

THE DARENTH SENIORS – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting, held in the Club House On Thursday 9th March 2023 (Rev00)

The meeting was pre-empted by the Secretary requesting that those present indicate as such by ticking the Membership Database list that was to be passed around during the meeting. Also, that proceedings would be audio-recorded for minuting purposes. And a reminder to switch off phones.

The meeting opened at 1.06pm

Members present were: Messrs. Baker, Bavin, Bryant, Carter, Connor, Dobbs, Fox, J. Green, Harvey, Horton, Jarrard, D. Jones, Long, Martin, Maxwell, Mitchell, Rampling, Richards, Rothwell, Spillane, Tidd, Vidgeon, Walters and White. **24 in total.**

Apologies for Absence were received from: Messrs. Allen, Burfoot, Haylock, Howat, Hubbard, Hughes, Morgan, Robinson, Vickers, Watley, Watts, Williamson and Winters.

The Minutes of the previous, 5th, meeting having previously been distributed, were accepted unanimously, on a vote, proposed B. Dobbs and seconded A. Bavin, and were duly signed by the Captain, John Green.

There were no matters arising.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Captain's Report as appended.

There were no matters arising.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance sheet as appended. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed D. Richards and seconded A. Mitchell and carried unanimously. A committee proposal, seconded from the floor by D. Richards, that the fees for 2023 shall be £50 inclusive of Union fees, was accepted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: Eric Bunton, having been nominated as auditor, proposed by the Treasurer, seconded by M. Fox. Acceptance was carried unanimously. Treasurer proposed a vote of thanks to Eric Bunton.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS from 1st April 2023: The following members were proposed and seconded for the posts as shown below:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Vice-Captain	B. Bright	J. Rothwell	D. Long
Hon. Secretary	D. Long	D.B. Hughes	J. Rothwell
Treasurer	N. Maxwell	D. Long	J. Rampling
Comp. Secretary	J. Rampling	B. Spillane	D. Long
Social Secretary	D. Watts	A. Bavin	T. Martin

Immediate Past Captain: J. Green, Ex Officio

Almoner **J. Connor** has offered his services and will be co-opted.

The election, in principle, of Officers en bloc, proposed by A. Bryant and seconded by T. Martin was voted upon and carried unanimously. On a proposal to accept the nominations by J. Green and seconded by J. Rothwell, the above officers were duly elected unanimously.

The post of President, contested between the following nominees was decided on by a secret ballot

Hon President	J. Connor	B. Spillane	J. Rampling
Hon President	J. Green	A. Bavin	J, Rothwell

By a clear majority **J. Connor** was declared Hon. President.

Match Secretary: This post remained unfilled.

PROPOSITIONS: There were none lodged.

AOB: On behalf of **Brian Howat**, Secretary pointed out that this year, being the 50th anniversary of The Darenth, maybe suggestion should be made to proprietor Jason Fox that something be arranged to celebrate this fact. From the floor, David Vidgeon advised that something was already being arranged by Jason. However as it stood this would be a Club Championship Scratch competition limited to 16 handicappers or below to be held on Sunday July 30th. Final details were very much in the air at the moment, and proposed that David Vidgeon pass on our disappointment of being excluded from such celebrations.

Malcolm Fox advised that date of Over-80s League match against West Malling had changed from July 18th to August 29th. Event cards were already printed up and about to be handed out, but DL would amend diary on the web site.

Andy Bryant advised that he was holding the Spitfire propeller that once adorned the wall of a previous club, and was offering this if it can be used. Committee to consider.

John Rampling advised the meeting that the Monday Swindle which was once a 'closed shop' is now open to all, and is run on the same basis as the Thursday meetings whereby you just turn up on the day, and encouraged more members to participate.

Newly-elected Captain Explained that Barry Bright had been his original choice early on. Continued that he had played with Barry recently following his long lay-off due to injuries, and Barry was still keen to take on the role. He further went on to try to encourage more players to get involved with the matches. And finally announced that his charity would be related to bowel cancer research.

In winding up: Captain thanked everybody for coming. And reiterated that he had had a great year.

The Date of next meeting will provisionally be on 14th March 2024.

The meeting closed at 1.40pm

XX Captain signs here XX

Captains report for AGM 9th March 2023

As you all know Bob Spillane is stepping down as our President and I would like on behalf of the Committee and Members to thank him for all his hard work, help and guidance to me, and us as a Committee during his time as President of the Seniors Section and I would like to ask Members to show their appreciation to him in the normal way.

It seems to me that the last year as Captain has flown by, one of if not the main talking point amongst the membership remains the new handicap system that came in last year.

I'm still not sure everyone understands how it works and I for one continue to be mystified why some people's handicaps seem to stay unchanged, and even increase, when they are bringing in good scores week after week. I still have to stop and think when a player says he had a 6 on a par 3 and gets a point or a 9 on a par 5 and gets a point....

Certainly, the main talking point at the Kent Vets Golf League last meeting was the handicap system with some Clubs with low handicap players, complaining about the number of shots they have to give away to other club members. Fortunately for us in league matches this does work in our favour.

Mention of the KVGL bring me to our performance last year. Having finished bottom the year before we had a much better year this year. Of the 12 matches played, we won 4, lost 5 and 3 were drawn. We even won one of the games 10 points to nil. This did put us in a play off with Wrotham Heath at the end of the season to determine what league we play in this year which we lost. In hindsight a good result as we will no longer have to play Nizels, Wrotham and Weald of Kent all of whom have a substantial membership's fielding really strong teams.

This coming year will see us play against, Redlibetts, The Ridge, Shortlands with the new clubs to our league being Poult Wood and Lamberthurst

Of the 10 Friendly matches we won 7 and lost 3 really a good year for us.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all members to put their names down to play in the matches, there was one occasion last year where we could not field a full side. An immediate disadvantage to us.

The condition of the course throughout the Summer was excellent and we were congratulated many times by visiting teams. The drought meant the ball carried much further and we saw some very high Stableford points being obtained. The use of the iron on the greens has also improved them no end.

Work has continued around some of the tee boxes and paths which to my mind has helped to improve the appearance of the Course. There are still some areas around and in front of greens that require attention and hopefully as it gets hotter and the grass begins to grow again these will improve. It would be nice if the bunkers were improved and they all had rakes, we live in hope. In the mean time we continue to allow moving the ball out of foot marks.

Our trophy cabinet is at last up and shows off our trophies very well.

I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to my Captains Charity this year, Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Services. As of Monday of this week my total raised stands at £3,006.74. I have a little book available here, if anyone feels they want to look through how the money was raised.

I would like to thank the Committee for their support during the past year, Dave Long does a fantastic job as our Secretary enabling the smooth running of the Club and its web site. John Rampling as Competition secretary making sure that we have games every week with enough tee times. Niall as your Treasurer for maintaining the books. Jim Conner as Almoner, Dave Watts as Social Secretary and Trevor Harvey who is standing down for his work as Match secretary

Lastly I would like to thank James Rothwell my Vice Captain for helping me during the year and standing in for me at events and matches I have been unable to attend. I am sure James will make an excellent Captain next year.

The Darenth Seniors
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2022

	Income		Expenditure	
	31/12/2022	31/12/2021	31/12/2022	31/12/2021
b/f	£2,183.86	£2,584.03		
Captains Charity		£20.00	£305.84	£310.05
Comp Sec Expenses			£62.89	£442.93
Secs Expenses			£4.50	
Trophies & Engraving			£1,125.45	£879.89
KGVL Subscription			£60.00	£60.00
KGVL Jamboree		£300.00		£300.00
Subscriptions	£1,627.00	£265.50		
GU Fees	£1,138.50	£1,179.50	£2,318.00	
Summer Dinner	£1,540.00		£1,526.00	
Xmas Extravaganza	£1,680.00	£1,980.00	£1,652.00	£1,948.00
TDS Ties	£30.00	£10.00		
Other	£25.00			
Captains Drive In				£145.00
TDS Classic				
Handicap Master				
Website			£14.70	£69.30
Shirts	£931.00		£931.00	
Bank			£1,154.98	£2,183.86
Total	£9,155.36	£6,339.03	£9,155.36	£6,339.03

Notes

Bank	£1,154.98	£2,183.86
Ear marked funds:		
EGU fees	£0.00	£638.00
KGU fees	£0.00	£541.50
TDS Classic (Open) c/f £305.84	£0.00	£305.84
Dinner/Lunch c/f £182.50	£224.50	£182.50
Tie Fund c/f £40	£70.00	£40.00
Net TDS Funds	£860.48	£476.02

Niall Maxwell - Treasurer



Eric Bunton - Auditor

