

Minutes of Meeting of Founding Committee,

Of The Darenth Seniors

Held in the BH Club House on Thursday 28th December 2017

The Meeting opened at: 2.10pm

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

Items discussed were:

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, PB outlined the arrangements in place for potential Associate Members. The cost for them to The Darenth would be a one-off, one-year deal, not renewable, of £150, which would entitle them to 10 rounds of golf accompanying the Section. PB opined that they should be charged some sort of Seniors' membership fee, but this was felt that this would confer to them certain playing rights. In the light that it wasn't desirable for them to win any 'board' competitions, it will be pointed out to them that they wouldn't be eligible to join us on certain competition days. (PB and DL to compile missive to this effect). Ultimately decided not to charge a membership fee. (It was felt by BD that should a member come in second place to an Associate Member, that member would feel that he has won the trophy by default).

TH: Would associates be eligible to play in inter club matches? Agreed that they could be recruited if we were really desperate, but it would count as one of their 10 rounds, home or away.

Bearing in mind that the option is a one year deal, Committee concluded that any references to Associate Membership does not need inclusion in any Constitution.

LEVEL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS: Following discussion, it was ultimately agreed that subscriptions shall be set, for the first year at least, at £50, which would include County Union and EGU subscriptions. Members who pay their Union fees through another club shall pay £35. Ongoing subscriptions shall be agreed at future AGMs.

DIARY ADJUSTMENTS: BD asked if a couple of matches during August could be rescheduled due to his holiday arrangements. The old Broke Hill Ladies wish to play us, Barbara Chappell will liaise. Will leave with TH to confirm with Birchwood and Kings Hill, from whom we haven't heard, and to see if there was any movement available on the August dates. It was agreed to utilise vouchers for Ladies match if necessary.

DV wished to drop four formats which can't be managed by HandicapMaster. It was agreed that these formats would be dropped. We would still have a wide variety of fun games.

DL: made suggestion that the Vice Captain would automatically be promoted to Captain the following year. Presently current VC could be making plans for following year's programme only to potentially finding himself usurped at the following AGM. Committee in agreement. Appointment of VC at AGM would be for a two-year tenure of VC then Captain.

HANDICAPS TO 36: Suggestion that the cap be taken off at 28, allowing handicaps to increment to 36. Those already set higher manually, could be adjusted by annual handicap review, as can others in

need. Committee are in agreement. (Sec note: BD insisted that this can only be adopted for fun games, which seemed to elicit agreement. However, if it is not adopted in Qualifiers, then there couldn't be any adjustment calculations made).

DV: At some stage we will be purchasing a version of HandicapMaster. Proposes that he visits PC World to purchase a cheap printer, at a cost of around £40-£50. Committee were in agreement.

DL declared that he had already paid out about £40, in domain name registration, and one year's web space rental.

CONSTITUTION: Needs to be tinkered with on matters agreed.

DEFIB update: St Johns don't purchase back. On ebay valued at around £600 or £700. Duncan has been attempting to contact Marjorie McClure to see if they would like it. Perhaps we could take it to Darenth. Then we had an option of Peter White's offer of £200. However EGM had decided that it couldn't be sold because of legal repercussions. We need to find a way of disposal.

NM declared that the final balance of BH Seniors' stood at £720.31.

Meeting closed at 3.10pm