

THE DARENTH SENIORS – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 4th Annual General Meeting, held in the Club House On Thursday 30th September 2021 (Rev0)

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 minuteing purposes. And a reminder to switch off phones.

The meeting opened at 1.10pm

Members present were: D. Athawes, D. Braithwaite, P. Braithwaite, E. Bunton, E. Carter, D. Cave, J. Connor, B. Deacon, M. Fox, T. Haylock, B. Hilton, D. Hughes, V. Jarrard, D. Jones, D. Long, B. Marshall, T. Martin, N. Maxwell, A. Mitchell, J. Rampling, J. Robinson, J. Rothwell, H. Smith, B. Spillane, D. Tidd, B. Vickers, D. Walters, R. Watley, D. Watts, C. White, P. Williamson, R. Winters, K. Zaman, **33 in total.**

Apologies for Absence were received from: J. Allen, H. Baker, T. Bavin, A. Bryant, J. Coyle, B. Dobbs, G. Green, J. Green, T. Harvey, G. Horton, B. Hubbard, G. Hutchins, P. Jerreat, B. Jones, R. Lockyer, B. Lowe, B. Mills, M. Morgan, B. Rayner.

The Minutes of the previous, 3rd, meeting having previously been distributed, were accepted unanimously, on a vote, proposed J. Connor, and seconded by D. Hughes, and were signed by the Captain, Brian Vickers

Matters Arising: J. Connor raised the issue of club match attire. The Captain reported that he had raised the matter with owner, Jason Fox, earlier in the week, who had stated that he was having supply problems with Footjoy. There ensued general discussion, and it was generally agreed that we should all be wearing team colours for matches, and perhaps we could purchase our own individually from perhaps Sports Direct or M&S, as long as they were of a uniform matching grey.

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. Watts, seconded by J. Rothwell. Acceptance of audited accounts was unanimous. In the absence of Treasurer due to late arrival, owing to over-running appointment, Secretary stepped in, raising a couple of issues. Firstly, that the 2019 Union fees had VAT collected in error, resulting in £290 sitting in our account. Proposal was that this sum be donated to the Captain's Charity, which was unanimously accepted. It was proposed that 2021 subscriptions be set at £25, inclusive of KGU/EGU fees, and £5 for those members with dual club membership. This was agreed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: Eric Bunton, having been nominated as auditor, was proposed by Committee, seconded by B. Hilton, was accepted unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS from 1st April 2021: The following members were proposed and seconded for the posts as shown below:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Hon President	B. Spillane	T. Bavin	D. Braithwaite
Vice-Captain	J. Green	B. Vickers	J. Rampling
Hon. Secretary	D. Long	P. Braithwaite	D. Watts
Treasurer	N. Maxwell	D. Long	B. Hilton
Comp. Secretary	J. Rampling	J. Connor	B. Vickers
Match Secretary	T. Harvey	N. Maxwell	P. Jerreat
Social Secretary	D. Watts	D. Long	P. Braithwaite
Captain	B. Vickers (Automatically progresses from post of Vice Captain)		
Almoner	J. Connor has offered his services and will be co-opted.		

The principle of election of Officers en bloc as proposed by D. Braithwaite and seconded by D. Hughes was voted upon and carried. It was proposed by A. Mitchell, and seconded by P. Williamson, that the aforementioned offers be duly elected, which was carried unanimously.

LEAGUE MATCH REPORTS: Malcolm Fox gave a report on the Over-80 League matches. Winners of the league were Knole Park who had only lost one match ... at Darenth! We finished up in third position in that particular league. David Long gave a report on the KGV, touching on the capping of handicaps having an effect on our downfall. For next year the cap has been incremented to a H.I. of 22.0, with up to two players receiving up to 24.0. Also mentioned was the lament that we needed a few more to step forward for these games.

PROPOSITIONS

a) That 11th and 18th holes be deemed ‘call-up holes’, proposed B. Hilton seconded J. Rampling.

Following discussion, seconded by D. Athawes, D. Jones, moved an amended proposal that this be trialled on just the 11th hole until the next AGM. (It had been pointed out that if Jason Fox spotted large numbers around the 18th green, there may be repercussions). The amendment was carried by a majority vote.

b) That the singles matchplay championships for both Winter and Summer be split into two groups, based on handicaps, proposed J. Green, seconded J. Rothwell. Following discussion, a vote of acceptance was not carried.

AOB:

D. Hughes proposed a Vote of Thanks to J. Connor, seconded by B. Spillane, which was endorsed.

D. Watts asked of Treasurer, the precise current state of our finances. Without figures to hand, explained that we had had very little expenditure, so it would be similar to the year-end total already annotated. Treasurer however pointed out that we may have the expenditure of a new laptop shortly.

D. Cave requested comment or advice on golf insurance. J. Connor pointed out that EnglandGolf covered all for personal liability of up to £10 million. P. Braithwaite also informed meeting that the Club had location insurance if anyone hit a member of the public.

M. Fox suggested a one pound per head kitty for anyone getting a hole-in-one. Following diverse conversation, no clear outcome was reached.

D. Athawes raised issue of goodie bags. Captain had already raised this issue with Jason Fox, who had promised that we would all have something this year. As an aside, it was pointed out that anyone with vouchers remaining from previous years, these are not being honoured.

N. Maxwell proposed a Vote of Thanks to Eric Bunton for his work as Auditor.

Comments by Captain for 2021: next year your Captain will be John Green, who is very capable, and will do a good job. He reiterated his wish to strongly push for team colours, and brought up the issue of adherence to the Rules of Golf. Without going too deeply into this he reminded everybody that these must be adhered to.

In winding up: Captain announced that the date of the next AGM had provisionally been set for 10th March 2022.

The meeting closed at 2.07pm

CAPTAIN SIGNS HERE

The Darenth Seniors

Captains Report for the AGM 2021.

Well, this year has been a very different year to be Captain! Away from the golf course it's been one of the worst years I can remember with the "Covid Pandemic" causing lockdowns, closures, cancellations and hardship to us all. That said, here we are! We survived the worst of it (hopefully) and let's hope that we can go from strength to strength in the coming year and bring back a semblance of normality to our lives.

This club has survived where some haven't and I'm hoping that this will be our home for a long time to come.

In the absence of our Match Secretary, I will mention the Inter-Club matches. I am happy to report that we retained the Broke'n'Wood Trophy that is contended every year between us and Parkwood. We won at home and narrowly lost away but retained the trophy by a clear 26 points in the end! (unlike the Ryder Cup team). In the other 7 matches, we won 6 and only lost 1, a fantastic result. Two matches were cancelled, one by Eltham Warren because of the Covid restrictions, and one by Reigate Hill because they couldn't get out of bed early enough to get here. I would personally like to thank all of the players that turned out to play for the club and contributed to this great result.

My Captain's charity this year is the Marjorie McClure School and to date I have £850 in the kitty – this figure is much less than previous years but the Summer Dinner had to be cancelled and the closures etc have limited collection.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your support, with a special thank you to the members of the Committee. As you may know I was thrown in the deep end by our previous Captain, Mr. Jones, when in November 2020 he decided to resign and leave the Club.

We owe our existence here to the hard work done by members of this Committee on our behalf and again I'd like to say thank you, for helping me with advice and suggestions.

Thank you all.

The Darent Senior				
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2020				
	Income		Expenditure	
	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	31/12/2020	31/12/2019
b/f	2,051.90	1,355.08		
Bursery		1,000.00		
Donation to Captains Charity				51.36
Clothing		236.50		141.00
Match Sec Expenses			54.53	135.94
Secs Expenses				224.52
Trophies & Engraving			674.90	892.55
KGV				5.00
Subscriptions	1,377.50	1,681.10		
GU Fees	1,384.50	1,777.20	1,474.75	1,431.00
Summer Dinner		2,077.00		1,976.50
Xmas Extravaganza		2,201.00		2,151.00
TDS Ties	30.00			1,510.80
Other	4.50	2.00		
Captains Drive In	145.00			
TDS Classic	912.00	3,448.00	912.00	3,142.16
Handicap Master			112.00	
Website			13.19	64.15
Gratuities			80.00	
Bank			2,584.03	2,051.90
Total	5,905.40	13,777.88	5,905.40	13,777.88
Notes				
Bank	2,584.03	2,051.90		
Loss on clothing b/f		-44.14		
Refunds		-141.00		
Donation from TDGC		126.00		
Auction proceeds		110.50		
Balance to Captains Charity		-51.36		
GU Fees 2018		36.30		
GU Fees 2019		60.00		
Captains Drive In	145.00			
GU Fees vat collected in error	290.05	286.20		
TDS Classic (Open) c/f £305.84	305.84	305.84		
Dinner/Lunch c/f £150.50	150.50	150.50		
Net TDS Funds	2,127.69	1,213.06		
Niall Maxwell - Treasurer				
Eric Bunton - Auditor				