



SAGES West Rand Branch

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MINUTES OF THE WEST RAND SAGES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT BENBON RESTUARANT ON MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 09H30

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all present with the meeting commencing at 09h30.

2. ATTENDANCE

Ed Hoffmann (EH)
Larry Friedman (LF)
Schalk Breytenbach (SB)
Trevor Woollett (TW)

3. APOLOGIES

None

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Confirmed by all

5. MATTERS ARISING / ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- CANSA Day planning & preparation
- 2026 Fixture List – Planning & Preparation
- SAGE of the Year – Criteria & current Status
- Gert du Plessis Donation (Whiskey & Wine) for CANSA day
- Resignation – Schalk Breytenbach

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- eMail Connie Ashford – Issues & response & status

7. NEWSLETTER

- The Committee received an overwhelming positive response for the newsletter to continue in its current form
- The Committee and Members continue to be grateful to Ian Wylde for co-ordinating, compiling and distributing our Newsletter
- EH has invited Eddie Mantle (National Treasurer) to provide a Player Profile for the October Newsletter

8. FINANCE

- The Treasurer (TW), reported back and provided evidence on the balances of our Investment and Savings accounts.
- The financial health of the WR Branch accounts remains good
- TW recommended that we advise members that all clubs are becoming cashless and that they should pay their game fees by EFT before the game
- The annual membership subs for 2025 are R220. The meeting agreed to increase these subs for 2026 to R250.

9. MEMBERSHIP

- We have 7 new members requests received since the last Committee Meeting
- TW reported that we have 162 members excluding some of these new requests
- Resignations – None

10. CLOTHING

- SB gave feedback on the clothing orders/stock.
- EH reported that ball stock was low and was only enough for the next monthly tournament.
- TW confirmed the availability of finance and that he was aware that the Golfers Club were selling the 2 dozen boxes of Srixon SoftFeel balls (x24 balls) at R480 per box. The meeting agreed that TW should go ahead and purchase 20 dozen balls

11. TOURNAMENTS

- The Chairman thanks LF for the well co-ordinated external events.
- The meeting was made aware of the following external events when planning the WR Sages Monthly Schedule for 2026
 - Sages Nationals at Rand Park is scheduled from 16-20 March 2026
 - Northern Regions hosted by Jacaranda from 7-8 July 2026 - venue to be confirmed
 - North West 5 Corner Event at Goldfields on 13 October 2026
- We need to keep these dates open when setting up our own schedule.
- West Rand has been ear-marked to host a 2027 5Corner Event . (For Information Only)

12. HANDICAPS / FAIR PLAY

EH feedback. FB scored 38 points at Jackal Creek and did not capture his score despite playing the next day at KGC

13. WEBSITE

The National website is still down.

14. GENERAL

- CANSA Day at Ruimsig (14 October 2025)
 - LF to notify and invite CANSA representative
 - LF and EH to meet to discuss on the day activities
 - The Committee are grateful to member, Gert du Plessis, for donating whiskey and wines for the CANSA day to be used to collect additional funds
- 2026 Fixture List and Preparation
 - LR presented and proposed a revised list.
 - The list includes relooking at the away winter dates (.ie Magaliespark currently MagaliesPark and Rustenburg currently July) to make the majority of the playing field easier in the dark early hours)
 - Introducing Pecanwood into the schedule possibly at the expense of CMR.
 - EH to provide LF with Club contact details to start reserving dates for 2026
 - The schedule is still to be finalised once the Pecanwood costs become known
- EH presented the SAGE of the YEAR Criteria and the current status. The criteria is pretty-much based on hard facts, attendance, high-scoring, etc. The meeting agreed that some softer criteria needs to be taken into consideration eg our values and principles, contributions ie, whiskey, etc
- Larry Friedman was nominated and accepted the role of West Rand Branch Secretary.
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Schalk Breytenback, Our Merchandise & Clothing Officer, has handed in his resignation from the Committee with effect 1 January 2026.

15. NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting will be held on Monday 17/11/2025. Venue to be confirmed.
- For the record – Availability:
 - TW not on Tuesdays or Thursdays
 - LR is open on any week day
 - SB is not available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
 - ED is open on any day of the week

16. CLOSE

There being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed.