

THE DARENTH SENIORS – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting, held in the Club House On Thursday 14th March 2024 (Rev00)

The meeting was pre-empted by the Secretary requesting that those present indicate as such by ticking the Membership Database list that was to be passed around during the meeting. Also, that proceedings would be audio-recorded for minuting purposes. And a reminder to switch off phones.

The meeting opened at 1.06pm

Members present were: Messrs. Athawes, Bavin, Bright, Burfoot, Burt, Carter, Connor, Dobbs, Finch, Fox, Harvey, Horton, Howat, Jarrard, Jones D, Long, Martin, Maxwell, Moore, Morgan, Rampling, Richards, Robinson, Spillane, Tidd, Vickers, Vidgeon, Walters, Watley, Williamson and Winters. **31 in total.**

Apologies for Absence were received from: Messrs. Allen, Green J, Green G, Haylock, Hazell, Hubbard, Hughes and Watts.

The Minutes of the previous, 6th, meeting having previously been distributed, were accepted unanimously, on a vote, proposed B. Dobbs, and seconded E. Carter, and were duly signed by the Chairman Barry Bright.

Matters Arising: Secretary, D. Long clarified some ambiguity in that Newly elected Captain, Jim Rothwell's introduction should have read that Barry Bright had been his original *preference for Vice Captain* early on. J. Connor enlightened meeting regarding the Spitfire propeller as offered by A. Bryant, had been turned down as in discussions Committee found that there was nowhere satisfactory to put it.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: On behalf of Jim Rothwell, Barry Bright reported that it had been a difficult year, especially in regard to Jim's illness and demise. We had done pretty well in matches, winning all of our friendly games, which is a first, and did reasonably well in the Kent League games. Announced that his charity, in respect to Jim, will again be bowel cancer research. Thanked Brian Dobbs for agreeing to stand as Vice Captain. Thanked Committee for all that they do.

Matters arising: Malcolm Fox enlightened that the Over-80s came mid table.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Audited balance sheet as appended. Treasurer explained he had factored in a 5% increase in expenditure for this year, and with a slightly diminishing membership, the fees for this year, inclusive of EG and KG union fees will need to be set at £57
Acceptance of the accounts was proposed D. Athawes, seconded W. Burt, was carried unanimously.
Implementation of the subscriptions set at £57 as proposed by the Treasurer, seconded by M. Finch, was carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: Eric Bunton, having been nominated as auditor, as proposed by the Treasurer, seconded by B. Dobbs. Acceptance was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS from 1st April 2024: The following members were proposed and seconded for the posts as shown below:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Second
Hon President	J. Connor	D. Tidd	S. Hazell
Vice-Captain	B. Dobbs	B. Bright	D. Long
Hon. Secretary	D. Long	S. Hazell	M. Finch
Treasurer	N. Maxwell	B. Hubbard	W. Burt
Comp. Secretary	J. Rampling	S. Hazell	M. Finch
Match Secretary	J. Green	A. Martin	S. Hazell
Social Secretary	B. Howat	D. Long	B. Vickers

Captain **B. Bright** Automatically assumes the role

Immediate Past Captain: Post unfilled,

Almoner **J. Connor** has offered his services and has been co-opted.

There being no objections from the floor to the principal of en bloc voting, election of the above officers was proposed by A. Martin, and seconded by B. Vickers was voted upon and carried unanimously.

PROPOSITIONS: There were no proposals submitted with the Secretary.

AOB: Malcolm Fox difficulty raising team for Knole Park appealed for volunteers.

Trevor Harvey asked about costs of matches for individual players. Home match have to buy drinks, return leg still have to buy a meal, wondered if committee had ever asked management to subsidise food costs on that day. Perhaps subsidise from section funds. Generally felt that the issue was a non-starter, but would be discussed at next committee meeting, and ask the Match Secretary to research further.

Martin Finch pondered do we need a recruitment drive? He's happy to ask people. Many options raised and discussed, including perhaps urging friends and neighbours to join; perhaps opening up the section to ladies; hold an event for Darenth members to introduce ourselves. One suggestion, Secretary to action by looking into the possibility of emailing all Darenth members of the right age to come along and try us out.

Tony Martin opined on buggies being a health and safety issue, during the current period of damp slippery conditions. After discussion it was generally agreed that the matter was outside of our remit.

David Long presented details of a proposed one-off Memorial Day for Jim Rothwell.

In winding up: Newly-elected Captain stated it felt inspiring to be a captain, can think of other captains. Looks forward to a good year especially with Brian as his Vice. Urged members to turn up it's a lovely atmosphere when there's plenty here. Look forward to a good year. Thank you gentlemen for your attendance.

The Date of next AGM: provisionally 13th March 2025.

The meeting closed at 2.00pm

XX Chairman signs here XX

The Darent Seniors
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2023

	Income		Expenditure	
	31/12/2023	31/12/2022	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
b/f	£1,154.98	£2,183.86		
Captains Charity	£2,528.74			£305.84
Comp Sec Expenses			£41.39	£62.89
Secs Expenses				£4.50
Trophies & Engraving			£1,147.19	£1,125.45
KGVL Subscription			£60.00	£60.00
KGVL Website			£12.50	
KGVL Jamboree	£1,600.00		£1,600.00	
Subscriptions	£1,411.00	£1,627.00		
GU Fees	£974.50	£1,138.50	£974.50	£2,318.00
Summer Dinner	£1,470.00	£1,540.00	£1,490.00	£1,526.00
Summer Dinner Raffle	£290.00		£290.00	
Summer Dinner Auction	£200.00		£200.00	
Xmas Extravaganza	£1,960.00	£1,680.00	£1,985.00	£1,652.00
Extravaganza raffle	£300.00		£300.00	
Extravaganza auction	£140.00		£140.00	
TDS Ties	£40.00	£30.00		£0.00
Birchwood lunch	£156.00		£156.00	
Poult Wood lunch	£130.00		£130.00	£0.00
Other - Barclays comp pmt		£25.00		
Website			£97.69	£14.70
Shirts	£35.00	£931.00		£931.00
Bank			£3,765.95	£1,154.98
Total	£12,390.22	£9,155.36	£12,390.22	£9,155.36

Notes

Bank	£3,765.95	£1,154.98
Ear marked funds:		
EGU fees	£0.00	£0.00
KGU fees	£0.00	£0.00
Dinner/Lunch b/f £224.50	£179.50	£224.50
Tie Fund b/f £70	£110.00	£70.00
Captains Charity	£2,528.74	
Shirts	£35.00	
Net TDS funds	£912.71	£860.48

Niall Maxwell - Treasurer



Eric Bunton - Auditor

