WAGS Committee meeting 15th July 2020

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

Apologies: Captain Berring F (FB)

The meeting commenced at 1800 hrs via Zoom.

After some initial outpouring of self-congratulations with past trophies being held to the camera our meeting got underway with our Chairman **AS** opening up the meeting to highlight two topics to cover:

- **Somerset Tour Non Refundable Deposits**
- **Richmond details for the day**

1. Somerset tour

RL confirmed that the hotel will refund our deposit should the event be cancelled thus members should feel secure booking for the tour knowing they will not lose out financially should the event not go ahead due to COVID restrictions.

In addition, Golf Clubs are normally extremely good at refunding any payments for cancelled events as has been evidenced already this year.

2. Richmond GC

The cost of Richmond GC was debated by the committee who decided that we need to keep the cost as low as possible for this prestigious event on the Wags calendar. It is normally well attended but the price at around £120 is around 10% more than 2019 and we cannot continue to see such high percentage increases if we are to keep this most important event on the calendar.

RL said that we could do away with a two course sumptuous meal after the golf and opt for a simple ploughmans single course lunch instead. This would reduce the cost by around 20% to £100 per head. We might even have further savings due to the recently introduced VAT reduction.

It was suggested that we could either eat outside or at tables of 4 inside depending on the weather conditions.

A poll was conducted amongst committee members to see if:

a) We want a two course meal plus putting competition
b) A ploughmans or BBQ plus putting competition
c) Either of the above without putting competition.

A majority vote was for Ploughmans and the putting competition at a cost of £100 subject to a further potential VAT saving (TBA).

At the moment, Wags adds on £5 to each match fee to cover extras however it was noted that members pay the same as guests. **AS** asked if guests should pay a little more? To be discussed at the AGM.

AOB

RL said that the Sussex Tour was expecting around 18 members.

RL said that the Somerset Tour has 14 signed up thus far.

RL: Moor Park fixture: there will be no dinner which will save £25 per head. We will receive coffee and sandwiches on arrival and we depart after prize-giving.

RH: Event organisers should consider asking any Wags who my be travelling to and from an event together. Equally, it would also be sensible for any Wags travelling together to let the organizer know. If that is the case, then maybe it's best to put them in the same group both for golf and any meals.

Next meeting

Wags AGM after the New Malden fixture at 1800 hours

The meeting closed at 1840 hours