

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 20) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 15th June 2023

The meeting opened at 2.07pm

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

Apologies for Absence: D. Watts and N. Maxwell

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 27th April 2023 (DarCom 19), having been pre-distributed were adopted as a true record and signed by the Captain.

MATTERS ARISING: J. Rampling advised the meeting that he had spoken with Andy Bryant with regard to his offer of the spitfire propeller, telling him that as Jason wasn't inclined to display said article, we had to decline his kind offer. J. Connor advised that his 'President's Letter' had been sent out to all members, and appears to have gone down well, with those who had read it.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Informed the meeting that charity monies received and counted thus far totalled £275, with further envelopes still to open. Updated the meeting on his health issues.

Matters Arising: whereupon BB suggested the Captaincies be flipped around. DL pointed out that to do so would contravene our Constitution. It was agreed to leave in abeyance until the next AGM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Owing to a family bereavement the Treasurer was absent. However, he later forwarded to the Secretary his Report and Accounts, which are appended.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: In his absence, Secretary read out a pre-prepared report, as appended..

ALMONER'S REPORT: Report as appended.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported a slight problem the previous Monday with more players turning up than times available. Will need to speak with Kerry for more times. The experiment of curtailing members inputting their own scores onto the touch screen, in order to encourage them to remain until presentation was not working out as planned. Agreed to revert to members self-inputting. Decided to trial a Captain's Nearest-the-Pin on Mondays. This will alleviate having different entry fees for each day.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT AND KVGL: Reports as appended.

TOPICS

a) Debrief of meeting with Jason, JC & JG: Report back as appended.

b) New Trophy: J. Rampling informed the meeting that he had previously donated a trophy to the Section, which had been esconced in the trophy cabinet awaiting a suitable competition to compete for it. When Tony Bavin stepped back from running the Swindle, felt that it would be a fitting gesture to mark 17 years of dedication to both Tony Bavin and Bob Spillane, in appreciation of the work the pair had done. The trophy will be named the Bavin Spillane Trophy. It will be thus engraved, with no oncost to the Section. A single Strokeplay round will be played during July, and it will be presented to the winner at the Swindle Lunch.

c) Reigate Hill matches: JG pondered with the demise of the Reigate Hill fixture, should be look to another club to fill the void. Whereupon discussion immediately sidetracked into the issue of non-match players having to follow on from matches with the inevitable slow rounds. Decided that with just two matches remaining to be played, that as the Birchwood match catering will just involve sandwiches and chips, then it will be possible for

the match players to follow the 'fun game' players. Getting back to the original subject matter, Secretary was of the opinion that as our diary is pretty full up, especially as we now have League matches to fit in, it would be easier to have those extra couple of weeks free. Meeting decided not to seek a new club to play.

AOB:

JG announced that he had received a certificate of thanks for the monies that had been collected for his Charity. This will be posted on the clubhouse noticeboard for all to see.

JG asked how monies should be collected for the forthcoming Jamboree. He was advised that monies may be directed into the Seniors account. There will be issues with paying for prizes in the meantime, but this can be overcome. We will need to sit down shortly and sort out a plan of action.

The Date of next meeting will be on 16th November 2023, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 3.39

XX Captain signs here XX

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom20

Two new members since last we met, Martin Finch and Bill Burt, with no departures that I know of. Need to check if Vinnie Wallis has renewed. This puts our head count at 52.

Reported from Brian Vickers that the match with the Ladies doesn't appear to be going ahead, as most of the Ladies have left the club, and if any were to come back for the day, they would need to pay a green fee, pay for their lunch, etc etc. Have advised him not to make any efforts in getting this off of the ground.

Our Hon. President has enlisted Brian Vickers to arrange for shirts/jumpers to be purchased. It is early days, and we are still trying to ascertain Jason's preferred channel of communications.

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The Darenth Seniors Golf Club Committee Meeting (DARCOM 20) 15th June 2023
Treasurers Report for financial year ended 31/12/2023 as at 15/6/2023

£3,553.19	Current bank balance
£1,593.50	Less earmarked funds
£1,959.69	Net TDS funds
£1,460.29	Budgeted expenditure for 2023
£ 228.29	Already paid out of budget
£1,232.00	Remainder to be paid from net TDS funds above
£ 727.69	Projected surplus at year end (£1,959.69 - £1,232.00)
£ 860.48	Net TDS funds 2022
£ 727.69	Projected net TDS funds 2023
£ 132.79	Reduction in net surplus funds
£1,622.50	Forecast subscription income (55x£29.50)
£1,327.50	Actual subscription income to date (45 x £29.50)
£ 295.00	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 15/6/2023

	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	£22.39	£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	£1,327.50	£1,627.00		£0.00
GU Fees	£913.00	£1,138.50		£2,318.00
Summer Dinner	£210.00	£1,540.00		£1,526.00
Xmas Extravaganza		£1,680.00		£1,652.00
TDS Ties	£20.00	£30.00		£0.00
Other	£156.00	£25.00		£0.00
Website				£14.70
Shirts		£931.00		£931.00
Bank			£3,553.19	£1,154.98
Total	£3,781.48	£9,155.36	£3,781.48	£9,155.36

Notes

Bank	£3,553.19	£1,154.98
Ear marked funds:		
EGU fees	£418.00	£0.00
KGU fees	£495.00	£0.00
Dinner/Lunch b/f £224.50	£434.50	£224.50
Tie Fund b/f £70	£90.00	£70.00
Birchwood lunch	£156.00	
Net TDS Funds	£1,959.69	£860.48

Niall Maxwell - Treasurer

Eric Bunton - Auditor

SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT, DARCOM20:

SUMMER DINNER

26 have signed up as at prior to this meeting. 18 others have intimated possibility of attending, making estimate of 40 attendees. Need to keep pressing for more to attend.

Niall keeping record of payments and will advise total to date.

Doug will sell raffle tickets and Niall will take photos as usual.

Closing date to give Kerry confirmation of numbers and menu choices is 30th June.

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Almoner's Report 15th June 2023 Committee Meeting

David Athawes on 13th May, had a reversal operation, which meant his Stoma Bag was removed. He will not be returning to play golf until at least Mid July. Is already popping up to see us when fit enough to do so.

Bob Mills suffered a heart attack then pneumonia whilst on holiday in the States/Cruising. Returned home on 5th June. He is hoping to attend the Summer Dinner.

Tony Haycock was not too well in February, March and April. Improvement in May and June. Last diagnosis is Polymyalgia, for which he has been on steroids, these are now being reduced. Has played one game of golf at his home club, however very tired afterwards. Just returned from a cruise on 6th June. Should be back to see us and play golf again soon (probably a Monday).

The Seniors Captain has returned to playing golf, however is awaiting further assessment/treatment.

Gordon Green is caring for his wife who damaged her back. She is making progress with her movement. Gordon hopes he can return to playing golf soon.

Jim Connor
15th June 2023

Match Sec Report 15th June

Our very good unbeaten start to the season has continued and since my last report we have played a further 3 matches. 1 away to Cherry Lodge where we played very, very well and won 6 – 0

We played Eltham Warren at home and improved on the away fixture by winning this match 5 – 1

Our last match was the return fixture with Park Wood for the Broke Wood Trophy. They struggled again to raise a side of 12 and ended up a 10 man team. We improved our supremacy from the first leg winning our home leg 326 verses their 259 meaning overall the scores were Darenth 610 verses 513

As reported last time under AOB Reigate Hill had asked us to have later tee times which we can't and I conveyed to them. I had an email back saying they wanted to discontinue the fixture

Two fixtures left to play Cherry Lodge at Home on 17th August and Birchwood at home on the 21st September. This match will be sandwiches and chips only not a full meal the same as we got there

JG

KVGL Sec Report 15th June

The league fixtures are well under way now and since my last report we have played a further 3 matches

5th May away to Shortlands we lost 7 points to 3

24th May at home to Lamberhurst we prevailed 6 points to 4

7th June at home to Shortlands we won 8 points to 2

Notwithstanding my comments in the last report about shortage of players we have managed to field a full side for every game

Our next match is next week at Redlibbets on the 21st followed quickly on the 4th July away to Poult Wood and we have full teams already for both these matches

Thanks to the new web site I can advise the status of the league as it stand at present

	Home	Away	Total	Points
Shortlands	3	3	6	32
Darenth	3	1	4	23
Poult Wood	2	0	2	15
Redlibbets	0	2	2	13
The Ridge	0	2	2	10
Lamberhurst	0	2	2	7

I would like to thank all players who have played for us to date

JG

Note of Meeting Thursday 18th May 2023

Present

Jason Fox (The Darenth Golf Club)

Jim Connor and John Green (The Darenth Seniors Section)

Matters discussed and actions to be taken

1. Recruitment into The Darenth Seniors Section

The Club's website 'welcoming page' will have a new strap-line encouraging people to join the Section. This was done during the meeting. In addition, Notice Boards in the Foyer and Pro Shop will have posters encouraging members/visitors to join the Seniors Section. An incentive that already exists for someone joining is the £150 reduction in Club membership fee for the first year (currently £990 (March '23 to February '24) reduced to £840). To aid recruitment the Club will allow a free 'guest round' for those considering joining (play on a Thursday with the Seniors). To help Seniors who use a buggy, the price will be reduced to £20 on Thursdays (commencing 25th May 2023). This will not apply on any other day. Vouchers for lunch, breakfast, buggy etc. will be issued again this year. Suggestion made by Club that each Member recruit one new Member!

2. KVL Jamboree - Thursday 19th October 2023

It was confirmed that this event will take place at The Darenth. Jason was thanked for allowing the event to take place.

3. Course Bunker Strategy

50% of bunkers on the course had been improved. A rolling programme of improvements and changes to the remaining bunkers is underway under the direction of Steve, the course manager/head green keeper.

4. "The Darenth" jumpers and polo shirts

The Seniors Section may order through the Club more polo shirts and jumpers if desired. Probably would be activated through Chris (Club Pro). List of clothing required would need to be determined.

5. Collection/ Payment of golf fees to EGU/KGU

The Club would prefer the Section to continue collecting these fees for logistical reasons. Next due in July 2023.

6. Tee Box Furniture

A Totem Pole is likely to be provided at each hole. A composite structure is being considered with facility for a bin and shoe cleaning.

7. Slope Allowance Board

The Club consider that the current provision is sufficient. Members and visitors can use the internet (EG) to establish what they need and there is a notice in the changing room with the details on.

8. Defibrillator

There are no plans to upgrade the current provision to a fully automated defibrillator.

9. Payments for food and drink

Confusion can arise over what charges are being made particularly for drink as the prices are not displayed to enable customers to see what they are being charged. The point was noted.

The meeting closed at 1600 hours.

(note compiled by Jim Connor 19th May 2023)