THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 26) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 13th February 2025

The meeting opened at 1.55pm
Present were: Jim Connor, John Rampling, John Green, David Long, Brian Howat with Brian Dobbs taking the Chair.
Apologies for Absence: Niall Maxwell and Barry Bright.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 14th November 2024 (DarCom 25), having been pre-distributed were adopted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING: The question of HandicapMaster charges was raised, and with the absence of the Treasurer who had been charged with eliciting an answer from Jason Fox, it was decided to carry this issue over to our next meeting.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: In the absence of the Captain, Vice Captain briefly summed up, mentioning receiving comments regarding mud on balls. Also announced that Bill Burt has agreed to stand for the post of Vice Captain for the coming year.

There were no matters arising.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended. Committee passed a Vote of Thanks to Bob Spillane and David Walters for their past efforts.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reported a balance in hand of £778.97. Running Balance sheet as appended. In Treasurer's absence Committee endeavoured to generate a budget for the coming year, coming to a conclusion that Section fees of £36.75 plus £24.25 union fees, totalling £61 should cover expenditures. This to be agreed with Treasurer.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported he had attempted to get a couple of social activities organised, but nothing had come of them. Wondered if we wanted to do something different for the Summer Dinner, and requested members to have a think about this.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Report as appended.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported that not a lot had happened. At this time of year we had not a lot of competitions of late due to adverse weather conditions, numbers very low. The restriction on buggy usage hadn't helped the situation. JC commented that during today's competition, greenkeepers had moved the hole on our Nearest-the-Pin hole. They did move the marker to an equidistance, but shouldn't be changing the course mid-competition.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported that nothing had occurred since last meeting, but he had sent out an email encouraging people to submit all cards into the system, as this had been an issue raised at KGVL AGM.

TOPICS

a) Guidance Notes Revision: DL had presented the latest draft of the Guidance Notes, with revisions, as per previous meeting made. Committee agreed to adoption of this latest draft.

b) Monday Swindle: JR stated he had spoken with Tony Bavin, as charged at previous meeting, that Swindle should come under the umbrella of the Committee. TB was not content with this occurring, therefore JR content to leave things, and continue to run the Swindle independently.

c) <u>Later starts during winter</u>: NM was to present this proposal, but in his absence DL advised that there had been suggestions from the membership for a later starts, by an hour, during the winter months. Committee were not enamoured, drawbacks being school runs and generally heavier traffic in both directions. Committee not in favour of pursuing.
d) <u>Items to raise at AGM</u>: JC formally proposed a change in wordage in Constitution, to bring age requirement down from 55 to 50. The matter having been agreed upon in DarCom24.

<u>AOB</u>
BH commented on the cost of trophies, and trying to reduce those costs, perhaps present vouchers instead? Following discussion, consensus was to see how it goes, then cut our cloth accordingly.
BD raised issue of golf balls for the Captain's Charity. With only a dozen or so games to play until the end of the Captain's year, some individuals offered to supply some.
JC advised that the matter of pick and place will be raised by someone at the AGM. Various issues surrounding this matter was discussed without resolution.
JG suggested having another day made available if one of our regular meetings is rained off. Discussion meandered without resolution.

The Date of next meeting will be on 24th April 2025, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 3.47pm

XX Chairman signs here XX

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom26

I have been advised, of late, that Andy Bryant, Bob Spillane and David Walters have not/are not renewing their membership at The Darenth. With one new member, Nigel Kee, to fill the gap, our membership total currently totals 44.
With Jim Connor standing down as Almoner, we are currently canvassing for a replacement. No doubt this issue will be raised under AOB.

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The Darenth Seniors

Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2025 as at 9/2/2025

	Income		Expenditure	
	31/12/2025	31/12/2024	31/12/2025	31/12/2024
b/f	£1,172.97	£3,765.95		
Captains Charity		£829.00		£3,357.74
Comp Secs Expenses				£42.49
Trophies & Engraving				£1,183.24
KGVL Subscription			£70.00	£65.00
KGVL Website				£10.50
KGVL Jamboree		£375.00		£375.00
KGVL Donation				£10.00
Subscriptions		£1,467.50		
GU Fees		£1,023.50		£1,000.00
Summer Dinner		£1,440.00		£1,474.00
Xmas Extravaganza		£1,470.00		£1,475.00
TDS Ties		£50.00		
Shirts				£35.00
Website				£14.81
Handicap Master				£205.20
Bank			£1,102.97	£1,172.97
Total	£1,172.97	£10,420.95	£1,172.97	£10,420.95

Notes:		
Bank	**£1,102.97**	**£1,172.97**
Earmarked Funds		
GU Fees	£23.50	£23.50
Events	£140.50	£140.50
Tie Fund	£160.00	£160.00
Sub total	**£324.00**	**£324.00**
Net TDS Funds	**£778.97**	**£848.97**

Almoner's Report to Seniors Committee - Thursday 13th February 2025

Start by noting the passing of Roy Winters on Christmas Day and subsequent funeral on 21st January at Bluebell Crematorium. The wake was held at Blackheath Golf Club. The funeral and wake were well attended by Members of the Seniors past and present.

Alan Cornish funeral was yesterday and a small number of members attended.

Dave Richards continues to visit the Club to practice etc. and hopes to be back playing soon.

Captain Barry Bright will be attending meeting and can give his own update?

Dave Watts' is doing well. Recent CT scan showed only slight deterioration in his condition.

Finally, I have asked a couple of suitable members if they would be interested in taking over the Almoner's role. Unfortunately they were not. I have decided to step down as Almoner at the AGM, the role started for me before the pandemic, so about five years ago now. It may be that someone will offer their services in time for the AGM! I have discussed with our Secretary the need for the Committee to appoint an Almoner each year. The bottom line is that if a volunteer is willing to undertake the role then brilliant. However, if no one is available, we suggest the position is left vacant. and a judgement made at a later date about the continuation of the position.

Jim Connor
13th February 2025