

THE DARENTH SENIORS – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting, held in the Club House On Thursday 14th March 2019 (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 1.04pm

Members present were: D. Athawes, H. Baker, T. Bavin, P. Braithwaite, B. Bright, E. Bunton, E. Carter, D. Cave, R. Clark, J. Connor, A. Cornish, B. Deacon, M. Fox, J. Green, T. Harvey, B. Hilton, G. Horton, D. Hughes, G. Hutchins, P. Ince, V. Jarrard, B. Jonas, D. Jones, T. Jones, D. Lipscombe, R. Lockyer, D. Long, N. Maxwell, B. Mills, A. Mitchell, J. Rampling, B. Ramsey, T. Regan, J. Robinson, P. Shove, B. Spillane, B. Vickers, D. Vidgeon, D. Walters, R. Watley, B. Williamson, P. Williamson, R. Winters. Also in attendance by invite was retiring auditor Les Allan. **44 in total.**

Apologies for Absence were received from: D. Braithwaite, B. Dobbs, B. Hubbard, B. Jones, B. Lowe, M. Morgan, B. Talbot, D. Tidd, D. Watts.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having previously been distributed, were unanimously agreed as a true record. Proposed J. Connor, seconded H. Baker, and were duly signed by the Captain, Bernie Deacon.

Matters Arising: D. Hughes requested an update on the matter of ties and trophy cabinets. Captain responded that we were waiting upon owner Jason's refurbishment plans on the matter of the cabinets. And as to the ties, Jason keeps showing us updated styles which we don't want, and we keep turning down (all variations of grey). It is getting to the stage that we will need to go off and do our own thing.

G. Hutchins asked about the latest status of 'Stan's Bench'. P. Braithwaite responded that although we had not pushed it recently, again, we were waiting upon Jason. It was suggested that if nothing done by April, then we should pass on the bench to Stan's godson. An explanation to the background to this saga was given to our newer members. The bench is currently sitting in storage in the greenkeeper's sheds. We would really like to keep it, and would give it one final push to get it sited on the course.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance sheet for 2018 as appended. Acceptance of the accounts and approval of a suggested subscription of £20 for 2019/20 was proposed D. Lipscombe, seconded B. Jonas and carried unanimously. (There would be an additional cost of £24 to cover EGU and KGU affiliation fees as appropriate).

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: Eric Bunton having offered his services, and been nominated as auditor, was proposed by B. Bright, seconded by B. Deacon. Accepted unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS from 1st April 2019: The following members were proposed and seconded for the posts as shown below:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Hon President	Bob Spillane	N. Maxwell	D. Watts
Captain	John Rampling	(By automatic progression)	
Vice-Captain	Tony Jones	J. Rampling	T. Bavin
Hon. Secretary	David Long	P. Ince	R. Lockyer
Treasurer	Niall Maxwell	P. Braithwaite	D. Lipscombe
Comp. Secretary	David Vidgeon	M. Morgan	R. Watley
Match Secretary	Trevor Harvey	T. Regan	B. Hilton
Social Secretary	Paul Braithwaite	G. Hutchins	J. Connor

Immediate Past Captain: Bernie Deacon, Ex Officio

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

The election of Officers en bloc was proposed by P. Ince and seconded by A. Mitchell, agreed unan.
The nominations proposed B. Hilton and seconded G. Hutchins, carried unan.

PROPOSALS

a) Advisory, of capping of scores in Medal competitions and Stroke & Distance relief. Captain explained the introduction of new rules from the R&A. There were two things that could be introduced as local rules to be decided upon by Committees. We have met and discussed. We have adopted the Stroke and distance rule in fun games, but as recommended by EGU do not use in Qualifying competitions. Inter-club matches are played under proper competition rules. However capping of scores, it was explained that only in Medal rounds would scores be capped at a certain predetermined number. Committee had decided not to introduce as we would probably be the only club in the country to do so. Having put these issues to the meeting for ratification, meeting was in agreement as to the actions taken.

b) Kent Vet/Invicta Leagues, Captain explained the possibility of entering teams into the Kent Vets League or Invicta League. We had spoken about it before but had not had sufficient numbers of players to support such teams. However with the influx of our ex Woodlands members, perhaps we now had sufficient numbers to support such teams. Following discussion, and a show of hands as to how many would support such teams, achieving insufficient support, it was suggested that we may get more uptake from members absent from the meeting. To this end it was decided to leave to the Secretary to carry out a straw poll of all members to ascertain sufficient interest in all age brackets.

AOB: B. Bright raised the issue of bunkers being in such a bad state of repair, and could we declare them as GUR under winter rules? Explained that it was normally the green staff who declared areas of GUR, but it would be discussed in Committee and would also have a word with Jason to gee up the green staff.

D. Cave had been looking into the handicap system as it will be, mentioning online touchscreen, and does the club have the software for online booking system. It was clarified that there is online booking, and we were desperate to get the online touchscreen for other reasons as well.

B. Vickers asked if there was information forthcoming on the first green bunker? This had been out of play for over a year now. Captain will make a point of speaking to Jason.

M. Fox raised issue of winter greens, and was it worthwhile having a word with Jason to reintroduce. Captain would mention it, but didn't expect any satisfaction.

G. Hutchins asked if there was any way of getting a planning projection from Jason for the next year? Captain to speak to Jason, perhaps to see if we can have rakes in all bunkers and perhaps some more ball washers.

M. Fox voiced a word of appreciation on behalf of the past Woodlands members for the welcome which they had received.

Newly-elected Captain, John Rampling wished to say what a brilliant job Bernie had done. We were all concerned what would happen when we came here a year ago. He praised the team effort of Committee. His charity would again be the Marjorie McClure School, a very worthwhile cause. He would keep the weekly NTPs running along with other fundraising schemes. And special thanks to his (named) chauffeurs, without whom he couldn't have turned up each week. There was a belated introduction of his Vice, Tony Jones.

In winding up: Captain thanked everyone for attending, reiterating that we had a great thing going here. And wished all a safe journey home.

The Date of next meeting will be on 5th or 12th March 2020, dependent upon weddings etc.

The meeting closed at 1.53pm

x CAPTAIN SIGNS HERE x

The Darenth Seniors

Captains Report for the AGM 2019.

This year has been an absolute pleasure for me and I very much hope you have all enjoyed it too. Our first full year at our new home has shown us that it wasn't the end of the world when the other place closed. In fact in some ways it is a lot better, for a start it has always been open and those of you that have needed buggies have been able to use them.

I feel for our newly found friends from Woodlands G.C. because we know what they have gone through but I hope they are able to settle in with us and enjoy The Darenth as much as we do.

Our matches with other Clubs have continued with mixed results. Won 3 Lost 4 Halved 3. However if you count the halved matches as half points we won 4.5 to 4, which evens things up a bit.

I have many thank yous to make. Jason Fox and his team who have made us all so welcome. Our Committee who work so hard behind the scenes. Dave Vidgeon and his able assistant Dave Walters, not an easy job! Unfortunately we are losing Les Allan who is standing down and thanks for the sterling work in auditing our books. In the same breath I'd like to welcome our new auditor Eric Bunton, thank you for taking up the reins. Also I'd like to thank Duncan Lipscombe who is coming off the committee. But most of all my thanks go to you the Members for your fantastic support not just to me personally but in the fund raising for my charity. You will be pleased to hear that the children of Marjorie McClure Special School will be £5,225 better off because of your generosity. Just one more thank you, to my Vice Captain John Rampling. He has been here every week without fail. I made sure of that by going and picking him up. Seriously he has been an absolute rock, little reminders here and there most of which I needed! I am confident I am handing over to someone who will take us forward in a very positive manner and will be here for us whenever needed. I wish you good luck for your year John.

Bernie Deacon

The Darenth Seniors
Income Expenditure Statement for year ended 31st December 2018

	Income	Expenditure
Bursery	£1,000	
Clothing	£2,972	£3,017
Donation	£20	
GU Fees	£1,076	£1,040
Handicap master		£102
Secretary's Expenses		£69
Stationery Expenses		£134
Subs	£1,532	
Summer Dinner	£1,740	£1,736
Trophy Costs		£788
Website Costs		£96
Christmas Lunch	£1,980	£1,984
		£8,965
Bank		£1,355
	£10,320	£10,320
		£1,355
Less:		
GU fees held		£36
Prepaid subs held		£9
TDS net funds		£1,310
Notes:		
Loss on clothing		£44
Profit on Summer Dinner		£4
Loss on Christmas Lunch		£4
Outstanding subs due		£30
Trophy Costs:		
St Georges Day Trophy		£18
Trophy Refurbishment		£45
Trophy purchase - Medals		£69
BH Bell engraving		£30
Annual Trophy costs		£626
Total		£788
Signed		
Niall Maxwell -Treasurer		
Les Allen - Auditor		