

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom09) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 31st October 2019

The meeting opened at 13.50

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

Apologies for Absence: Tony Jones

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 15th August 2019 (DarCom 08), 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. Captain added that the issue regarding the tie was hopefully resolved and would be raised under AOB.

MATTERS ARISING: There were none.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended. Regarding a team organiser for the KVGL matches, a number of names were suggested, and approaches would be made to those individuals. PB enquired as to whether they would they be co-opted onto committee? Consensus presumably was that they would.

TREASURER'S REPORT: I&E statement as appended. Treasurer detailed each item, returning a balance in hand of £2,478.44. Reported that VAT on the golf union fees had been collected in error, and questioned what should happen with these funds. It was proposed PB, seconded BD, that the issue be raised at the AGM, to see if members wanted a refund, or suggest donating the captain's charity.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Gave report on the welfare of a couple of members, and the demise of Graham Holvey, a past member of BH was formally noted. One issue raised was our absence of knowledge regarding the welfare of some past members. Upshot was felt that it is up to ex-members' families to advise us of anything untoward. But if anyone was aware of someone in poor health, then to let the Almoner know.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: None available.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: We had played three friendly matches since the last meeting, which concluded the year's programme. All match fixtures for next season had been confirmed. And pleased to report that we had won back the Broke'n'Wood Trophy.

TOPICS

- a) DL felt that Winter Rules should officially be put into place. It was decided that they would commence on Nov. 1st. In future the decision would be made by the ad hoc Competition Committee. Decided that in non-Qualifier games only, if conditions were particularly bad, then pick and place was permissible anywhere on the course. (Barring hazards?)
- b) DL felt we needed the facility for supplementary scorecards, which was currently lacking at this course. Would be especially helpful for those coming up to the end of the year, who hadn't entered three Qualifying competitions. Committee in agreement, and Sec charged with obtaining a signing-in book and box to retain such cards. Book to be signed prior to any such round played, with name, date, score and name of accredited marker.

c) PB reported back on recent meeting with owner Jason, giving bullet points of issues discussed: Stan's bench – issue resolved, and in place; Touch screen – issue resolved and now in situ, awaiting set-up; Clothing ordering issues – resolved; Use of club logo on section's ties – resolved; Trophy cabinet – being resolved at time of this meeting; Outstanding bursary - £1,000 cheque handed over; Flag position cards – from Nov 1st hole positions would be denoted by differing coloured flags on greens; Quiz nights drinks costs – preferential rates for house wines offered; Seniors' Classic and issues surrounding recent event – resolved, and having seen how we run the event, Jason happy for a repeat, and we need closer liaison with him, now we know his concerns and issues. Well done Paul.

d) DL announced that costs for our annual trophies would be over £500 without engravings costs, and felt that with such a large spend Committee should be aware. Committee happy with this spend, it is what it is!

AOB:

JR – The Tie: showed a sample of what manufacturers had come up with. Committee were completely happy with the design, and would proceed with order. Cost of tie came to £12.72 inc VAT, plus an initial setting up fee on the initial order.

NM – Moving forward on the same subject was concerned with financing any future tranches of ties. If minimum order was 100, as was believed, then we need to ensure funds available in the future. JR would ascertain if there was a minimum order before proceeding, and if so would amend to a larger number in order for time to accumulate enough funds. New members joining after next April will be asked for a joining fee, in order to cover the cost of their tie.

TH suggested purchasing a gift for Harry Baker at next AGM in appreciation of him standing in to organise our weekly games. Committee in agreement.

DL suggested that in the absence of Captain's blazers, perhaps lapel badges could be purchased. Committee in agreement in principal, but would need to investigate further choices.

JR raised issue of a previous discussion on Section purchasing ball washers. Having done research, found them to be expensive items, and felt that any further action to be a 'non-goer'.

The Date of next meeting will be on 13th February 2020, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 15.12.

XX Captain signs here XX

Captain's Report DarCom 09
Thursday 31st October 2019

Quite a lot has happened since our last meeting.

The tie issue has been resolved and here is a sample.

We had the Marjorie McClure Charity Day which raised a good amount of money for them. I believe £3,000, and a big thank you to Toyota for their generosity with the prizes.

We also had our Team Classic which was a great success for us and the club, a big thank you to all involved.

We had our last three matches for this year, Parkwood Birchwood and Cherry Lodge, and I'm sure Trevor will give us the results.

We had a great day at Shortlands Golf Club in the Kent Vets League Jamboree which we were invited to. Thank you to all that played.

It was a shame that we had to cancel the match with the Lady's, which I hope can be rearranged as soon as possible.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom09

Since last we met..... Been informed that Brian Bareham and Rob Coe, for their own reasons, do not intend to continue membership of The Darenth.

Brian has paid his subs for this year, so technically he is still a member on the books, but I have deleted Rob from my figures.

New members since last we met:

George Moore – who has made some appearances;

Tony Martin – has domestic reasons for not appearing on a Thursday, but has been competing in the Monday Swindle;

Andrew Laker and Paul Maycock – who actually made a show this morning, but need to obtain handicaps before full participation in games.

This puts my current membership figure at 82.

KVGL fixtures all arranged and confirmed for next year. We really need to railroad someone into taking on the role of match organiser. I am prepared to continue arranging the fixtures, in fact it would make sense, as there are so many factors to take into consideration. But I have enough on my plate without match organisation.

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The Darenth Seniors

Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2019 as at 31/10/2019

	Income	Expenditure
b/f	1,355.08	
Bursery	1,000.00	
Captains Charity		51.36
Clothing	236.50	141.00
Competitions Secretaries Expenses		125.61
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St Georges Trophy		15.95
KGVL		5.00
Subscriptions	1,681.10	
TDS Classic	3,328.00	3,142.16
GU Fees	1,777.20	1,431.00
Summer Dinner	2,077.00	1,976.50
TDS Ties		1,272.00
Other	2.00	
Bank		3,147.28
Total	11,456.88	11,456.88

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

Notes

Bank	3,147.28
GU Fees held 2018	36.30
GU Fees held 2019	60.00
GU fees vat collected in error	286.20
Open	185.84
Summer Dinner	100.50
Net TDS Funds	2,478.44

Social Secretary's Report

Committee Meeting (DarCom 09)

Date: 31st October 2019

The Christmas Extravaganza

Confirmed with Kerry the "Senior's Christmas Extravaganza Luncheon" scheduled for Thursday 5th December 12:30pm for 1pm start is booked.

The cost will be £31.00 per person.

What we get is a 3 course Christmas menu with all the trimmings plus coffee or tea with mince pies. The cost to the section will be £26.00 per person. Also accommodating any dietary requirements.

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

The balance will cover a glass of wine or soft drink with the meal along with sundries (Ladies Draw; £50 + £25 M&S Vouchers (along with Bouquet of Flowers?).

Again, I will be again asking for a small donation of £1 per person to pass on to the staff as a thank you for their hard work.

Notice of Luncheon, including menu and sign-up sheets are already posted on the notice board and appearing on our website.

Last year's numbers were 66. Target for this year is 70 with a stretch target of 75+.

- Liaise with Dave (Long) regarding invites to Widows, and former Seniors attending via email.
- Liaise with John (Rampling) regarding invites to Darent Ladies.

Because of the extra room available at The Darent, extend invites to include guests to members.

Call for raffle prizes, scheduled for Thursday 14th November - 3 weeks in advance.

Ask Don (Braithwaite) to be lunch photographer again.

Ask Jim (Connor) and Ray (Watley) to handle the raffle etc. on the day.

Other considerations:

- Flowers for Senior's Captains escort?
- Speaker system and mic.
- Estimations of bottles of wine and soft drinks after numbers are more known.

Paul Braithwaite
(Social Secretary)