

THE DARENTH SENIORS – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 5th Annual General Meeting, held in the Club House On Thursday 10th March 2022 (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 minuteing purposes. And a reminder to switch off phones.

The meeting opened at 1.07pm

Members present were: D. Athawes, T. Bavin, B. Bright, D. Cave, J. Connor, B. Dobbs, M. Fox, J. Green, T. Harvey, S. Hazell, B. Hilton, B. Hubbard, D. Hughes, V. Jarrard, D. Long, N. Maxwell, B. Mills, A. Mitchell, J. Rampling, J. Robinson, J. Rothwell, B. Spillane, D. Tidd, B. Vickers, D. Walters, R. Watley, D. Watts, R. Winters and K. Zaman. **29 in total.**

Apologies for Absence were received from: J. Allen, H. Baker, D. Braithwaite, A. Bryant, E. Carter, M. D'Cunha, G. Green, T. Haylock, G. Horton, D. Jones, T. Jones, R. Lockyer, B. Lowe, M. Morgan, H. Smith, C. White, and P. Williamson.

The Minutes of the previous, 4th, meeting having previously been distributed, were accepted unanimously, on a vote, proposed B. Hilton, and seconded by M. Fox, and were signed by the Captain, Brian Vickers.

Matters Arising: On a Committee recommendation, the matter of the call-up at the 11th hole trial period, had not achieved any speeding up of the game, and should be rescinded. On a vote, the meeting agreed unanimously to rescind the trial.

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

Matters Arising: D. Athawes enquired the cost of team shirts. No specific price could be given, but it was thought they would be around £45.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer first gave thanks to Eric Bunton in auditing the accounts. Balance sheet and Report as appended. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed M. Fox, seconded by D. Cave. Adoption of the accounts was carried with one abstention. T. Harvey requested that in future the Report be summarised in a simpler format, the Treasurer agreed to take this on board. On a Committee proposal, seconded from the floor by J. Robinson, the Section's fees for 2022 shall be £50, inclusive of KGU and EGU affiliation fees. This was accepted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: Eric Bunton, having been nominated as auditor, was proposed by D. Hughes seconded by B. Bright. Acceptance was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS from 1st April 2022: The following members were proposed and seconded for the posts as shown below:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Hon President	B. Spillane	T. Harvey	J. Rampling
Vice-Captain	J. Rothwell	J. Green	E. Carter
Hon. Secretary	D. Long	J. Rothwell	E. Carter
Treasurer	N. Maxwell	D. Jones	D. Walters
Comp. Secretary	J. Rampling	T. Bavin	J. Green
Match Secretary	T. Harvey	D. Jones	D. Athawes
Social Secretary	D. Watts	R. Lockyer	B. Jones
Captain	J. Green (Automatically progresses from post of Vice Captain)		
Almoner	J. Connor has offered his services and will be co-opted.		
Immediate Past Captain: B. Vickers, Ex Officio			

On a proposal by D. Athawes and seconded by B. Hubbard it was carried unanimously that the nominations be voted for en bloc.

M. Fox proposed, and J. Rothwell seconded that the nominees en bloc should be elected. The vote was carried unanimously.

PROPOSITIONS: There were no propositions lodged for discussion.

AOB: Social Secretary, D. Watts reported that he had recently been accosted, by management, to raise the subject of social evenings. Basically it would be for the Section to arrange some social events. Meals would be supplied at reasonable cost. DW was seeking response from membership that such events would be supported, and requested suggestions for format of such evenings. Any such events would be on a non-profit making basis, our aim would be to break even, barring charity events. On a show of hands indication was that such events would be supported by membership present. Some of the themes suggested including guest speakers, quiz night, karaoke. Assembly was asked to have a think about ideas. It was good that we had a positive reaction. B. Dobbs raised matter of Kent Cards, and the fact that we never advertise such. Requested that something be put on the web site. (DL to action)

M. Fox stated that he was having some problems recruiting players for the Over-80 League, and will be putting something on the noticeboard.

R. Winters raised the matter of Slope, and it was about time that the course was re-rated. Duly noted, and Committee will give Jason Fox a nudge to get this done.

D. Long advised that a wake for Ron Mason (who used to potter around doing odd jobs) will be held next Thursday, and we have been asked if we would like to contribute to a collection in his memory. A collection pot will be available next week.

D. Tidd asked if it were possible to organise a Guest Day. Response was that we would be in the hands of Jason Fox in that matter, but another problem would be our full fixtures list.

M. Fox raised issue of the state of the course. Response was that it is anticipated that with Spring coming, things should start to recover soon.

Newly-elected Captain Acceptance words, as appended.

In winding up: Captain, Brian Vickers, gave thanks for his period of Captaincy, and thanked members for support and friendship

The Date of next meeting provisionally will be on 9^h March 2023.

The meeting closed at 2.06pm

XX Captain signs here XX

Captains Report for the AGM 2022

As you know, I have been Captain now for 18 months through the most difficult times any of us can remember, due to the pandemic. I've enjoyed my time in this seat and would like to thank everyone that has helped me. Now we have a horrific situation in Ukraine that really puts everything else into sharp perspective!

That said, back in September '21 at our last AGM I reported to you the success of our interclub matches team, winning six and only losing two. These fixtures start again very soon in April, so please sign up when the Match sheets go up and let's keep our winning ways going. Those of you that do sign up to play in these matches might like to know that we can now order "team shirts" from a sheet on the noticeboard, or on the website. I would urge you to do this so that we can look like a team, as well as play like one. My only disappointment last year was that we didn't do this and ALL the other teams did. (You wouldn't want your football team coming out in different colour shirts would you!) OK, moan over.

You will have noticed the shoe/trolley cleaning device around the corner, as well as the new net facility and buggy park. Hopefully the new trophy cabinet will be completed soon and Dave can get all the trophies out of his loft!

My charity this year has been the Marjorie McClure School for Disadvantaged Children, and I'm pleased to say that despite the closures etc brought about by Covid, we have raised to date £2,484.00. I know that this will be greatly appreciated by the school and I would like to thank everyone for donating and taking part in my "NTP" every Thursday.

Before I finish, I feel I must mention the passing of my old friend, Peter Ince recently, it was a shock and he will be greatly missed. RIP Peter.

As I leave the Captaincy soon, I hand over to the very capable hands of John Green, who I know will do a great job and continue our friendly, yet competitive, winning ways here!

Thank you all for your friendship and support over the last 18 months and good luck in the year ahead. Thank you.

Brian Vickers

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Treasurers Report

In the Income & Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31/12/2021 receipts totalled £3,755.00 (£3,535.50 in 2020) and payments totalled £4,155.17 (£3,321.37 in 2020) making a net outflow for the year of £400.17p (inflow £214.13 in 2020). The payments figure is understated as we are still holding the Golf Union Fees collected and are shown as earmarked below.

Free income during the year was £265.50 (subscriptions) and expenditure, not covered by funds received specifically for events or already held, totalled £1,452.12 making a net outflow of £1,186.62

The bank balance at year end was £2,183.86p against which we have earmarked the following:

EGU fees	£541.50
KGU fees	£638.00
TDS Classic (Open)	£305.84
Functions surplus	£182.50
Tie Fund	£40.00
Total	£1,707.84

This leaves a total of £476.02p as net funds available.

Last year (2021) no payment was requested in respect of Handicap Master. The previous year (2020) we paid £112 which was less than was due but no request for further payment was received from The Darenth.

Operating costs for 2021 totalled £1,452.12 less £379 exceptional item / laptop leaving £1,073.12 funded by £262.50 subscriptions and reserves.

For the coming year we have budgeted for the below costs:

2022	2021	
£70	(£442.93 including new laptop £379)	Competition Secretary Expenses
£100	(£nil)	Secretary's Expenses
£900	(£879.89)	Medals, Trophy's and engraving
£300	(£nil)	Handicap Master
£70	(£60)	KGVL subscription
£80	(£69.30)	Website costs
£1,520	(£1,452.12)	Total

Continuing subscriptions at £4.50 is unsustainable. Presuming a membership of say 60 and budgeted costs of **£1,672**, equals a subscription of £27.87 plus Golf Union Fees. I propose therefore that the section subscription for the year commencing 1/4/2022 is increased to £50. This comprises:

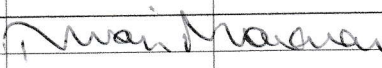
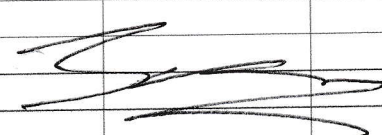
£ 9.50 EGU
£11.00 KGU
£29.50 TDS
£50.00

Budget costs = £1,520 + 10% = £1,672 / 60 = £27.87

Projected I & E

Net funds b/f	£476.02
Subscription income	£1,770
Sub total	£2,246.02
Expenditure	£1,672
Total	£574.02 (an increase of £98 on b/f balance)

Niall Maxwell
Treasurer

The Darenth Seniors				
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2021				
	Income		Expenditure	
	31/12/2021	31/12/2020	31/12/2021	31/12/2020
b/f	£2,584.03	£2,051.90		
Donation to Captains Charity	£20.00		£310.05	
Comp Sec Expenses			£442.93	£54.53
Secs Expenses				
Trophies & Engraving			£879.89	£674.90
KGVL Subscription			£60.00	
KGVL Jamboree	£300.00		£300.00	
Subscriptions	£265.50	£1,377.50		
GU Fees	£1,179.50	£1,384.50		£1,474.75
Summer Dinner				
Xmas Extravaganza	£1,980.00		£1,948.00	
TDS Ties	£10.00	£30.00		
Other		£4.50		
Captains Drive In		£145.00	£145.00	
TDS Classic		£912.00		£912.00
Handicap Master				£112.00
Website			£69.30	£13.19
Gratuities				£80.00
Bank			£2,183.86	£2,584.03
Total	£6,339.03	£5,905.40	£6,339.03	£5,905.40
Notes				
Bank	£2,183.86	£2,584.03		
Captains Drive In	£0.00	£145.00		
GU Fees vat collected in error	£0.00	£290.05		
EGU fees	£541.50			
KGU fees	£638.00			
TDS Classic (Open) c/f £305.84	£305.84	£305.84		
Dinner/Lunch c/f £150.50	£182.50	£150.50		
Tie Fund	£40.00	£30.00		
Net TDS Funds	£476.02	£2,127.69		
Niall Maxwell - Treasurer			25/1/22	
Eric Bunton - Auditor				

Acceptance by the incoming Captain:

Gents, I would like to start by thanking our outgoing Captain, Brian Vickers, for all his hard work and leadership during his tenure.

He has performed his duty incredibly well, taking over earlier than expected and then having to manage through Covid.

He has represented the Club in all the matches, both friendly and in the Kent Vets, and actually has a very good win to loss record in them both.

He has worked diligently for his chosen charity and raised a very good sum despite the closure of the club for long periods.

I would also like to thank him for guiding me through this period as Vice Captain.

Having, with John, helping out with check-in on Thursday mornings has helped me meet everybody and whilst I'm not too bad on First names, Surnames are sometimes a problem. With this in mind my chosen charity for my time as Captain is Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Services, based in Northfleet. This is a charity I have supported before and they do some sterling work in the community.

Going forward, I would like to think that we can have an uninterrupted year of golf and would encourage each and everyone to put their names forward to play in the matches as well as the club competitions.

Team colours for the matches has been mentioned before but we have now been told that shirts can be ordered and Dave is taking orders. I believe it will help us at least to feel and look like a team.

I would also like to think that we can become a strong section of Darenth and not keep harping back to Woodlands or Broke Hill. We need to move on.

Still, I have not played golf with every member of the Section and I hope that the computer rectifies this going forward.

Finally, I would like to thank Jim Rothwell for becoming my Vice Captain. I'm sure that he will do a great job.

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