

# THE DARENTH SENIORS

## Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 14) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 17th February 2022

The meeting opened at 2.14pm

Present were: Bob Spillane, Brian Vickers, John Green, David Long, Niall Maxwell, John Rampling, Trevor Harvey, David Watts and Jim Connor. James Rothwell was invited to sit in as prospective Vice Captain  
Apologies for Absence: There were none.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (DarCom13) having been pre-distributed were accepted as a true record and signed by the Captain.

MATTERS ARISING: TH advised that he had contacted Reigate Hill, and they still wished to continue with our friendly fixtures. BS asked what had happened about the WHS Club Platform, and issues regarding the proper running of a club. Advised that nothing had been dealt with in the meantime, and the issue is carried over as pending.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Advised that not a lot to report, as not too long since last meeting. However JF seems to confide in the Captain little bits and bobs that he hasn't done before, and he seems to be onside at the moment. Reported that JF had invested in a greens iron. The greens seem pretty quick at the moment.

Matters Arising: BS advised on an item carried over from previous meeting that the goody bags are numbered and the query was are they swappable? It can be confirmed that nobody checks on the numbering.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As appended. NM was proposing that the membership fee for 2022 should be £50, which was inclusive of Union fees. Committee in agreement that this figure should be put to the AGM. BS advised that the residue of funds remaining from the Classic Fund, currently sitting in the Seniors' account, would be donated to the incoming Captain's charity.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: DW raised issue of JF requesting us to organise social events. It was felt that a quiz night, for example, would take a lot of organising. JG suggested that the matter should be raised at the AGM to see if there is appetite for social events. Perhaps canvass membership for ideas. DW to bring it up as a discussion item at AGM.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Report as appended.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: JR pleased that numbers improving, and we're getting quite a good turnout. He had spoken with Kerry, re tenth tee slots, and was told we can have our four slots back at any time. Also, JF has reiterated that we can have as many tee times as wanted. Reported that there had been a problem a couple of weeks previously when we had a 3-ball format game, and all tee slots were used. Suggested that if we wished to expand club funds, currently all entry fees put in goes out as prizes, and if we want to utilise some of these funds, the option is there. Consensus was to not proceed with this suggestion. DL informed that an issue raised by a member earlier that fun games could be the cause of slow play, and should be dropped. It had been suggested to that member that he raise it at AGM.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: TH advised that previously mentioned Reigate Hill, had raised the matter of choice of food at fixtures. Having done a survey, they were plumping for sandwiches and chips. Consensus among meeting was that we were content with anything, but whatever choice made should be on reciprocal basis. Reported that a member had queried with him earlier if we should join an Over-70s league, and that member would be raising it at AGM. Committee were made aware that playing a second league would be untenable as we had neither the number of players nor dates available in our diary. We would await the outcome of any decision made at AGM.

KGVL REPORT: JG reported that Nizels had changed the date of their home game, to the end of the season, so was thinking that the grass may be cut when we get there, and our shorter hitters may have better chance. Also that Nizels would be the venue for the Jamboree. And still awaiting new result sheets to accommodate the change in handicap allowances.

### TOPICS

- a) Pre AGM matters to raise: BS raised issue of 11<sup>th</sup> hole call-up. Meeting agreed that this experiment had not worked. It was the recommendation of this committee that we've had the trial, we feel it hasn't worked, and it won't be continuing. This matter to be raised in Minutes, Matters Arising at AGM.
- b) Honours Board(s) purchase thereof: BS asked if we had the need. DL stated that it had been a complaint since we've been here that the place doesn't look like a golf club. JF is turning, and is now agreeable for some to be sited in the Lobby/Trophy Room. BV suggested that this be raised at a future meeting.

### AOB

BV reported that his charity fund now stood at approximately £2,500 with another month to go.

JG declared that his charity would be Alzheimer's Society. Sought and received guidance on managing his charity funds, and questions on running an Awayday were answered.

JG advised that he had a long-standing holiday arranged for date of his Drive-in. This will be rescheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>.

DL advised that with the departure of Paul Braithwaite, a signatory to our bank account, Trevor Harvey and John Rampling had been signed up as signatories.

BS asked what had been decided for the cup to be played for between ourselves and Shoreham. Was informed that the matter is considered dead.

The Date of next meeting will be on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 3.33pm

XX Captain signs here XX

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom14**

No new sign-ups since last I spoke. The three miscreants of whom I spoke last time, Alec Tanner, Maurice Thorne and Mike Winstone, still being in arrears with their subs have been deleted from my database of current members. I have also deleted John Andrews and Terry Fuller, until such time as they get back in touch with us.

Brian Marshall has stated that the time has come to hang up his bats, and has declined to renew his membership. This puts the total of current members at 59. This now puts the total in line with that shown on the handicap lists.

Spoke to Don Braithwaite the other day regarding his announced intention to quit playing. Apparently he has renewed his Darenth membership for another year, and is going to re-think his options in the spring.

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AGM – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## 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:

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|--------------------|-----------|
| 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 Darent.

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

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|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 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

## **Almoner's Report to The Darenth Seniors - 17th February 2022 Committee Meeting**

The funeral of Peter Ince took place on 20th January at the Bluebell Cemetery, Halstead, with the Wake taking place at Chelsfield Lakes Golf Course. Approximately twenty Seniors attended, both past and present Members. The venue was virtually full of family and friends of Peter and the ceremony was broadcast to family and friends in Australia and I think the Philippines. He will be missed.

Brian Marshall has not renewed his Club membership. Problems with his eyesight had made it difficult for him to drive to The Darenth. He was also struggling to play golf because of the poor ground and cold weather conditions. Brian hopes to see everyone from time to time on visits to the Club and he hopes to play some day and play golf in the better weather.

Bill (the fish), has said that he will not be continuing to play golf because of Arthritis in his Spine. Again, he anticipates playing one more round using a buggy and then seeing us from time to time on visits to the Club.

As you are aware Barry Bright recently returned to playing golf, but started to have some problems with his back, so much so that his physio advised him to wait another couple of months before playing golf again. His Club Membership starts again on 1st April.

Andy Bryant has also had, what is believed to be a slight problem, following his heart surgery, he hopes to start playing golf again soon.

First the cold wet weather kept Barry Lowe at home now it is his eyesight. He had surgery on his eye(s) three weeks ago which stops him driving until he can see more clearly. He wishes everyone a happy new year and sends his best wishes.

Don Braithwaite informed us that he has decided to rest up a bit from playing golf. He will make a decision on possible re-commencement in early Spring. He will join us for coffee from time to time.

The situation with Glenn Hutchins has not changed since the last meeting. He has almost completed his move 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.

Jim Connor  
17th February 2022