

WAGS Committee meeting 26th April 2022

Rose & Crown - Wimbledon

Attendees: Bunning (CB), Wells (MW), Latham (RL), Fawcett (TF), Hill (RH), Middleton (PM) Berring (FB), Trinick (RT), McGuffie (GM)

Apologies: Stembridge (JS)

The meeting commenced at 1840 hours after a raucous start with RL showing off his newly formed physique after a visit to the gym.

Our new Chairman opened up the meeting to greet everyone and to highlight various items on the agenda.

Fixtures - RL

RL mentioned we have 23 players already booked for the Robinson Ryder. The Shutes Shot-Glass is restricted to 24 players and we have 4 bookings thus far.

Tavira – 30th Anniversary Tour: Mike Dearden has had to cancel and Chas may well not be able to attend and we are 39 booked so far. RL and MW are about to do a recce in May. MW suggested RL prepares a definitive list of attendees.

Handicaps - GM

GM mentioned the system is working well. Naturally it is still early stages. As we all play more Wags rounds the handicap system will become more accurate. It was acknowledged that low handicappers have a tough job to win bearing in mind the higher handicap statistics. However, as CB pointed out, this new system has created more new winners which can only be a good thing.

Finance - RH

Wags accounts are in rude health. A few members owe money and they should seek to bring their accounts up to date as soon as possible to help Bob and the managing of everyone's accounts. We have 14K in Wags funds with 10K going towards the 30th Anniversary Tour in Portugal in September.

We should break even this year and much depends on how much RT spends on merchandise.

Our Hole in One funds are each worth £1,000 so we agreed any excess could subsidise Richmond as it is a prestigious and well attended event but also one of the dearest. £20 off the members fee was suggested by RL and accepted by the Committee. Guests still pay full tariff.

We need work out what to do with the excess of £705 which is shown over and above the Hole in One funds that are showing on the website.

CB mentioned whether we could increase the subsidy for the Portugal Tour but we agreed to keep it at £250 per player.

We discussed the fact that late cancellations can be painful for the organisers. Often these are done at the last minute and even to work emails on a Sunday evening which is not fair on the organiser so we ask that members call the organiser rather than simply relying on email. If you have to email the use the organiser's private email which is shown on www.wags.org but a phone call is the preferred route.

Merchandise - RT

We need to remove two or three members who are no longer part of the Society (Keith Blake and Rob Jones are two such ex-members). We agreed that overseas members such as Gerry Robinson and Steve Stoner should still keep receiving merchandise.

We have shirts being prepared for the 30th Anniversary Tour. These will be red and we will be able to give our girth measurements to RT in due course or he will have to guess!! Inevitably some of us have gone up the scale over past years!

We agreed to give Chris Charman a shirt too as we was a highly distinguished Wag player of the highest calibre and is sorely missed at events.

MW mentioned he will be arranging blue and red shirts for the Thursday event pre the official Portugal Tour for those players getting extra practice with a Ryder Cup theme to be adopted.

There are four shirt sizes: medium/large/XL/Hippo - XXL

Membership - MW

We may have a new member proposed by Vip and seconded by PM: James Scott. We agreed he can be proposed formally by VIP.

Website – JS (absent)

The committee agreed the website is excellent and hopefully all members make full use of it. A significant amount of work goes into the maintenance of the website so we discussed what might happen if JS was unwell and the website needed maintaining. It might be a good idea for JS to produce a brief list of the necessary items we need to review in such a situation. A contact

number for the website develop would be helpful too. None of the committee has any experience with maintain websites.

AOB:

Most importantly, members will like to know that Grizzly's health is improving and we look forward to welcoming him back. With luck the aim is for him to play at Seaford Head.

CB: There are too often cock-ups with the playing cards whereby some members use one card to record all their group scores and submit them which makes it incredibly challenging for the organiser. **IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WE WILL ONLY ACCEPT ONE SCORECARD PER PLAYER AT ALL TIMES OR THOSE NAMES ON ONE GROUP CARD MAY FACE DISQUALIFICATION.**

And please avoid slow play at all times!

**Meeting ended 7.50pm
Tom Fawcett - Secretary**