

THE DARENTH SENIORS – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting, held in the Club House On Thursday 13th March 2025 (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 took a few moments out to reflect upon the passing of some of our members over the past year.

The meeting opened at 1.05pm

Members present were: Messrs. Allen, Athawes, Bavin, Bright, Burt, Clements, Dobbs, Edmonds, Finch, Fox, Green G., Green J., Harvey, Hubbard, Hughes, Jarrard, Jones, Long, Maxwell, McCarthy, Moore, Rampling, Richards, Vickers, Watley, with J. Connor taking the Chair. **26 in total.**

Apologies for Absence were received from: Messrs. Beerling, Burfoot, Carter, Haylock, Horton, Howat, Martin, Morgan Robinson, White, Williams and Williamson.

The Minutes of the previous, 7th, meeting having previously been distributed, were accepted unanimously, on a vote, proposed M. Finch, and seconded B. Dobbs, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Captain apologised for his poor health performance over the past nine months, and thanked his Vice, Brian Dobbs for standing in so admirably. A total of £2,800 had been raised during his tenure, and he would be donating £1,400 each to Bowel Cancer Research, and Macmillan Nursing. In regard to results of matches, he was unaware of the outcomes, but M. Fox enlightened the meeting as to the Over-80s performance.

There were no matters arising.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance sheet for 2024 as appended. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed D. Richards, seconded W. Burt, and was accepted unanimously. Advised meeting that our previously appointed Auditor, Eric Bunton, having passed away during the year, he was in need to appoint a replacement, and Doug Hughes had taken on the role.

Adoption of the fees set at £36.75, plus union fees of £24.25, totalling £61, proposed by the Treasurer, Seconded by B. Vickers was voted upon, and carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: D. Hughes, having been nominated as auditor, as proposed by The Treasurer, seconded by M. Fox. Acceptance was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS from 1st April 2025: The following members were proposed and seconded for the posts as shown below:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Hon President	J. Connor	P. Williamson	M. Beerling
Vice-Captain	B. Burt	B. Dobbs	J. Rampling
Hon. Secretary	D. Long	S. Hazell	D. Athawes
Treasurer	G. Edmonds	N. Maxwell	E. Carter
Comp. Secretary	J. Rampling	B. Vickers	D. Hughes
Match Secretary	J. Green	D. Hughes	J. Connor
Social Secretary	B. Howat	D. Hughes	N. Kee

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

Immediate Past Captain: B. Bright Ex Officio

Almoner Position unfilled. However Chairman appealed for someone to have a think about it and maybe step forward at a later time.

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

PROPOSITIONS

a) Amendment of Constitution: Para 2.1, to reduce the minimum age from 55 to 50. Chairman outlined this as a means of expanding the membership. Committee proposal, seconded G. Moore. Proposal adopted unanimously.

AOB:

D. Long commented on a general lethargy in relation to players turning up for pairs format games, and wished to ascertain the feeling of the membership. Following general discussion, the general consensus was to discard alternate shot formats of game.

D. Long, on behalf of Social Secretary B. Howat, explained that it was being considered to change the menu choice for the Summer Dinner to a BBQ-style meal. Wishing to ascertain the feeling of the membership. General feeling was for retention of formal menu, but a wider choice of options would be desirable.

J. Rampling had been approached by Jason, who was not happy with five hour rounds that we have from time to time. We need to speed up play. The usual discussion ensued around this issue without resolution. We just need to be aware and keep up the pace with the group ahead.

B. Vickers raised issue of Pick and Place and requested that this option be available course-wide during periods of adverse conditions. Committee will take heed next winter.

T. Harvey commented that he felt that bushes etc lining fairways had become overgrown and deteriorated, and needed a good trim.

Newly-elected Captain thanked Bill Burt for agreeing to stand for Vice Captaincy. Announced that his nominated charity would be the Macmillan Nursing fund. And hoped for a good year, and good weather.

In winding up: Chairman advised that we had heard from Bob Spillane, who would not be renewing his membership. This would have been Bob's 25th year of membership 17 of which had been spent on Committee duties one way or another. It was felt that a special Vote of Thanks should be recorded, to which everyone agreed. A thank you for endeavours was extended to Niall Maxwell upon his standing down after several years as Treasurer. Thanked all for attendance and wished a safe journey home.

The Date of next meeting will be on 12th March 2026.

The meeting closed at 1.53pm

XX Chairman signs here XX

The Darenth Seniors
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2024

	Income		Expenditure	
b/f	31/12/2024	31/12/2023	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
Captains Charity	£3,765.95	£1,154.98		
Comp Secs Expenses	£829.00	£2,528.74	£3,357.74	
Trophies & Engraving			£42.49	£41.39
KGVL Subscription			£1,183.24	£1,147.19
KGVL Website			£65.00	£60.00
KGVL Jamboree			£10.50	£12.50
KGVL Donation	£375.00	£1,600.00	£375.00	£1,600.00
Subscriptions			£10.00	
GU Fees	£1,467.50	£1,411.00		
Summer Dinner	£1,023.50	£974.50	£1,000.00	£974.50
Summer Dinner Raffle	£1,440.00	£1,470.00	£1,474.00	£1,490.00
Summer Dinner Auction		£290.00		£290.00
Xmas Extravaganza		£200.00		£200.00
Xmas Extravaganza Raffle	£1,470.00	£1,960.00	£1,475.00	£1,985.00
Xmas Extravaganza Auction		£300.00		£300.00
TDS Ties		£140.00		£140.00
Birchwood Lunch	£50.00	£40.00		
Poult Wood Lunch		£156.00		£156.00
Shirts		£130.00		£130.00
Website		£35.00	£35.00	
Handicap Master			£14.81	£97.69
Bank			£205.20	
Total	£1,172.97	£3,765.95	£1,172.97	£3,765.95

Notes:

Bank	£1,172.97	£3,765.95
Earmarked funds :		
GU fees	£23.50	
Events	£140.50	£179.50
Tie Fund	£160.00	£110.00
Captains Charity		£2,528.74
Shirt		£35.00
Sub Total	£324.00	£2,853.24
Net TDS Funds	£848.97	£912.71

Niall Maxwell - Treasurer

Doug Hughes - Auditor

6/2/2025