

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 05) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 21st February 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00pm

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

There were no absences.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 8th November 2018 (DarCom04), having been pre-distributed, were adopted as a true record and signed by the Captain.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

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

MATTERS ARISING: A bit of general discussion surround the recent influx of members from Woodlands. Reported that some of those new members were pleased with the welcome that they had received. DW asked if there would be any problems with tee times, which there wouldn't he was informed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reported a balance in hand of £1,350.37. Year-end and current Balance sheets as appended. Informed Committee that given our previous years outlays divided by our current membership, that a membership fee for the forthcoming year should be set at £20 plus £24 Union affiliation fees. The Committee were unanimous in the decision to propose this to the forthcoming AGM.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Presented updates on Bob Williamson, Ron Mead, and it was reported that Ken Coulston was currently receiving palliative care.

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

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported that the fixture list had been finalised for 2019, the dates given to Kerry, and that meals were to be £16 a head. Woodlands fixture obviously disappeared, but replaced with Eltham Warren. There was to be a match with the Darenth Ladies on March 21st of which Bernie and others were involved, and numbers needed confirming. It was reported that the ex-organiser of the Woodlands team had contacted Secretary, with regard to still holding a fixture, would we like to play them? As no reciprocal arrangement would be in place and other considerations it was decided that this was an offer to decline. But suggestion was made that our current ex-Woodlands members may like to organise such a match. JR announced that a further match against The Darenth Ladies was in the process of being organised. BD announced that the upcoming game with the Ladies would be starting on the 10th tee, and that the entry fee would be £10.

TOPICS

- a) AGM deliberations. Secretary needed to know if there were any items that needed to be included in the agenda for the forthcoming AGM. There were none immediately to mind, but ...
- b) KENT VETS: BD enquired if there was appetite for us entering a team. Following deliberation, it was decided to put the question to the AGM.

- c) STROKE AND DISTANCE RELIEF: BD stated that we had previously decided that this only be used in fun games. Reporting that County guidelines had recommended that it not be used, unless brought in as a local rule by Committee. This to be presented to AGM, with the Captain to lead.
- d) CAPPING: BD reported that as far as is known, no club had adopted capping. Committee decided that, likewise, we wouldn't either. Again, this to be presented to AGM.
- e) NEW COMPETITION: DL put forward a proposal emanating from new member Malcolm Fox, who wishes to introduce a competition that he ran at Woodlands. Details were explained. However, it was very much a similar format to our prestigious Seniors Championship. Following deliberations, it was agreed that its formula would be welcomed, with suggestion that it just be run over the six winter months, on an Order of Merit basis. Secretary was charged with referring this back to Malcolm Fox.
- f) 'COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP': PB had raised issue with Jason over a past Captain who had moved out of the area, and the possibility of providing a beneficial membership category for him. Committee were of the opinion that there being no ideal solution that would be favourable with all parties, that pursuance of this suggestion be discontinued.

AOB

BS: informed Committee that the Senior Team Classic is to be revived. Jason had agreed that this could be held on Thursday 12th September, and agreed to close the course for the day, for the duration of the event.

BD: This being his ultimate meeting, the Captain gave a vote of thanks to Duncan Lipscombe for all his hard work and endeavours of the past three years.

The Date of next meeting will be on 18th April 2019, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 4.00pm

XX Captain signs here XX

The Darenth Seniors

Captain's Report Thursday 21st February 2019

Apart from the Extravaganza held on the 20th December and the sudden influx of new members not a lot has happened since my last report.

The Extravaganza was a complete success, well attended and the first in our new home. It never ceases to amaze me just how generous the lads are! We managed to raise £605 for the Charity that day, coming from the NTP, Raffle, Auctions, prize money and other miscellaneous donations.

My thanks to everyone who came along to support and in particular to Paul Braithwaite, Dave Long (and Sue), Don Braithwaite, Jim Connor and anyone else involved in making the whole day such a success.

I can't say I was surprised to hear of the closure of Woodlands G.C. but I was surprised in the suddenness with which it happened! However I am very pleased to see the way it has swollen our numbers, a very promising start to 2019 and long may it continue.

Bernie Deacon
Seniors Captain

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom05

For their own personal reasons, two members have decided not to renew their membership at The Darenth, Ron Cook (*) and Roger Prideaux.

Another stalwart member, Bill Ramsey, has spoken to me regarding his membership. His position is that having received a clean bill of health from his medics, he wishes to build up his stamina before venturing out onto the course again. But it is his intention to rejoin once this occurs. I advised him that in that case, and I crave your indulgence, that he should just consider his membership as in abeyance.

Onto the plus side, and joining us since our last meeting we welcome: Bill Hilton, Brian Dobbs, Colin Cooper, Richard Clark, David Athawes, Graham Horton, Malcolm Fox, Donald Cave, John Green, Philip Williamson, Eric Bunton, Eddie Carter, David Perry and Terry Fuller.

This takes our total 'on the books' to 66.

() During a visit, last week, to the club of Ron Cook, he tells me that a diagnosis has been made of his wife's medical issue, which the medics now feel that they can control. With this knowledge, Ron is thinking that he may wish to rejoin us sometime soon. I did inform him that we had a committee meeting upcoming, and would need to discuss this.*

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The Darenth Seniors
Income Expenditure Statement for year ended 31/12/2019 as at 17/2/2019

	Income	Expenditure
b/f	£1,355.08	
Captains Charity		£51.36
Clothing	£236.50	£141.00
Competition Secretaries Expenses		£43.65
Subscriptions	£80.00	
Bank		£1,435.57
	£1,671.58	£1,671.58

Notes

GU Fees held	£36.30	
Prepaid subs	£48.90	
 Net TDS funds	 £1,350.37	

Clothing

Loss b/f	-£44.14	
Refunds	-£141.00	
Donation from TDGC	£126.00	
Auction proceeds	£110.50	
Balance to Captains Charity	-£51.36	
Total	£0.00	

Subscriptions

Don Cave	£40.00	2019/20
Paul Whittaker	£8.90	2019/20
 Barry Bright	 £10.00	 2018/19
Colin Cooper	£10.00	2018/19
Don Cave	£10.00	2018/19
Bill Hilton	£10.00	2018/19

GU fees held

Tony Haylock	£13.20	
Paul Whittaker	£23.10	

Social Secretary's Report

Committee Meeting (Darcom 05)

Date: 21st February 2019

“Senior's Christmas Extravaganza Luncheon” on Thursday 20th December 2018 Report

A total of 66 Senior Members and guests attended the Luncheon, paying £30.00 per head.

The Food was well received by everyone: -

- Tomato Soup
- Turkey plus all the trimmings
- Christmas Pudding
- Mince Pies plus Coffee or Tea

A big thank you to Jason who subsidised the table drinks. This ensured two bottles of wine along with a jug of Fruit Punch to be added to each table.

The Ladies draw for the two M&S vouchers went well especially as Averil Wingent (my Mother) won the first prize.

Thank you flowers to Sue, the Captains wife, were presented to the Captain Bernie to pass on as she was unable to attend the afternoon lunch.

We raise £66.00 via the table gratuities glasses which was passed on to the staff as a thank you for their services which was excellent throughout the day.

The Raffle, Auction and other donations raise £605.00 for the Captain's charity.

The Income generated £2,050 (£1,980 via members, £4 via credit from Summer Dinner and £66 via gratuities pots) matched the total Expenditure of £2,050. Balance is therefore nil.

Overall a great afternoon was had by all.

The Summer Dinner is scheduled for Thursday 11th July 2019.

The first “Darenth Seniors Quiz Night” on Friday 1st March

We have a total of 13 teams (our maximum) with up to 8 people per team (expected total 104)

Costing £10 per head of which £7.50 buys the sandwiches and Chips per person.

The balance of £2.50 will go towards the prizes and any profit will go towards the Captains Charity.

There will be a raffle to further support his charity.

My helpers on the night will consist of Janice along with Hayley (Paul's daughter) and Averil (Paul's mother).

There is a varied selection of teams made up from the Darenth Ladies section, the Darenth staff, ex Broke Hill members from Cherry Lodge and our very own Seniors section.

We hope for a fun, raucous evening with everyone enjoying themselves.

Paul Braithwaite
(Social Secretary)

Comp Sec Report

Our second year at The Darenth so far has seen only one Competition beaten by the weather. Our winter Knockout competitions have progressed well. The final of the main competition is imminent and the Yorkshire Plate is not too far off. I will be setting up the Summer Eclectic and Knockouts in due course.

Our numbers have been good given the reduced membership after leaving Broke Hill. Last week we achieved our record at the Darenth, with 40 participants. We filled all our allotted tee slots so I have negotiated with Jason and the pro shop so that until the 7th March we will have 6 times off the first tee and 8 off the 10th (if we need them). I have asked that from the 7th we reverse this and have 8 off the 1st and 6 off the 10th. I think this should meet our immediate needs given the influx of new members from Woodlands who seem to have settled in well.

Dave Vidgeon