

WAGS Committee Meeting 18th August 2022

Rose & Crown – Wimbledon

Attendees: Bunning (CB); Wells (MW); Latham (RL); Hill (RH); Berring (FB); Trinick (RT); McGuffie (GM); Stembridge (JS)

Apologies: Fawcett (TF); Middleton (PM)

The meeting commenced at 19.22.

The Chairman called the meeting to order (a difficult task), welcomed the Committee and commenced business.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th April 2022 were unanimously approved.

Fixtures – RL

RL advised that 16 WAGS and 2 guests are signed up for Grims Dyke. Malden will be going live soon and for a change FB will be running the event. The AGM to be held post Malden will be chaired by RT in the absence of CB.

RL reported that he had received comments on various events with the main complaint being early starts (Betchworth and Grims Dyke being cited) which will be addressed for the 2023 calendar. The exception being Richmond which will remain an early start due to the long lunch and putting competition elongating the day.

RH commented that Woldingham and Westerham were somewhat difficult on the financial arrangements which led to a discussion on whether the Woldingham event should be changed for somewhere like Woodcote Park for the Robinson Ryder event. RL to investigate.

The Sussex Tour 2023 was discussed as a change in the venues has been suggested, reintroducing East Brighton alongside Seaford and removing Seaford Head. Steve Shaw to be invited to explore this option further.

Tavira 30th Anniversary Tour – RL, RH and MW reported that everything is under control. However, there are only 11 WAGS playing the Sunday event (which will not be VL qualifying). FB volunteered to run this event with any prizes coming from a €10 per player levy. RL to bring the Duck and GM the Chunder Chicken.

A debrief of the Oxford Tour revealed that this tour was not particularly well supported and some feedback was critical of the cost and courses.

2023 Tours – There was support for a mid-season tour to Cornwall (Launceston, St Mellion (Jack Nicklaus) plus one other) but not necessarily staying at the St Mellion resort. RL to investigate further.

In addition, there was also support for a September/October tour to Malaga, Spain. ***Any volunteers to help organise?***

Finance – RH

RH reported that the Society's funds are buoyant and that "we've got loads of money!"

The Committee agreed that the annual subs for 2023 are to remain at £85.

The Richmond event lost c.£800, however this had been accounted for due to the c.£20 subsidy previously agreed for this event.

We received a good euro exchange rate for the Tavira Tour.

Merchandise – RT

A discussion about the Tour shirts decided that they are indeed coral not red! However, it was agreed that we have plenty of WAGS shirts and money shouldn't be wasted on another one in the near future. It was suggested that maybe next year we should have a sweater (RL suggested the idea of a nice warm fleece - which was derided).

Handicaps - GM

There were 3 scores at Woldingham of 45 points and a wide ranging discussion around the WHS and WAGS handicaps decided that eventually there would be a levelling up of all handicaps. In the interim, WAGS handicaps should be no more than 2 strokes above their Club handicap. FB to carry out investigations to ensure that this is the case. Any WAG who is unaware of this and has a greater handicap differential should advise GM accordingly.

Membership – MW

WAGS are insured up to 50 members but there is confusion over what constitutes a "full member" as opposed to occasional members such as overseas and occasional members. Should we have separate categories of membership?

There are a few potential new members who are on an unofficial waiting list who cannot join the Society due to the numbers restriction. However, there are a number of members who either haven't played for a while or who haven't met the minimum criteria of membership – that of playing a minimum of 3 events a year. If members falling into this category cannot commit to the Society they are politely asked to discuss their situation with MW or consider their position.

A comfort break was taken at 20.27

Website – JS

JS advised that he had made one change to the website to allow the handicap page to show handicaps adjusted for a given slope index. GM updates WHS handicap indexes following each event.

JS suggested that it might be possible to have a mobile App in the future.

MW suggested that the website should be culled of all non-current members.

The whole Committee agreed that the website is outstanding and JS is to be congratulated.

AOB

CB and RH again raised the issue of scorecards and it was again agreed that there should be one scorecard per person **NOT** all 3 or 4 scores on a single scorecard.

RH drew attention to the state of some of the event trophies and that some had little or no room for new winners engraving. Maybe some of the trophies could be replaced eg the James Jug (which had miraculously broken into several pieces without the knowledge of any of the members!) and those trophies showing their age (and quality).

MW advised that all Tavira Tourists should bring the 25th anniversary shirt (blue) and the new 30th anniversary shirt (coral) on tour for the first round which will be a team event.

Meeting was closed at 21.11

Mike Wells

Stand in Secretary

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