

THE DARENTH SENIORS SECTION – INAUGURAL AGM

Minutes of the 1st Annual General Meeting, held in The Darenth Club House On Thursday 8th March 2018 (Rev00)

The meeting was pre-empted by the Secretary requesting that those present indicate as such by ticking the Membership Database list that was to be passed around during the meeting. Also, that proceedings would be audio-recorded for minuteing purposes. And a reminder to switch off phones.

The meeting opened at 1.00pm

Members present were: H. Baker, B. Bareham, D. Braithwaite, P. Braithwaite, J. Connor, R. Cook, A. Cornish, J. Coyle, B. Deacon, G. Green, T. Harvey, T. Haylock, V. Howden, D. Hughes, G. Hutchins, P. Ince, V. Jarrard, B. Jones, D. Jones, D. Lipscombe, R. Lockyer, D. Long, B. Marshall, N. Maxwell, B. Mills, A. Mitchell, M. Morgan, R. Prideaux, J. Rampling, B. Ramsey, B. Rayner, T. Regan, J. Robinson, B. Spillane, B. Talbot, B. Vickers, D. Walters, R. Watley, M. Winstone. - **39 in total.**

Apologies for Absence were received from: T. Bavin, A. Jones, B. Lowe, D. Vidgeon, D. Watts, B. Williamson.

The formal adoption of Constitution was proposed by the Committee. Captain asked for any questions or queries, to which B. Jones queried there being no reference to the way the Captain is approved or nominated. Asking if it was correct that each year's Vice Captain would automatically become Captain for the following year? This was confirmed. He then pointed out that there was nothing in the Constitution to show this fact. J. Connor, responded, having been pre-warned, and came up with a form of words to be inserted into the Constitution to the effect that: 'The Vice Captain on election will be expected to serve as Vice Captain, then Captain, the following year, without further election'. B. Jones also raised the issue of the requirement for a Hon. President, asking if we really needed a President, and what does he do? Secretary responded that he keeps his hand on the tiller. P. Braithwaite added that he is a custodian of the history of where we came from. It is a role that can add or guide present committees. Also, he is a visual presence at our formal gatherings. B. Jones was satisfied with this enlightenment. There being no other comments on the Constitution, it was proposed B. Vickers, seconded G. Hutchins that the Constitution be adopted with the inclusion of the reference to election of Captain. This was carried unan. We now have a club.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: as appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was no report as such. However Captain stated that we had received £1,000 bursary, which would be easily spent. We would be ordering 75 ties, which will be given out to each member, and we will need to purchase a trophy cabinet. Went into detail of what our costings would be, and it was suggested that the annual fee for the Section would be £30. Over and above this was mandatory KGU and EGU affiliation fees which would be different for each individual. Acceptance of this figure proposed by the Committee was carried unan.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: Captain welcomed Les Allan, who was sitting in on the meeting, having been nominated as Auditor. This was proposed by M. Morgan, seconded by J. Rampling, and was carried unan.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS from 1st April 2018: The following members were proposed and seconded for the posts as shown below:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Hon President	B. Spillane	B. Williamson	B. Lowe
Captain	B. Deacon	D. Long	D.B. Hughes
Vice-Captain	J. Rampling	B. Deacon	D. Long
Hon. Secretary	D. Long	B. Mills	D.B. Hughes
Treasurer	N. Maxwell	B. Mills	D. Braithwaite
Comp. Secretary	D. Vidgeon	D. Walters	B. Jones
Match Secretary	T. Harvey	P. Braithwaite	D. Jones
Social Secretary	P. Braithwaite	D. Jones	D. Braithwaite

Immediate Past Captain: D. Lipscombe, Ex Officio

Almoner: D. Watts has offered his services and will be co-opted.

The election of Officers en bloc was proposed by A. Mitchell, seconded by G. Hutchins – carried unan.

Nominations proposed B. Vickers, seconded T. Regan – carried unan.

PROPOSALS

a) Slow play, and the implications for The Darenth Management, proposed B. Spillane seconded, B. Williamson. B. Spillane gave background to their observations from the clubhouse during their recent period of non play. Citing that people, having started at the 10th were failing to get round within two hours. Which leads to them failing to fit into the slot allocated to them on the first tee. It is putting into jeopardy our option of a two-tee start. It needs highlighting that members should be AWARE of the time they are taking, and to speed up play where necessary. There then ensued the usual general discussion of means of speeding up play, with the upshot being that players should be AWARE of their pace of play.

AOB: B. Jones asked if we were going to have honours boards. P. Braithwaite responded yes. But they would be at the discretion of Jason. They would be placed in the area outside the changing room, which is to be renovated in due course.

Newly-elected Captain, Bernie Deacon gave a few words, as appended.

In winding up: Captain thanked everyone for attending, wishing a safe journey home.

The Date of next meeting will be provisionally scheduled for Thursday 14th March 2019

The meeting closed at 1.53pm

x CAPTAIN SIGNS HERE x

CAPTAIN'S REPORT TO 2018 AGM:

Well gents, we look forward to the future with a lot of confidence in our new home which, I'm sure, we have all enjoyed. Particularly with the playing conditions (snow excepted) being so much better than the deep muddy conditions being experienced at a lot of other local clubs.

I have to thank the Committee as ever for their hard work and diligence in making it all come about. As you all know the many 'Thank yous' were expressed at the time of the EGM at Broke Hill.

My year of Captaincy has had a few ups and downs to say the least but thanks to the support and friendship of you all it has indeed been a most enjoyable tenure.

I must thank you all for your generosity in giving the donations and support to the Marjorie McClure Charity fund, and with the residual money left in the Committee fund included, our sum raised was getting on for £4,500.

Finally, I am delighted in knowing that I'm handing over the Captaincy to the most able new Captain in Bernie Deacon. As you know, he has a wealth of experience from similar roles and I couldn't be more confident that under his stewardship we can look forward to a fun and successful 12 months.

NEWLY-ELECTED CAPTAIN:

Mr President, Captain, Committee Members, Gentlemen.

I would like to begin by thanking Duncan for doing such a great job and giving me a really hard act to follow. I think he has done particularly well considering the upheaval we have had going from Broke Hill to Darenth. It cannot have been easy dealing with the additional and unexpected problems placed upon him.

I'm afraid I am going to have to repeat what has already been said and add my thanks and congratulations on a fantastic job to Paul Braithwaite, David Long, David Vidgeon. The move from BH to Darenth has gone so smoothly with all their hard work. That's not forgetting the other committee Members for all their hard work too.

With regard to my coming year, I am hoping with your help to put Darenth Seniors on the map and to start us off as we mean to continue. Let's forget BH. We are Darenth Seniors now. Let's make it even better than we had.

I don't intend changing the existing charity, Marjorie McClure school, this is very much for personal reasons. My neighbour's 6 year old daughter is a pupil there and I have seen the fantastic progress she has made at this school.

In relation to this I would like to introduce a weekly voluntary NTP for a contribution of £1. Prize for the winner will be a sleeve of balls.

My Awayday is going to be at Weald of Kent on Monday 18th June. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. Thanks to Bob Spillane for organising that.

Finally I look forward to playing golf with each and every one of you throughout the coming year.

Thank you.