

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 10) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 13th February 2020

The meeting opened at 10.05am

Present were: John Rampling, Trevor Harvey, David Long, Bernie Deacon, Bob Spillane, Niall Maxwell, Paul Braithwaite and Tony Jones.

Apologies for Absence: David Watts.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 31st October 2019 (DarCom 09), having been pre-distributed were adopted as a true record and signed by the Captain.

MATTERS ARISING: DL advised that a Supplementary Cards book purchased and lodged in the Pro Shop, with accompanying utilisation of the previously-used black letter box. David Vidgeon is currently policing this issue on behalf of the whole club; DL pursued the decision to purchase a 'thank you' gift for HB, nothing had been formulated as to what form this should take, or who would action. Decided that TJ would purchase a £50 voucher from American Golf, and this will be presented at the AGM.

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

MATTERS ARISING: BD offered a vote of thanks to outgoing Captain, John, on a good job well done, which the meeting endorsed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended. Over-70s League invitation, decided not for us at this time. Proposed that Duncan Lipscombe and John Green be re-approached with a view to taking over control of the KVGL matches. BD asked if the Slope had been calculated for the club, but no definitive answer obtained.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reported a balance in hand of £1,213. Report and audited Year-end Balance sheet as appended. Proposal that membership fee for this year should remain at £20, agreed unanimously.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended. Suggestions batted around with regard to promoting greater attendance at the lunches/dinners, with no real outcome.

ALMONER'S REPORT: In his absence, Secretary gave latest update on our Lame Ducks.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended. JR enquired as to the likelihood of Parkwood match going ahead, as rumour going around that many members had left, TH would make enquiries later in the week. PB enquired as to location of lunches, as we do need privacy for Captains' speeches. TH would deal with this on a game by game basis.

TOPICS

a) The Connor Papers: A paper submitted by Jim Connor, proposing certain suggestions for expenditure of surplus funds was thoroughly discussed. The conclusion of which was that we didn't have the extraneous funds as assumed by the member. Secretary charged with responding to the member in detail to the points made.

b) Co-option of Almoner: As previous incumbent, David Watts, was standing down, meeting was advised that Jim Connor had volunteered to take over the role. It was felt that he would be the perfect choice. He will be duly co-opted at the AGM.

c) Handicap Review protest: President BS had received and presented a complaint from Bev Taylor regarding a decrease of one stroke made to his handicap during this year's Review. Secretary explained to meeting the procedures of an Annual Review, and explained that whilst the member was not highlighted on Congu's recommendations for change, as a Handicap Committee we are obliged to look at all members. To this end, the Secretary had maintained a spreadsheet throughout the year which highlighted those players in need of

adjustment. Bev Taylor came under this mantle, at which the Handicap Committee looked at his recent past performance in all general play and felt that his handicap needed a bit of a trim. Having had other elements of the procedure explained to the meeting, the Committee were of the opinion that the Review had been carried out perfectly correctly. The President was charged with responding to the complainant.

AOB:

PB advised that a change of date for the Seniors' Classic from 10th to 17th September had been agreed with owner Jason.

TJ raised issue of format for the mixed pairs matches. It was decided that they shall be 4BBB.

TJ enquired of shirts and jumpers. PB responded that Jason was having issues with Footjoy and was looking for another supplier, which is taking some time. He also enlightened that Jason was looking to bring in a pro to develop the shop.

BD announced that there would be a repeat Marjorie McClure charity day on 29th July, shotgun start, cost £50 (£30 for Darent members); Jemca of Bromley on board to emulate last year's event.

TH stated that a query had been raised regarding absence of Captain's Charity funds appearing in the accounts. Perhaps Captain should report each meeting how the charity fund was standing. Decided that it only needed declaring at the AGM. Issue of the honesty of Nearest the Pin winners who hadn't made donation prior to start was kicked around.

DL presented this year's Summer Programme card, advising that with the change of date for the Classic, he had also moved the September Qualifiers around.

The Date of next meeting will be on 9th April 2020 at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 12.00.

XX Captain signs here XX

Captain's Report DarCom 10
Thursday 13th February 2020

We had our Christmas Extravaganza which was a great success and raised a good sum of money for my charity. A big thank you to all involved.

A rather hasty mixed pairs competition was arranged by Anne Wilson the Ladies Captain and myself. The result of which was won by Anne Wilson and Dave Athawes. And the runners-up were Rosemary Weight and Jim Rothwell, congratulations to all of them. However, the prizes were going to be supplied by Anne and myself and as she was one of the winners, I cannot ask her to do that so I have put the prizes up myself. I have suggested to Tony Jones that he and Moira (the present Lady Captain) sort the next one out for the summer period. And make it a summer-only competition. As it happens, we saw Moira on Tuesday and I introduced Tony to her so they can make the arrangements as and when.

I received a letter from Bev Taylor complaining about his handicap change which will be brought up later.

Jason approached me and I know others also, and said that 24 Seniors from Nizels were interested in playing here, even joining. I think that is wishful thinking on his part. However, there will be 20 of them playing here on Monday after the Monday Swindle and I told Jason that we would extend a warm welcome to them. We will await the outcome.

And now before I finish, some thank-yous, first of all Bernie for all his work as Captain and Past Captain. Also Dave Watts who is standing own but did a great job as Almoner, and I would like to finish with a big thank you to all of you for all the help and support during my year as Captain which I have enjoyed immensely, thank you all.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom10

With The Darenth renewals date passing, our numbers have declined slightly. Those that I have been informed have not renewed are: Trevor Regan, who's lost enthusiasm for rising at 6am; Brian Talbot, citing failing eyesight. I've also been advised that Colin Cooper did not renew, which has been checked out, and confirmed with Jason. Also, I enquired of Bill Ramsey if he was intending to renew this year. He informed me that he didn't renew last year, so he has been parading as a member with us for the past year, under false pretences. I have shifted all these fellows to my 'Past Members' contact group, and they will receive the usual relevant news updates as they occur. We wish them well for the future.

This puts our current membership figure at 77.

The usual Notice of AGM has been posted in the relevant places.

I have received an invitation for The Darenth to join the Super Seniors (Over-70s) League. My response was that our schedule would prohibit us from being able to commit to any more fixtures, but that I would raise with my committee.

KVGL – I put the shout-out for someone to take on the mantle of Organiser for these matches. I received responses from John Green and Duncan Lipscombe that they each would be prepared to share the role with A.N. Other. Thus far no further movement has taken place. I am wondering now if it is feasible that as I would need to arrange the fixtures anyway, then I make the team selections, and would include in each match either of the Past, Current or Vice Captains, who would act as the Team Captain on the day. Basically all this would entail of them is giving out the result and the usual 'amusing'? speech.

I have managed to acquire two places at a workshop to explain the new WHS handicapping system. This will be held on Tuesday March 10th, from 6pm to 9pm, at Sundridge Park GC. Envisaged that John Rampling and myself attend. Will put a call out for any pertinent questions that need asking.

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The Darenth Seniors
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2019

	Income	Expenditure
b/f	1,355.08	
Bursery	1,000.00	
Captains Charity		51.36
Clothing	236.50	141.00
Competitions Secretaries Expenses		135.94
Secretaries Expenses		224.52
Trophys		892.55
KGVL		5.00
Subscriptions	1,681.10	
TDS Classic	3,448.00	3,142.16
GU Fees	1,777.20	1,431.00
Summer Dinner	2,077.00	1,976.50
Xmas Extravaganza	2,201.00	2,151.00
TDS Ties		1,510.80
Other	2.00	
Website		64.15
Bank		2,051.90
Total	13,777.88	13,777.88

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	2,051.90
GU Fees held 2018	36.30
GU Fees held 2019	60.00
GU fees vat collected in error	286.20
Open	305.84
Dinner/Lunch	150.50
Net TDS Funds	1,213.06

Niall Maxwell - Treasurer

Niall Maxwell 5th February 2020

Eric Bunton - Auditor

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Social Secretary's Report

Committee Meeting (DarCom 10)

Date: 13th February 2020

The Christmas Extravaganza

Took place on Thursday 5th December @ 12:30 for 1pm start.

A total of 71 people attended (vs 66 last year) paying £31.00 per head.

The general reaction was positive with most people saying the meal was good and an improvement from the Summer Dinner. Overall a great afternoon was had by all.

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

Further thanks to Jim Connor for dealing with the raffle on the day as well as thanks to Don Braithwaite for capturing the event on camera.

The raffle (£480), auction (£180) and Heads or Tails (£71) raised a total of £731.00 for the Captains Charity. A further £86.50 was raised for the Staff via the Table Gratuities Pots which was duly pass-on with thanks from the section.

We have managed to create a balance of £150.50 which will be held over to cover expenses/cost for 2020 events.

We had 42 Senior members attend from a total membership of around 80 representing 53%. I find this a little disappointing and feel that there should be more attending – at least 66% which requires a further 9 or 10 members to come along and support. Let's see how we can stimulate greater interest going forward this year and get the numbers up.

2020 Events

Have confirmed with Kerry the following: -

Thursday 9th July - Seniors Summer Dinner (7pm for a 7:30pm sit down)

Thursday 10th December - Seniors Christmas Extravaganza (12:30pm for a 1pm sit down)

Paul Braithwaite
(Social Secretary)

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom10

All 2020 friendly fixtures are agreed. Our first match is at home to Parkwood on Thursday 2nd April.

Jason has agreed to honour the same price of £16pp for the two course meal and to include the arrival tea & coffee also.

Kerry will book out 8.16am – 9.04am off the first and 8.24am – 9.20am off the tenth on match days. This will allow for the match to be played from the 1st tee (from 8.16 until 8.56) and also allow for regular play.

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