

WAGS Committee meeting 31st May 2023

Rose & Crown - Wimbledon

Attendees: Bunning (CB), Latham (RL), Stembridge (JS), Fawcett (TF), Wells (MW), Middleton (PM), Trinick (RT), McGuffie (GM)

Apologies: Berring (FB), Hill (RH).

The meeting commenced at 7.55 pm slightly late after the Secretary had his food stolen by the Handicap Secretary!

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

Fixtures - RL

RL opened up to confirm that Mike Dearden will need some assistance with the arrangements and organization for the Westerham GC event later in June due to Mike's recent heart attack. We wish Mike well and for a very speedy recovery. RL and CB kindly agreed to step in to help.

The Chartham Park event had been cancelled due to inclement weather and has been rearranged for 17/08/23.

The Committee agreed to rebook West Byfleet and Cuddington for next year and that we will once again kick off the 2024 season at West Byfleet for the Trinick Trinket.

The Cornwall tour will involve dinner at the Harbour Inn in Plymouth. Wags members have a £50 pp allowance. MW has kindly agreed to take down 24 bottles of wine for the many winners. A big thanks to MW. Buggies have been arranged for both rounds at St Mellion but not for Launceston.

The Autumn Tour for the Burn Butt and Latham Salver takes place on Thursday 21st September at The Drift GC and Friday 22nd September at Cowdray Park GC. The hotel for those who want overnight accommodation is The Lythe Hill Hotel in Haslemere. We have 4 Wags booked at the hotel pre tour for the Wednesday night and ideally need 5 more for the Thursday night stay and tour dinner. The hotel ideally wants a minimum of 10 Wags to be booked in. GM will communicate this to Wags so that individuals wanting to drink (surely almost everyone!) can get booked. RL has put a lot of work in to this so please let Richard Latham know if you wish to stay overnight.

We now have a new venue for The Quaiche to replace Farnham GC at The Army GC which takes place on 12th October.

Finally, the committee discussed possible venues for 2024 including Belgium, Turkey, Morocco, Porto, Cyprus and Costa De La Luz in Spain.

Accounts - RH

RL forwarded to the committee the accounts and all are in good order. There are 5.5K costs for Cornwall to be added to the accounts.

Handicaps - GM

The WHS (better known as The Wags Handicap System!) is working well.

The Playing Handicap has a stroke allowance (in percentages). For example, a Stableford Competition results in you having a stroke allowance of 95% of your course handicap. We agreed to use this percentage.

PM raised the question of whether Wags with previous injuries or health issues should be given extra strokes. Whilst we understand the unfortunate position that Wags may be in at times, it was suggested that if you put your name down for a game then it would seem that the Wag has deemed himself fit for play. Should it be the case that one cannot play as well as one could in the past due to injury (age!!) etc then the handicap system will gradually give you more strokes as time passes. The key is to put your name down for plenty of events and your handicap will change faster! However, beware the injured golfer! Remember, the Secretary won Woldingham a few years ago with a knee brace!

Merchandise - RT

No major updates here.

The new umbrellas are great except we haven't needed to use them at any Wags event since they were given out by RT!

Website - JS

JS said that the organiser of an event receives an email confirming who is attending as each Wag joins the event online. However any organiser with a gmail email does not receive such confirmation emails. JS is looking for a resolution to this.

Membership – MW

We have two new members: Richard Howell and James Scott. Welcome to the Society!

Nigel Caulfield has left us so we are now 54 Wags as members.

Wags committee members will find out if any Wags they know who have not played in a while whether they intend to restart playing with Wags. We want to encourage a vibrant Society so if individuals do not want to play we should

know so that new members can come in. We are limited on numbers hence the reason.

Individuals should aim to play at least 3 events a season and ideally a lot more than that. The best events are when we have large turnouts. It gives us a chance to catch up and, most importantly, have a lot of fun! That's what it is all about.

AOB

Can all Wags practice a little more! We urgently need another hole in one! Preferably more than once every blue moon! The prize money awaits the lucky Wags(s).

CB closed the meeting at 2050.

Meeting ended 8.50 pm
Tom Fawcett - Secretary