WAGS Committee Meeting 12th November 2025

The Rose & Crown - Wimbledon

Attendees: Wells (MW), Latham (RL), Trinick (RT), McGuffie (GM), Field (NF), Berring (FB), Hill (RH)

Apologies: Stembridge (JS), Fawcett (TF), Middleton (PM)

The Chairman (MW) opened the Committee Meeting at 19.24. With our Secretary (TF) absent, it was decided that each Committee Member would draft their own Minutes to be reviewed and incorporated into a blended document, below:

Fixtures - RL

The following fixtures and tours were agreed:

Tuesday 17 March Bunning Birdie Cuddington GC
Cost £83 est pp; deposit £100

Tuesday 31 March Trinick Trinket Silvermere GC
Cost £77 pp; deposit £200

Thurs 16 April Stembridge Sandwedge - Chartham Park
Cost £70; deposit £150

Friday 1 May - Robinson Ryder - Woldingham GC
Cost £68; deposit £120

Thursday 21 May Shutes Shotglass - West Surrey GC
Cost £104 pp; No deposit

Friday 12 - Sunday 14 June Tourist Trophy - UK Tour Worcestershire
12 June Droitwich GC
13 June Gaudet Luce GC
14 June Bransford GC

Friday 26 June Dearden Decanter - Westerham GC
Cost £83 ; deposit £120

Thurs 9 July Wells Wineglass - The Drift GC
Cost £100; Deposit £150

Mid July Sussex mini tour - Steve & Eric
The Warburton Slice - Friday 24 July Mid Sussex GC @ Ditchling
The Shaw Shield - Saturday 25 July- Seaford Head Cost £65 est

Friday 14 August Richmond WAGS Waistcoat & Beament Swing
Cost £125**; Deposit £280

Thurs 27 August Grims Dyke- Dodgy Dish
Cost £50;

Thurs 10th September - Winter Hills- People's Trophy
Cost £65

Weds 23- Sunday 27 September European Tour Porto
Thurs 24 Estela GC
Friday 25 Oporto GC Burn Butt
Sat 26 Amarante GC Latham Salver

Thurs 8 Oct Berring Bowl & AGM - Malden GC
Cost £65; no deposit

Friday 30 Oct - Farnham - McGuffie Quaich
Cost £98; deposit £200

Sat 14 Nov Pine Ridge - James Jug
Cost £71; deposit £100

Mid Dec Burhill GC - Christmas Cracker
Cost £100

Costs include the "WAGS tax" of £5 pp per fixture for prizes
**costs include WAGS sub of £25 pp

There will be four new fixture venues which was welcomed and it is hoped that this might increase turnout

It was agreed that the Richmond event would henceforth be managed by Nicholas Bailey, and it was noted that Tom Fawcett was happy with this.

The Worcestershire organised by Vip Patel was approved and that GMcG would get the tour brochure out

The Porto tour was approved and it was agreed to use a Portuguese local agent, not a Spanish one who had also offered a quote. RL mentioned the difficulties over price and how he was still working on getting this as low as possible. He offered a cheaper hotel away from the city centre but this was roundly rejected! He also offered a change in dates but it was agreed to stick to the current plan of 23-27 September.

All noted an overall increase in prices and most golf clubs have increased their prices by £5; some by more. It was noted however that Richmond and Farnham have not increased their price

Concluding with the current season RL noted that the turnout for Pine Ridge is good with 28 signed up, and that, for the first time, the Chairman's recent Edict about members being up to date with their funds before playing, was enforced on one member

However the turnout for Burhill is poor so far with only one team, the Wild Geese, being signed up

Finally RL suggested a WAGS calendar with the fixtures firmly printed on it so that WAGS and family members could note the upcoming dates for 2026. This idea was met with some scepticism but not rejected outright. RT & RL to consider further

Accounts

RH summarised the financial position as follows:

- RH is a little behind on updating accounts but will have them updated by the end of the month.
- A number of deposits have already been paid for 2026 including all of Worcester tour.
- Beament Swing charity donations have not been made for the last 2 winners, I think Ricardo wants his to go to Marie Curie and Nigel to one that his daughter would like to support, will also aim to get those paid by end of November.
- Generally I think most members accounts are in good order and will chase any stragglers when I've updated in next couple of weeks.

RH, RT, FB and Chris Bunning continue to review the banking arrangements to see if internet banking services are available so that accounts can be updated more than once a month on receipt of a printed bank statement. Metro Bank is the favourite as an alternative and a visit to see the Manager is imminent.

Handicaps – GM

As we head towards our final event of the year we now have a finely tuned handicap system. We have had many different winners with just a few players returning a wide range of scores where we have to decide on a medial figure.

The handicap sub-committee encourage the use of the iGolf app to track performance as this feeds valuable information to determine an accurate WAGS handicap.

Merchandise - RT

It was agreed that the Merchandise department would look into purchasing luxury golf caps with the WAGS logo emblazoned on the side.

This is a small offering before the eagerly anticipated garment celebrating 35 years of WAGS in 2027.

Website - JS

In the absence of JS, website issues were parked (as too difficult for the rest of the Committee!).

Membership – NF

Martin Maccabe is stepping down as a member and will continue to attend in the future as a guest.

Fred mentioned that some of the Whatsapp group had old members still on – I understand he has now removed.

Fred also mention that the membership list needs to be audited and I said I would do that.

I did mention that we should start to think about encouraging members to introduce new members .

AOB

There was a discussion regarding a possible draw in the VL due to 6 Members being in contention.

MW advised that he had taken soundings from Burhill GC including past Captains and other senior Club players and put forward the following proposal:

"If the results on the day produce a draw at the top of the VL, the scores from the Pine Ridge event will determine the winner ie the highest score over 18 holes. If there is still deadlock, the usual competition rules will apply by looking at the players back 9 score, then back 6 score, then back 3 score and finally the last hole score until a champion emerges".

An alternative was that if there was a draw the VL should be shared.

The Committee voted, by a majority, in favour MW's proposal.

There being no further business, MW closed the meeting at c.20.40.

Mike Wells – Chairman (and temporary Scribe)