that a vote should be put out re Portugal or Turkey. We want a venue where Wags do not have to travel a large distance to enjoy the nightlife.

**JS – Website:** Handicap indexes have not yet been updated on the website. GM mentioned we have paid the Handicap Master subscription. At each event it is the organisers' responsibility to put the correct handicap for the day on the scorecards. The handicap is based on which tees we play off. Normally it is only the yellow tees. The standard course rating is 113 so if I have a handicap normally of 14 and the course has a slope rating of 124 from the yellow tees then my handicap would be  $14 \times 124/113 = 15.3$  rounded down to 15 for the day. Our handicaps will be based on the best 8 of the last 20 rounds. GM will send out to members how this works. GM and JS to discuss putting handicaps on the website prior to each event. I would urge any Wag who doesn't regularly look at the Wags website to do so in future.

**CB – Membership:** There are no new members or applicants. No resignations either. Magnus has dropped out and RH has not collected subs from Magnus and Mike Lee. Does anyone know where Mr Lee has gone?

Membership is still around 50 Wags.

**GM – Communications and Handicaps:** All is in order and nothing else to add to the comments above.

**RT- Merchandise:** We aim to obtain our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary shirts for the 2022 tour and RT mentioned he has some beautiful Wags emblazoned pitch repairers as so many of us hit the greens in regulation that we need to set an example to others. In addition, we have some beautiful Wags towels to attach to our bags.

**RH – Finance:** All subs letters have gone out. Most members are up to date and the website shows the true position too now. Please check it out if you haven't already and make sure you know your credit/debit position.

**AOB:** CB asked what the Wags shirt look like for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wags in 2022. RT said it will be a 'nice' shirt. In true Wimbledon fashion this means it will be a superb addition to our wardrobe of Wags merchandise!

**Meeting closed at 1915.**  
**Tom Fawcett - Secretary**