

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 19) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 27th April 2023

The meeting opened at 1.45pm

Present were: J. Rothwell, B. Bright, J. Green, J. Connor, N. Maxwell, D. Watts, J. Rampling, D. Long

Apologies for Absence: None, full attendance

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 2nd Feb 2023 (DarCom 18), having been pre-distributed, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Captain.

MATTERS ARISING: JG raised question of the match with the Ladies. It appears that several ladies, although dispersed to other clubs, still wished to play. Issue of green fees was discussed. Matter left in abeyance until nearer the time.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Declared that he had enjoyed his Drive-in. Nothing of significance to report since taking office, but gave an update of his health issues. There were no matters arising.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: As appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reported a net balance in hand of £1,834.58. Report and Balance sheet as appended.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nothing currently occurring on which to report.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Report as appended.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Worrying is the lack of numbers turning up each week, we were struggling to get to 20, and concerned that tee times could be taken away from us. Other than that happy with the way things were going, but not so happy with the moans.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended

KGVL REPORT: Report as appended.

TOPICS

a) POST AGM ISSUES included Andy Bryant's offer of a Spitfire propeller. DL had spoken with owner Jason as to his willingness to display should we accept the offer. On getting a negative response Committee decided to tell Andy, thanks but no thanks. JR to action.

b) SECTION'S FINANCES: NM flagging concerns that with diminishing membership, this will leave us short of funds on projected budgeting. Suggestion was that if we were just to collect Section Fees, and leave Jason to collect union fees in with the annual memberships, it would make our fees seem more attractive in retaining/recruiting members.

c) RECRUITMENT STRATEGY: We need to increase membership. JC outlined possible courses of action that we need to take. Need to stop bickering among ourselves, as others overhear moaning about slow play etc. Reduction of minimum age to 50 was vetoed, as people of that age would generally still be working. Members need encouraging to stay after the games at least until presentations. One option suggested was to introduce an extra prize for a player finishing further down the leaderboard, but they would have to have stayed to collect it. Another suggestion to make the NTPs a bit fairer, suggesting that higher handicappers get an extra shot on selected hole. General outcome that JG and JC to action by arranging a meeting with Jason with a view to encourage membership of the Section. Also that JC puts out a Presidents' Letter to the membership outlining our concerns.

- d) REIGATE HILL MATCHES: JG reported that Reigate Hill were having problems raising a team to come round to us, using the M25, for our 8.16 tee times. Do we still want to continue with this fixture. Agreed to leave it to JG to put the ball into Reigate's court as to whether they wished to continue.
- e) KGVL JAMBOREE: JG gave notice that we had been asked, as a club, to host the League Jamboree this year. DL had attained agreement with Jason for this to occur, and the date of Thursday October 19th was settled upon. This would entail abandonment of that week's regular meeting. Gave details of what the day would entail. Advised that we will need some assistance in the day's running.

AOB: No matters raised.

The Date of next meeting will be on 15th June 2023, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm

XX Captain signs here XX

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom19

Comings and goings include Alan Bigg, a refugee from Lullingstone. On the minus side, we have Bob Mills, more from Jim later, I believe, Bill Hilton who is in abeyance awaiting hip work, Ray Lockyer who is finding it an effort to get around has terminated his membership; and Don Cave, who, if he hasn't already gone, is decamping to Somerset. Having spoken with Harry Baker, he feels that health issues preclude his participation at our meetings, and will not be renewing membership of the Section. This puts our total membership 'on the books' at 50. Of whom around a dozen have not attended on a regular basis, of late.

In an effort to drum up some membership interest, I have produced some A5 pamphlets, to be displayed on the Shop counter. You may have seen. Hopefully they will serve some useful purpose.

The Captain's Drive-in Swindle raised a total of £103 to kick-start James' charity, with a further £100 being paid out in prizes.

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The Darenth Seniors Golf Club Committee Meeting (DARCOM 19) 27th April 2023
Treasurers Report for financial year ended 31/12/2023 as at 23/4/2023

£3,115.08	Current bank balance
£1,280.50	Less earmarked funds
£1,834.58	Net TDS funds
£1,460.29	Budgeted expenditure for 2023
£ 205.90	Already paid out of budget
£1,254.39	Remainder to be paid from net TDS funds above
£ 580.19	Projected surplus at year end (£1,834.58 - £1,243.39)
£ 860.48	Net TDS funds 2022
£ 580.19	Projected net TDS funds 2023
£ 280.29	Reduction in net surplus funds
£1,622.50	Forecast subscription income (55x£29.50)
£1,180.00	Actual subscription income to date (40 x £29.50)
£ 442.50	Reduction in subscription income

Reduction in projected surplus is mainly attributable to reduced subscription income.

The Darenth Seniors
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2023 as at 23/4/2023

	Income		Expenditure	
	31/12/2023	31/12/2022	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
b/f	£1,154.98	£2,183.86		
Captains Charity		£0.00		£305.84
Comp Sec Expenses		£0.00		£62.89
Secs Expenses		£0.00		£4.50
Trophies & Engraving		£0.00	£133.40	£1,125.45
KGVL Subscription		£0.00	£60.00	£60.00
KGVL Website			£12.50	
KGVL Jamboree		£0.00		£0.00
Subscriptions	£1,180.00	£1,627.00		£0.00
GU Fees	£820.00	£1,138.50		£2,318.00
Summer Dinner		£1,540.00		£1,526.00
Xmas Extravaganza		£1,680.00		£1,652.00
TDS Ties	£10.00	£30.00		£0.00
Other	£156.00	£25.00		£0.00
Website				£14.70
Shirts		£931.00		£931.00
Bank			£3,115.08	£1,154.98
Total	£3,320.98	£9,155.36	£3,320.98	£9,155.36

Notes

Bank	£3,115.08	£1,154.98
Ear marked funds:		
EGU fees	£380.00	£0.00
KGU fees	£440.00	£0.00
Dinner/Lunch b/f £224.50	£224.50	£224.50
Tie Fund b/f £70	£80.00	£70.00
Birchwood lunch	£156.00	
Net TDS Funds	£1,834.58	£860.48

Niall Maxwell - Treasurer

Eric Bunton - Auditor

Almoner's Report 27th April 2023 Committee Meeting

Bob Mills shoulder problem continues. He has had another fall this time involving a mobility scooter I believe. As previously reported Bob was waiting for an operation to repair a "torn rotary cuff" for one of his shoulders, this time he injured his other shoulder, which with time may repair itself. The accident also meant he had stitches in the side of his head (he told me he has two bald patches). He was off on a 17 day cruise to Barbados with his grandson, so do not feel too sorry for him. He is unlikely to play golf again this year he tells me, may return in 2024!

Tony Haycock was not too well in February, March and April. Last diagnosis is Polymyalgia, for which he has been on steroids. He has had a number of tests to help confirm diagnosis. However, as of last Friday, he was on Sunday having a colonoscopy to see if there are any other problems (note: results were good with no problems identified). He has suspended his membership at The Darenth. He will keep in touch.

The Seniors Captain had a scan on Sunday to help determine why he is having the problems he is, with weight loss, sickness etc. Still has no great appetite although slowly improving. On Monday was due a pre assessment for day surgery on 11th May, however the pre assessment was cancelled. Told surgeon no reversal just prolapse fixed. Pleased to see Captain attended meeting.

David Athawes has returned to playing golf, which is very pleasing to see. Awaits further treatment, but is doing well.

John Robinson has returned to playing golf after breaking his leg at the Club a couple of months ago.

Jeremy Coyle - no further news at this time.

Several other Seniors are currently having various medical procedures, results awaited.

Jim Connor
27th April 2023

Match Sec Report 27th April 2023

We have had a good start to the season having played to date 3 matches

In the Broke Wood Trophy, we won the first leg away at Park Wood 284 points to 244 with the return due on the 1st June. They were 3 players short on the morning, 2 not being able to play as buggies were not allowed on the course that morning. We took our best 9 cards only against theirs to get the result. The course was a right mess and we have taken a note not to play them at home so early in the morning next year

Birchwood away we won convincingly 5 games to 1, the course being in very good condition

Eltham Warren away we also won 3 ½ points to 2 ½

We have Cherry Lodge away next week and although it has taken some time to raise a team, we are at this moment of writing, a full complement of players

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KVGL Sec Report 27th April 2023

We played our first match yesterday and the result was a 6 points to 4 win against The Ridge.

Our next match is away to Shortlands on the 5th May. At the moment we are one player short

We are having a bigger problem getting a full team for the Vets matches even though only 10 needed. Of the players that usually play we have a number out sick or in recovery, our Captain, Dave Athawes, Brian Howat, Brian Vickers together with others that cannot play on the day for other reasons Trevor, George, Barry Bright, Brian Dobbs and Jon Allen

8 players out is a big hole. My thanks to those that have agreed to play thus far and I hope we can get 1 more

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