

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 03) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 30th August 2018

The meeting opened at 1.40pm

Present were: Bernie Deacon, Bob Spillane, John Rampling, Trevor Harvey, Duncan Lipscombe, David Vidgeon, Paul Braithwaite & David Long.

Apologies for Absence: David Watts & Niall Maxwell.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 7th June 2018 (DarCom 02), having been pre-distributed, were adopted as a true record and signed by the Captain.

MATTERS ARISING: There were none.

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

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SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended. Winter Schedule presented for comment and observation. It was hoped to hold the Ladies match earlier in the season next year, with format still to be agreed with the Ladies.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reported a surplus of £4 from the Summer Dinner; Total spend on Section to date totalled £384; Net funds available £2.110; No further expenditure advised at this time. I&E Balance sheet as appended.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

ALMONER'S REPORT: BS, standing in for DW during his enforced absence reported that his first casualty had been Bob Williamson, who had subsequently recovered, and was actually playing that day. Reported that David Watts had undergone his surgery. Also he was going to phone a couple of past members, Graham Holvey and Les Allan, as they hadn't been heard from recently. Captain gave thanks to Bob for stepping in.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported results of recent matches. Was pleased that we can put out competitive teams, and it was encouraging that clubs are willing to play us again next year. Regarding the match against The Darenth Ladies, they wish us to organise this, but they don't seem too keen on the food, suggested that perhaps we could go for sandwiches and chips option. TH would be away on holiday for the upcoming period, so PB would be taking over the reins for the Birchwood game, and the team for the match against Parkwood will need to be selected.

TOPICS

a) **INTRODUCTION OF NEW RULES:** Secretary pointed out that as from Jan 1st next, new Rules Of Golf would be introduced. One or two things will need to be put into place. Not least is to try to educate. Are we going to adopt stroke and distance for lost balls? Following general discussion, the suggestion was that we implement any changes, have a three-month trial, and bring before the AGM. Suggestion was that we all study the proposed changes. It was decided to set up a sub-committee comprising of CompSec, Captain and Secretary to go through the changes and report back at the next meeting.

b) **SHOPPING LIST FOR THE DARENTH.** Secretary pointed out some elements that are missing around the course. Dirt boxes on par3s, ball washers, colour coding of flags on greens. It was pointed out that Manager

Terry was trying to persuade Jason. There was a need to educate green staff as to the tee box markers. Discussion concluded that The Darenth are aware of the problems, but it will just take time to solve. Things are on the 'to do' list and will be solved, we are told.

AOB

BS: asked when do we envisage getting our jumpers and shirts? Sec DL responded he was just waiting on the last couple of members' orders, after which the complete order will be going in. PB stated that the wording on the garments would be The Darenth – Seniors – Personal Name (if ordered). Mention of The Darenth Country Club had been dropped by Jason.

DL: Suggested that Terry Hewlett be invited to join us for upcoming Awayday at Sweetwoods. (this was ultimately offered and accepted).

JR: gave an update on the issue of joining the Invictus League. He had problems in getting in touch with the organiser, and his personal opinion was that we shouldn't get involved as we had enough matches to be going on with. Also raised was the possibility of resuscitating the Seniors Classic. This is something that would need to be looked into. Also reported that there were four members at Woodlands Manor who were having issues with their membership there. Disclosed that a deal had been offered to them whereby they pay a year's fees up front, and could play The Darenth until their membership commenced next January.

DV: Highlighted the poor quality of filling in cards, raising the issue of disqualifying any incorrectly filled-in cards. Wanting to be assured that he had the support of the Committee. It was proposed that the issue be brought up at the next AGM.

PB: raised the issue of 'Stan's Bench'. Several efforts had been made to have it placed on the course. Was of the opinion that if nothing happens we would pass on the bench to Stan's God-son.

BD: circulated an updated 'Captain's Year' crib sheet, for observation and comment.

The Date of next meeting will be on 8th November 2018, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm

XX Captain signs here XX

Captain's Report Thursday 30th August 2018

On the Monday 4th June (not mentioned in my last report) two teams of 3 from The Darenth took part in the Lamberhurst G C Vets Team Texas Scramble. Both teams were successful in picking up a prize, one of which being a Fourball voucher at the said GC. I would like to thank my playing partners David Long and Duncan Lipscombe for very kindly donating their share of this prize for it to be auctioned at the forthcoming Summer Dinner.

Not a good result on the Tuesday 12th June at Reigate Hill where we lost 6-0. However, you will be pleased to know I have been paid the £ 94.80 by Golf Plan for my bar bill.

My Captain's Away Day at the Weald of Kent went very well and I thank all those who took part for making it such a success. Well done to Duncan Lipscombe who took first place, Tony Bavin second and I managed to grab third for myself. Special thanks to Bob Spillane, Tony Bavin, Brian Talbot and Bob Williamson for all their hard work before and on the day. £67 was raised for my Charity which was very kindly enhanced by Stuart Ogden who contributed a further £33 to round the total off to £100.

Great result against Woodlands Manor on 28th June (details by TH).

The Summer Dinner held on Thursday 12th July was very well supported and an excellent evening throughout. My thanks to all those involved in the running and organising of the evening particularly Paul B and Dave L.

Three items were auctioned;

A two ball with Duncan Lipscombe and his chosen partner at The London Golf Club raised £110 (Tony Jones).

The Fourball previously mentioned above raised £110 (Niall Maxwell)

Midweek Membership to The Darenth donated by Jason Fox raised £770 (Malcolm Morgan).

Plus a further £335 raised from the raffle and a donation by Sue & Ray Lockyer making a Grand Total of £1,355 was raised for my Charity, which I think is amazing! My thanks to everyone for their contributions.

Our return home match against Reigate hill on 26th July went better than our away match!! (details by TH).

That concludes my report to date.

Bernie Deacon

Seniors Captain

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom03

Having received no membership fees from John Bannister nor Graeme Hamilton we can only assume that they have no interest in joining us, I have therefore deleted them from our list. Membership level therefore stood at 49. However, new arrival this morning, Peter Whitaker now takes our numbers up to 50.

A very successful Tour of 16, should have been 18, down to Okehampton appeared to be enjoyed by all, with Paul Braithwaite coming home the winner. I have made a provisional booking, for a field of 24, for same time next year. I think that 24 would be the maximum field that can be handled. The basic room-rate will see an increase of £18. May I put on record my appreciation for the vouchers subsequently presented to myself.

A couple of weeks ago, it came to light that a problem necessitated changing the date of the Extravaganza to Dec 20th. Paul will elucidate in his report. Presented is the proposed Winter Schedule, which is open to observation and review.

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The Darenth Seniors
Income & Expenditure as at 31/7/2018

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| Income | | |
| Bursery | £ | 1,000 |
| Membership | £ | 1,470 |
| EGU | £ | 446 |
| KGU | £ | 607 |
| Summer Dinner | £ | 1,740 |
| Other | £ | 22 |
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| Total | £ | 5,284 |
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| Expenditure | | |
| Printer costs | £ | 80 |
| Refund comp fee | £ | 2 |
| Trophies / Medals | £ | 161 |
| Website costs | £ | 40 |
| Summer Dinner | £ | 1,736 |
| EGU fees | £ | 446 |
| KGU fees | £ | 594 |
| Handicap Master | £ | 102 |
| Total | £ | 3,161 |
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| Funds in | £ | 5,284 |
| Funds out | £ | 3,161 |
| Net | £ | 2,123 |
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| Bank | £ | 2,123 |
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| Creditors | | |
| EGU (inc VAT) | £ | - |
| KGU (inc VAT) | £ | 13 |
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| Net TDS funds | £ | 2,110 |

Social Secretary's Report

Committee Meeting (Darcom 03)

Date: 30th August 2018

The Darenth's first "Senior's Captains Charity Summer Dinner" Report

58 paying members, partners and guests along with Tom Clements from Marjorie McClure School made for a good total of 59 attending on the evening.

A couple of bottles of wine per table was waiting for us to have with our meal, courtesy of The Darenth management. Thanks go to Jason and Terry for their kind offering.

The food was excellent and enjoyed by the majority, a great improvement from previous occasions.

For future events we need to address the post meal tea and coffee supply as this was missing.

Further thanks to Jim Connor who sold the raffle tickets and to Don Braithwaite who covered the event with his camera.

The Auction and raffle combined raised a significant £1,355.00 for the Captains Charity (M Mc School), a record amount from one event for the Seniors – well-done everyone.

Overall a great evening and successful first Darenth Seniors Summer Dinner.

The Christmas Extravaganza

The original required date of 13th December was not available, so the 6th December was agreed upon.

However due to unforeseen circumstances the 6th is now not possible so we have agreed to the 20th December instead. This has been fixed into the clubs Events Diary. We can have an earlier date on a number of other days if we wanted to, but this would not be on a Thursday, so I recommend that the 20th stand.

Going forward we will re-enforce the dates required so there is no mix-up in the future.

More details will be forthcoming at the next Comms meeting.

Competition and Handicap Secretary Report

The numbers of members attending for Thursday Competitions is still good since the move from BH given the reduced membership. By comparison the same competition on the same day last year attracted 37 players compared with 29 today. The match play Knockouts are reaching their conclusion and I will be formulating the appropriate Winter version shortly. I am concerned that we may need to increase the tee times if our membership increases. There may be a few returnees come the New Year which could boost the numbers. I have mentioned this to Terry and he does not seem to think this will be a problem. The absence of the touchscreen to record scores does create extra work and I am grateful that it has been raised as an issue to be discussed. We have created two new handicaps for members and whilst this was previously outside the role of the Comp sec it has been achieved without too much difficulty. Had mentioned previously the possibility of standing down in April. John Rampling has intimated that he may possibly take over the role, but would be unable to do so during his Captaincy year. With that in mind, was prepared to carry on beyond April, until JR is able to take over.

Absence of touch screen, PB: Nothing will happen with touchscreen until revamp of the bar in December.