

# THE DARENTH SENIORS

## Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 11) Rev00, held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

The meeting opened at 12.50pm

Present were: Tony Jones, John Rampling, Paul Braithwaite & David Long

Apologies for Absence: Bob Spillane, Brian Vickers, Niall Maxwell, Trevor Harvey & Jim Connor.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (DarCom 10), were accepted as a true record and signed by the Captain.

MATTERS ARISING: There were none.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: As appended.

MATTERS ARISING: There were none.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: As appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Accounts, as appended were distributed, indicating a nett balance in hand of 2,190.98.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported that the annual Summer Dinner had been cancelled. Suggested that there was a possibility of a supper buffet of some kind, maybe in September. Still hopeful that the Extravaganza will be going ahead in December.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Welfare of Bob Mills and Malcolm Morgan were published on the website's *Lame Ducks*.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report that the laptop had been handed over from Harry Baker, and the Secretary was getting to grips with the software. The current system of weekly draw for start times was working out, especially as we have been given extra times. There was an issue at the moment of members phoning up after the deadline, requesting places.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: No matches to be reported upon.

### TOPICS

a) CAPTAINCY ISSUES were discussed, vis a vis, that the current elected Captain, Tony Jones, wasn't having a fair crack of the whip in office during this year of the Covid-19 crisis. Having previously canvassed current Vice Captain, Brian Vickers, that he had no objection to waiting a year, it was suggested that Tony should stand in for the remainder of this year as 'Captain in Waiting', and to take up the reins in 2021. This he was pleased to do. It was pointed out that this would need ratification at the next AGM.

b) SUMMER PROGRAMME: A revised programme of the summer competitions was presented by the Secretary. This would need to commence at the beginning of July if we were

to complete all of our competitions by the end of summer. A few alterations were suggested, and it was agreed to 'give it a go'.

c) LOCAL RULE: To allow relief from footprints/unkept sand in bunkers. in line with guidance from England Golf, was discussed and adoption of 'place within six inches' was agreed. (Sec. note: only until the return of rakes?)

AOB: The suggestion of match with/against the ladies was raised, and it was hoped that this could be possible towards the end of summer.

The Date of next meeting will be at such time that we have something to discuss, TBA.

The meeting closed at 1.30pm

XX Captain signs here XX

## **Captain's Report 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020.**

Unfortunately, my Captains Report is going to be fairly short, as not a lot has happened since taking office due to the "lockdown period." I haven't even had the opportunity to do my Captains Drive yet.

I was pleased to become the 2020 Captain of the Seniors Section and was really looking forward to the coming year, but this was very short lived due to the lockdown situation and the Covid-19 pandemic and I am unsure what the remainder of the year will bring.

I had arranged a Captain's Away Day at Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club for the 15<sup>th</sup> June, but this has now had to be cancelled. I had been in contact with other clubs and companies and had made arrangements for various raffle prizes such as 4 ball prizes. I think that these also will now not take place as they only had a set period of time for them to be used. I had asked Bernie Deacon if he would help me organise a repeat of the Toyota Charity Day again this year and this was being arranged, again it has been cancelled.

I am not sure when we will be able to return to a normal golf club/society, but until then we have to make do with the best we can. We need to be thankful that we have not been struck down by this terrible virus, and as the song title says, "Things can only get better."

I would like to thank Jason and his staff on looking after the course whilst we were away, I am sure you will all agree that it is in great shape at the moment. It is also nice to have a flag in the hole rather than hitting the ball onto the green in a hit and hope shot, even though I was doing that on Monday resulting in a very poor score!

I would also like to thank all committee members once again for their work during these very trying and difficult times. I would like to thank Dave Long for his weekly quizzes and onstant updating on the website and I would especially like to thank Jim Connor for telephoning every one of the Seniors and checking on their wellbeing, I had been thinking of doing this myself, but Jim beat me to it, thank you Jim.

That is all I have to report at this time, thank you.

Tony Jones

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom11**

Membership has decreased slightly this time around. Losing the well-documented Bev Taylor, and also Peter Whitaker, who has lost enthusiasm for the game. Bob Williamson has put his membership in abeyance until such time as he feels fit enough to play. Also, Alec Tanner is another who has put his membership into abeyance, and David Perry has advised that he is confining his games to social golf, and would not be renewing.

This puts our current membership figure at 72.

As you are aware, the draft of the AGM Minutes was distributed to the membership, and with no errors or omissions reported, this will be issued ultimately as Rev00.

KVGL – Having managed to arm-twist John Green, with Duncan Lipscombe as his holiday back-up, John seemed to be operating with enthusiasm. It is a learning curve for all of us, and hopefully we shall pass the examinations with credit. However, as well documented, all League games have been scrapped for this year.

John and myself attended the seminar on the new WHS at Sundridge Park in March, and while the slope issue left us with our heads reeling, I think we have gained the gist of the actual handicap system. Q&As have been published on our website.

Due to the likelihood of not attracting enough teams, even if regulations allowed the event to go ahead, it was decided to abandon hopes of holding the Seniors Team Classic this year. All entrants had been refunded their entry fees.

Just to advise, that I am holding £140-odd for the Captain's Drive-In swindle.

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The Darenth Seniors

Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2020 as at 2/6/2020

	Income	Expenditure	
b/f	2,051.90		
Subscriptions	1,072.50		
GU fees	1,086.50		
Other	4.00		
TDS Classic	912.00	798.00	
Ties	10.00		
Comp Sec expenses		28.58	
Gratuities		80.00	
Bank		4,230.32	
Total	5,136.90	5,136.90	
Notes			
Bank	4,230.32		
GU 2018	36.30		
GU 2019	60.00		
GU 2020	1,086.50		
GU Fees VAT collected in error	286.20		
TDS Classic (Open) inc c/f £305.84	419.84		
Dinner/Lunch inc c/f £150.50	150.50		
Net TDS Funds	2,190.98		