

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 16) (Rev00) held in the Club House on Thursday 16th July 2022

The meeting opened at 1.41pm

Present were: John Green, James Rothwell, Bob Spillane, John Rampling, Trevor Harvey, David Watts, Jim Connor and David Long.

Apologies for Absence: Niall Maxwell and Brian Vickers.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 28th April 2022 (DarCom 15), having been pre-distributed, were unanimously adopted as a true record and signed by the Captain.

MATTERS ARISING: Course Slope. DL reported in NM's absence that according to correspondence between NM and KGU, the Union asserts that the course was rated in 2016. DL had reservations of this being the case, as according to documentation witnessed in 2017 the course was listed as still to be rated. However, meeting was of opinion that if the Union asserts this to be the case, then we must accede to it.

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

Matters Arising: Touching on email from TJ regarding slow play, discussion ensued without resolution. The matter of a Captain's Awayday was covered, with the Captain not convinced that one would be fully supported. Following discussion, JG would look into the matter again.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the Treasurer's absence, DL relayed that apart from an expenditure of £30 for engraving of the Captain's Bell, there were no meaningful changes to the accounts as presented at the previous meeting.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Had obtained a reasonable deal for our Summer Dinner of £34 for a good selection of choices. With wine or soft drinks being supplied on the tables. Proposed making a ticket charge of £35, to cover extraneous expenditures. DL charged to invite past Darenth members with a view to joining us, and would put out an appeal for raffle prizes.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Report as appended.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Thursdays running smoothly. Numbers gradually going up, despite a lower turnout that morning. Previously reported problems with the tee times had been sorted with Kerry.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Doing steady with our results thus far. Won 4, lost 3, no halved matches. Usual problem with getting enough to sign up continues.

KVGL REPORT: As appended.

TOPICS

a) Social evening update: DW had productive meeting with Kerry. Last offer was, if we wanted a quiz night, they would provide sandwiches for £11, but on Jason's insistence this would have to be held in the bar area, with a maximum of 40 attendees. Dates as offered to us were not convenient, DW to re-liaise with Kerry on dates.

AOB: DL pondered if we should introduce a local rule allowing for relief from footprints and divot marks in bunkers, due to too many players not raking after themselves. Following discussion, Committee were in unanimous agreement to introduce such a local rule. DL to action official notification to members.

The Date of next meeting will be on 17th November 2022 at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 2.21pm.

XX Captain signs here XX

Captain's Report 16th July 2022.

Seems to be very good turnouts on a Thursday morning with the two new members, David and Brian settling in really well.

Good results and turnouts for the matches and again the two new members have helped,

E-mail from Tony Jones about slow play and it is a topic should at least discuss. Buggies not allowed on the fairways does not help, high handicappers together as they share buggies, is there a different way of doing it, is current format the right one.

People arriving before 8.00am and not teeing off until 9.00.

New shirts have arrived but to date we do not know the cost. I have to say at the last match it was good to see more in Club shirts.

Captain's Charity stands at £845.04 at the moment thanks to the donation early on and this excludes the amounts that will be generated from my name being used on the two new members joining form. This should give £300 to my charity or Jim's if it matures after my term finishes.

Captains Awayday, still not convinced it's worth having one with the extra expense, and potential low attendance.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom16

Since last we met, Harry Smith has declined to renew his membership with us.

New members: Brian Howat and David Richards have joined us from Park Wood.

Membership, therefore, stands at 56.

At long last, white posts have been installed alongside the 18th hole, legitimising the Wedding Garden as OOB.

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Almoner's Report to The Darenth Seniors - 16th June 2022 Committee Meeting

Jeremy Coyle has recently had a cataract operation. He hopes to join us for a game soon. However, he is facing another operation later this year for the other eye to be done. He is in good spirits and was grateful for contact from us.

Barry Lowe continues to have issues with his eyes that prevent him playing golf. He intends to try and join us for a tea/coffee soon.

Bob Mills has experienced several falls recently, resulting in him hitting his head and damaging his shoulder. The shoulder injury was the cause of him retiring after nine holes on Monday.

Bill Ramsay has been contacted. He is experiencing various health issues, which give cause for concern, best wishes have been given to Bill and our hopes for his recovery.

Tony Jones is trying to recover from what is believed to be the after effects of Covid. One of his lungs was affected and this continues to be a problem. He has also had several other health issues affecting him. We await further news.

Malcolm Morgan returned Monday after a couple of weeks away, having caught Covid.

Glenn Hutchins made contact to advise that he was recovering from Covid whilst in the USA, should be back in the UK within two weeks.

Jim Connor
16th June 2022

KGVL Report 16th July 2022.

So far this year we have played four matches.

As already reported we played The Ridge on 27th April winning 6-4.

We played Shortlands away on the 6th May which ended 5-5.

Home to Hever Castle on the 25th May which we lost 4-6

Home to Shortlands on the 8th June which, again, we drew 5-5.

Selection which had been a problem suddenly changed for our next match away to Redlibbnets, we have 14 players all putting their names forward which is great.

11th July away to Nizels will be interesting as to how many people, after last year's experience, put their names forward. So far seven have confirmed and two have said they will play if needed. I am away on holiday.

Team spirit is good and we have met some good people in our games so far.

JG