

Minutes of Meeting of Founding Committee,

Of The Darenth Seniors

Held in The Darenth Club House on Thursday 8th February 2018

The Meeting opened at: 1.56pm

Present were: Duncan Lipscombe, David Vidgeon, Niall Maxwell, Jim Connor, Trevor Harvey, Paul Braithwaite, Bernie Deacon, & David Long.

PREVIOUS MINUTES of 28/12/17, were agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: TH queried justification for proposed £50 fee. PB explained the breakdown, highlighting that we had the same expenditure as previous, but with half the membership, also, that Union Affiliation Fees are included. This will need to be made crystal clear at the AGM. At the end of Year One there may be a surplus, so will need to be recalculated for ongoing years. On the issue of club ties, suggestion is that when we receive our bursary, part of this should go towards the purchase of ties. We can give past BH Senior members a replacement tie free of charge. Secondly anyone joining who wasn't a BHS member, then they have to buy the tie as part of a one-off sign-up fee. PB raised question of whether we need to have a £20 sign-up fee. It was agreed for the sake of clarity that new members would just pay the normal annual fee, which would include the cost of a tie, with the Treasurer having discretion on pro-rata rates for anyone joining midway through the year. JC suggested leaving in the constitution the fact that a joining fee is set. But this could be set at zero if need be. Captain emphasised the fact that we need to build up a bit of a rainy day fund.

CONSTITUTION UPDATE: JC stated that latest version was pretty much similar to the old BH one, with just a few necessary changes. One change that was needed was to cover the fact of Committee's proposal at previous meeting that when a Vice Captain is elected, this will be for a three year tenure. Year one as VC, year two as Captain, and year three as Immediate Past Captain. Also we would need to address Guidance Notes, and he would have a look at that, a few things will need tweaking. Discussion ensued over whether we can set a maximum handicap at 36. In the light that Congu rules now allow for handicaps to increment to 54, do we have leeway to cap at 36 under local rule. This will need checking out, and if permissible max of 36 will be recommended. Under the Dissolution Clause, it was agreed that wording should read along the lines: that the Committee shall dispose of assets as it deems fit. Deleting reference to funds going to Captain's charity. JC suggested that at the AGM, adoption of the Constitution is the first item, as without it, technically we would not exist, and cannot proceed with our business.

FRIENDLY MATCHES: TH: had agreed dates with most of our usual opponents, and are in our Diary. However, despite being prompted by email, Kings Hill had yet to get back to us, following a meeting they were holding mid-January. Captain offered to chase up KH Captain by phone, as we need to finalise our own diary. (*Sec. Mem: the following day informed by Captain that KH no longer wished to play us*). All the clubs have agreed to field 12-man teams. Awaiting to hear from Terry as to the cost of the meals. Discussion ensued over the number of slots required, we may need a couple of extra times on the dates of home matches to accommodate both the match, and non-match players.

CAPTAIN'S INAUGURATION TIMETABLE: DL: Suggestions had been made that the incoming Captain takes over duties at the close of AGM. Discussion ensued, and it was agreed to retain takeover as April 1st. His Drive-In will be held on the last Thursday of March. JC queried the Captain's Jacket, in view that we currently had no badge to display. For the interim, a plain jacket/blazer will be donned, with a badge added at a later time.

AWAYDAYS: DL on behalf of Bob Spillane, who has suggested that he has arranged six Awaydays, including the Captain's Awayday, and proposes that they be included in the Seniors Diary. Events would be opened up to all Seniors. Committee in agreement to the Monday Swindle Awaydays being incorporated.

PUBLISHING MINUTES: DL requested permission to publish our minutes on the Club website, in the interest of openness and transparency. Committee were in agreement.

AOB:

DV: On the matter of Handicapmaster, do we know where we are with that? PB stated that Kent Golf appeared to be the ones holding affiliation up. Jason has said that it is imminent, perhaps March, but being pushed to be affiliated this month.

DV: Noticeboard needs populating, so that it looks busy. Unfortunately being a quiet time of year, not a lot to go on there, but will try to fill up.

DV: On a personal note, he's likely to be out of action for three months, following his ankle surgery. Had spoken to Harry Baker with a view to standing in for him, which Harry willing to do.

BD: highlighted that that morning DV had forgotten to mark up and hand out the scorecards, and suggested that there was no reason players couldn't mark up their own cards in future.

BD: Announced he had acquired two trophies, the old Broke Hill Bell, which John Rampling had stripped and revarnished, and will be called the Captain's Bell. He also had a claret jug to be introduced as a scratch trophy, both for competing on Captain's Day. However, the cost will be about £50, and was asking for reimbursement if possible. Committee were in agreement to this. Meeting was reminded that the old Seven Springs Trophy was available for competing on the Captain's Awayday.

Meeting closed at 3.17pm