

# THE DARENTH SENIORS

## Minutes of Committee Meeting (DarCom 13) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022

The meeting opened at 2.29pm

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

Apologies for Absence: There were no absentees.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (DarCom 12), having been pre-distributed, were adopted as a true record and signed by the Captain.

MATTERS ARISING: NM questioned tee times, and the fact that we don't use the 10<sup>th</sup> for starting any more. JR responded that we can use the 10<sup>th</sup> any time that we need. The slots were only given back, as in the winter there wasn't the usage to justify.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Captain's Reported that following a lengthy phone conversation with Jason Fox the previous day, he had been informed that goodie bags (the usual package) will be forthcoming this month or next. Also mentioned, down to the Braithwaite factor it is thought, that glass for the trophy cabinet will be forthcoming soon. Moving on to his charity, the running total, to date, stands at £2,289. JF seems to want to put up a new trophy to be played for by ourselves and Shoreham, and suggests it be called the Braithwaite Long Trophy. (This issue was deferred to AOB). He asked if the Club should send flowers to Peter Ince's funeral next week, (DL advised that this was not our practice, down to individuals to donate to charity if they wish).

Matters Arising: Meeting was informed that the promised new shoe cleaning facilities will be operational next week.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended. Meeting of the opinion that having not paid their dues, Messrs. Tanner, Thorne and Winstone no longer be considered members of the Seniors' Section

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report and Year End Statement as appended.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: DW Gave a summation of the recent Extravaganza, accounts appended. Felt that the event was well presented, though service was a bit slow, but waitresses were helpful, as was Nadine. The Summer Dinner was booked for July, for which we will have a more varied menu. Kerry Stated management would be very happy if we were to organise social evenings. This thought needs to be taken away and considered. JC recorded vote of thanks to Doug Hughes for his assistance in the raffle. NM suggested adding £1 on ticket prices to cover staff gratuities. Discussion ensued, and without reaching a conclusive decision, this issue will be carried over to the next meeting.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Report as appended.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: JR gave thanks for new computer, which had made life easier, in trying to get things up and running in the short time available on competition days. Competitions are running fine. Still a lot of members missing, but hopefully as Spring approaches we should see more bodies. Speed of play is a bugbear, but is something we can't do anything about.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: TH reported that all friendly fixtures have been agreed for 2022. As for meals, tea/coffee/biscuits/sarnies & chips would cost £13, and two-course meals £20 Decision on which option to go for still to be decided. BV asked if Reigate Hill had committed to their matches, TH couldn't enlighten, but would obtain clarification.

## TOPICS

- a) Post AGM Debrief: JR raised issue of 11<sup>th</sup> hole call-up, which had been a total waste, and should be abandoned. BS pointed out that call-ups would really be a club decision. Trial period would continue up to the AGM as originally agreed.
- b) Club Status with regard to owner's attitude: DL pointed out that JF wasn't giving us full access to a certain WHS Club Platform software. We had partial access, DL had asked for full access, and was told by JF that if he gave it to us, he would have to give access to the other sections. Yes, that's what it's for. If he wants to run a club he should have a Constitution, an AGM, and all that goes with. DL requested that Captain speak with JF with the intention of attaining full access to the software. Either JF runs as a club, with all the aforementioned formalities, or he allows us to run ourselves as a club.
- c) Sustainability of the Section: TH wished to raise issues regarding age breakdown of a section where 25 were aged 80 plus, and this wasn't healthy. We need more active members. TH didn't have an answer, but felt that we need to go away and ponder the issue.

## AOB

The Jason Fox suggested trophy: JG stated that unless we know what sort of competition JF is suggesting, it was pointless to pursue discussion. BV to enquire and seek greater clarification, and whether Shoreham would be 'up for it'?

Ladies Match: BV stated doesn't mind liaising with Ladies, re this year's match JG as incoming Captain was happy for him to do so.

JG commented on KGV L, touching on our stats and standings last year. Looked forward to this year, with higher handicap allowances, though concerned over availability of personnel.

JG raised concerns over whether a Qualifying round should have been played in the icy conditions endured that morning, and was advised by DL that EGU guidelines state that Qualifiers should be played in all conditions in order to average out submissions.

JG queried if 5-club competition played the previous week should have been a Qualifier, and informed by JR that it wasn't expected to be so at the time, but HandicapMaster had treated it as such.

The Date of next meeting will be on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 4.02pm

XX Captain signs here XX

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom13**

One notable absentee from the Membership on the books is Peter Ince, who sadly passed away on Boxing Day. The membership, therefore as I see it, stands at 68. However, there are a certain number of members who never paid their membership last year, and I feel that I need some validation regarding their status. A couple, Barry Bright and Peter Shove have had their Darenth membership held in abeyance on medical grounds. There are two, Terry Fuller who has never attended a Thursday roll-up, and John Andrews, who joined us in June but has appeared but once (although when I did contact him at some point last year, he stated that he would come along sometime). Then I am left with three notable non-payers, Alec Tanner, Maurice Thorne, and Mike Winstone, and it is these three that I am primarily seeking guidance on.

Since my last report, we have welcomed the aforementioned John Andrews, Chris White, Kamar Zaman and Maurice D'Cunha. Then last week we were joined by Stephen Hazell and Vince Nicholls.

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## Treasurers Report

In the accompanying Income & Expenditure report (unaudited) for the year ended 31/12/2021 you will see that the income totalled £3,755.00 and expenditure totalled £4,155.17 making a loss for the year of £400.17p. This is after the purchase of a laptop for the Competition Secretary as the old one was failing – laptop that is, not Competition Secretary!

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.

It should be noted that our payment for Handicap Master is understated in the accounts as JF did mention during the year that he had received a further invoice after we had made the payment showing, but as yet, he has not supplied an account or mentioned a figure.

For the coming year, in order to cover expected costs of:

|        |                                |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| £70    | Competition Secretary Expenses |
| £900   | Trophy's and engraving         |
| £300   | Handicap Master                |
| £80    | Website costs                  |
| £1,350 | Total                          |

Continuing subscriptions at £4.50 is unsustainable. Presuming a membership of say 60, equals a subscription of £23 say £25 plus union fees (if we are to continue collecting these on behalf of the club).

Niall Maxwell  
Treasurer  
7/1/2022

The Darenth Seniors  
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2020

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

Niall Maxwell - Treasurer

Eric Bunton - Auditor

## SENIORS EXTRAVAGANZA - 9 DECEMBER 2021: PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS

| <u>RECEIPTS</u>     | £               | <u>PAYMENTS</u>     | £               |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 60 GUESTS AT £33.00 | 1,980.00        | 60 GUESTS AT £28.00 | 1,680.00        |
|                     |                 | WINE - 14 AT £12.00 | 168.00          |
|                     |                 | FLOWERS             | 25.00           |
|                     |                 | M & S VOUCHERS      | 75.00           |
|                     |                 | EXCESS INC/EXP      | <u>32.00</u>    |
|                     | <u>1,980.00</u> |                     | <u>1,980.00</u> |

BALANCE B/F     £150.50  
EXCESS 2021     £ 32.00  
BALANCE C/F     £182.50

### CAPTAIN'S CHARITY RECEIPTS

AUCTION PROCEEDS   £230.00  
RAFFLE PROCEEDS    £385.00  
                              £615.00

### **NOTE:**

THE SUM OF £76.55 WAS COLLECTED FROM GUESTS AND DONATED TO CLUB STAFF

### **Almoner's Report to The Darenth Seniors - 13th January 2022 Committee Meeting**

The sad loss of Peter Ince, who had a heart attack on Boxing Day 2021, is still very much in all our minds. The funeral is next Thursday 20th January 1230pm at the Bluebell Cemetery, Old London Road, Halstead, near Broke Hill.

On a brighter note, it was pleasing to see Barry Bright at the Extravaganza with his wife Gill, following Barry's hip replacement surgery. To see him today playing golf again for the first time since his operation was great.

We also saw Bill Hilton return to playing this morning following his recent back problems.

Andy Bryant also returned recently following his heart surgery.

Several Seniors have had hospital tests for various reasons since my last report and generally have continued to play golf. Probably too many people to list.

As previously reported Alan Cornish is in a care home at Green Street Green. Not visited, however has been seen a couple of times by a Member who was there for other reasons.

Glenn Hutchins has almost completed his move of residence to Herne Bay. He hopes to join a suitable golf course there. He also anticipates joining us for the Okehampton trip and maybe the Seniors Summer holiday (all to be confirmed). We all wish Glenn and Brenda well in their new home.

Bill (the fish) is away on a cruise at the moment, but I hope we will see him able to play golf again soon following his back/knee issues!

Although we are about to witness the sad departure of another Member to Cherry Lodge, we hope to see several of our 'older' Members return to playing golf when the weather and the covid situation improve. Several new members have also recently joined. It would be nice to see the number of new members increase as the Spring arrives.

Jim Connor  
13th January 2022