

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 18) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 2nd February 2023

The meeting opened at 2.15pm

Present were: James Rothwell, John Rampling, Jim Connor, Trevor Harvey, Bob Spillane, Brian Vickers, David Watts, Niall Maxwell and David Long

Apologies for Absence: were received from Captain John Green (heavy cold)

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 17th November 2022 (DarCom17), having been pre-distributed were adopted as a true record and signed by the Vice Captain, who also took the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING: There were none

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

MATTERS ARISING: There were none

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reported a year-end balance in hand of £860.48; Treasurer itemised the Balance Sheet as appended. Suggested that fees for 2023 be retained at £50 inclusive of KGU and EGU fees. Remarked on the steep increase in cost of trophies, and that perhaps there could be some way of reducing this. With some discussion under Topics it was agreed that we retain second-place trophies (*Secretary Mem in hindsight: The previous year, due to Covid, we didn't play for the full gamut of trophies*)

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported a surplus of £28? on the Christmas Dinner, at which £395 was raised for the Captain's Charity. There had been a few complaints regarding the catering, but in the main most people were satisfied. NM queried the necessity of the Ladies' gifts, but was felt that if we can afford it, then continue with them. Advised that the previously proposed Quiz Night was abandoned due to lack of interest.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Report as appended.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Advised that all friendly fixtures were arranged, although meal costs still to be finalised. When we know who the new Match Secretary is then he'll email all the clubs to inform them of the change. NM proposed a vote of thanks to Trevor, who is standing down, which the Committee concurred.

KGVL REPORT: Report as appended.

TOPICS

- a) Items to be raised at AGM: TH re-raised the subject of Second Place trophies to be raised with the Membership. General consensus was that we keep things as they were, which was voted upon and carried.
- b) It was unanimously agreed to co-opt JC as Almoner.

AOB:

BV queried the issue of the match with the Ladies' Section. As they had disbanded would this go ahead? He advised that he had spoken with some and they would still love to have a match. BV will contact Gill King nearer the time.

DL advised that he had spoken with Jason regarding Goody Bags. Informed the meeting that judging by Jason's non-committal response that we shouldn't hold our breath anticipating these.

JR advised that he was hoping for an Awayday during his tenure, and was proposing High Elms. He would look to be making a booking for a Monday in June.

The Date of next meeting will be on 27th April 2023, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm

XX Captain signs here XX

Senior Captains Report 2nd February 2023

I think the Course has been playing very well up until the arrival of the snow and frost, this and the amount of rain we have had means that the conditions have now gone back to what we have learnt to expect playing in the winter.

We have seen a reduction in the number of players playing on a Thursday and this together with the conditions has meant rescheduling of some of the games

Handicaps for most people have gone up as the course has shown to be very long in the wet. It is still open every day and the ground staff are doing their best to take buggies on different routes around the tee boxes and greens although this does not happen as often as it perhaps should

We have a small number of members away ill and wish them a speedy return to fitness and at least one that has not renewed for health reasons although once sorted he will I think return. This could put pressure on team selection for the matches. We will have to wait and see

My Charity fund stands at £2,502.74 as of 31.1.23, This does not include the expected £300 to come on renewal of my membership for the introduction of Brian Howat and Dave Richards.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom18

The potential new members that I was hoping for last time never arrived.

This morning we signed up Paul Burfoot ex of Park Wood.

I'm not sure of the long-term commitments of Bill Hilton, Bob Mills or Barry Lowe, so in the meantime I am keeping them all 'on the books'.

On the assumption that everyone else that was due, have paid their renewal fees, which would give us a total of 55 on the books.

I shall be posting formal notification of our AGM, scheduled for March 9th, next week.

With the Captain's Drive-in looming, I propose to do a Guess the Distance Sweepstake, as per usual.

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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	£0.00	£1,179.50	£1,179.50	
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	£8,016.86	£6,339.03	£8,016.86	£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		

Almoner's Report 2nd February 2023 Committee Meeting

Barry Lowe continues to pop up to see us from time to time. He was here on Monday 30th January.

David Athawes is still struggling with getting on with his Stoma bag. He is seeing his surgeon soon and looks forward to hearing when he can have a reversal done.

Barry Bright is optimistic that he will be able to return to golf sooner than originally forecast, estimated to be 6 to 8 weeks ahead of schedule. He intends to start practicing putting and maybe some chipping soon.

Jeremy Coyle is OK . Latest is that he is optimistic that his enlarged prostate will reduce in size with the medication he is now on. This will alleviate other symptoms that he is currently experiencing that prevent him from returning to golf. He is always very grateful for receiving a call from us.

Bob Mills shoulder problem continues. Has had a quote for private treatment but Intends to wait for NHS operation to repair "torn rotary cuff". May start playing end of February.

John Robinson had a fall on the first tee on Tuesday 24th Jan. He has broken his lower right leg in two places. He has an appointment today at the hospital where he hopes they will replace the present dressings with something stronger which will enable him to at least stand on it.

Tony Jones is improving, hospital appointment yesterday, awaiting news.

Tony Haycock is fine and has just renewed his membership here, as you know he is also a member at a club in Essex.

Peter Shove is walking as much as possible. Currently has an infection in the lung, with a cough, but says he is not too bad. Peter will be 85 this year and has no intention of returning to playing golf. He is still in touch with Barry Bright and Bill Hilton from time to time. Peter was encouraged to pop in and see us for a coffee when he feels up to it.

Spoken to several other members who have not been playing recently, most have been waiting for the course conditions and weather to improve.

Jim Connor
2nd February 2023

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The numbers for January were pretty low for both Mondays and Thursdays, probably due to weather and ground conditions.

Because of this I let Kerry take back some of our tee times.

Now that we are in to February I will see if the numbers increase and if so I will speak to Kerry about getting some of them back.

I want to try and be fair with the club by not just asking for them back if we don't need them, as this helps them with revenue, which hopefully will help us also with improvements to the course. I will stay on top of the situation.

I spoke with Kerry earlier today, and if numbers increase, Kerry says she wouldn't have a problem with returning some tee times.

I would like to thank John, James, Bob and Dave for all the help I have been given, I could not have done it without you.

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KVGL Report 2nd February 2023

Not a lot to report, all fixture dates have been finalised by Dave with other Clubs in our league. Our first match is at Home against The Ridge on the 26th April
Am just awaiting feedback from Dave re meals and costs for this year's home fixtures

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