

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 21) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 16th November 2023

The meeting opened at 9.10am

Present were: Barry Bright, David Long, John Green, Niall Maxwell, John Rampling, Jim Connor, plus Brian Howat invited in as a Social Secretary-elect.

Apologies for Absence: David Watts

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 15th June 2023 (DarCom20), having been pre-distributed, were adopted as a true record and signed by the Vice Captain, Barry Bright.

MATTERS ARISING: JC updated the meeting regarding some of the issues raised during his and JGs meeting with Jason Fox. Brian Vickers was currently generating a list of shirts to be ordered; the suggested notice inviting membership to the Section which was to be posted in the foyer had not been done. Tee box furniture still to occur. Still problems occurring over bar charges, and a tariff board still not actioned.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Vice Captain announced that he had asked Brian Dobbs to be his Vice at the next AGM, to which he was agreeable. Felt that the course had held up well, and had nothing but compliments; and showed his appreciation for procedural help and advice that he had received.

Matters Arising: There were none.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report and Balance sheet as appended.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended. (Dictated by the Secretary in his absence). Meeting of the opinion that no need to mention JR in Extravaganza intro, as felt it only needed mentioning once.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Report as appended.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT and KGV L: Report as appended.

TOPICS

- a) GAME FORMATS not compliant with HandicapMaster: DL stated that certain formats, ie Dovetail, Stablecross, Rumble, Waltz and Yellowball, were not compliant with HandicapMaster software, and proposed abandonment of these formats from our schedule. Following discussion Committee were amenable to these formats being dropped from the schedule.
- b) MONDAY SWINDLE: JC confused over the status of the Swindle, and sought clarity if it is part of the Section. JR insistent it is a separate entity. Stated that on taking it over he runs it his way. Much general conversation, culminating in JR to approach Tony Bavin, originator of the Swindle, to ascertain if now it could come under the umbrella of the Section.
- c) HANDICAPPING: JG concerned that should rounds not be completed, the player should incur a handicap penalty as per WHS rules. This was not happening in the manner that scores are currently entered. Much discussion concluded with no resolution.
- d) COST SAVINGS: JC. Suggestion has been made that only winners of competitions receive trophies, and not runners-up. DL, having previously calculated the expected savings advised that this year this could make a saving of some £200, around £4 a head. Committee noted, and may have to readdress this subject in the future.

e) JAMES ROTHWELL: DL led discussion with four matters under this umbrella. Firstly querying if BB immediately takes over the role of Captain or remains Vice Captain until AGM? Meeting of opinion that BB retains title of VC.

Questions had been asked if the Section would be sending a wreath or donating to charity. It was pointed out that as a section we never have done so. Agreed to retaining the status quo. Individuals are at liberty to donate, obviously.

NTP charity balls. It is normal practice for Captain to supply sleeves of balls. For past few months, JR and BB have been supplying, which is not fair on them. Suggestion that £5 be deducted from each collection to cover the cost of ball purchase. We have a few in store at the moment, unless any member wished to donate, then Committee in agreement to cover the oncost in this way once balls run out. Members will need advising of this. A trophy named in James' memory had been suggested. Again, not been done before, and where do you stop? Eventual decision to hold a one-off Memorial Day in his honour, on a Medal round day next summer, to be selected by the Secretary.

AOB

DL advised that he was in possession of a 4-ball voucher for the Weald of Kent. This was in exchange for Jason supplying one for their charity day earlier this year. This will be put up for auction at the Extravaganza.

BH also advised that he was donating a selection of silk ties, also up for auction at the Extravaganza.

JG asked if past Captains are invited to the Extravaganza. Informed that anybody can be invited.

The Date of next meeting will be on Thursday 15th February 2024 at the Club House, in readiness for AGM.

The meeting closed at 11.39am.

XX Captain signs here XX

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom21

Just one new member since last we met. One, Alan (Buzz) Morse, and old friend from Broke Hill days. Comforting to see that he hasn't threatened to put Jason up against the wall, just yet.

I have been in telephone contact with a potential new member, a Brian Burns, currently a member of Hever Castle. He is disenchanted with not playing in winter there, and is considering joining Darenth. He is currently undergoing a 'procedure' and we may see him in a week or two.

David Vidgeon has had a 'sort out' of members, and has recategorised Jeremy Coyle and Barry Lowe as 'Past Members'. I understand that Jeremy has no intention of returning to the fold, but as far as I am aware, Barry's membership is still in abeyance. So he is still listed as 'on the books' as far as I am concerned. I did check with Jane the status of Vinnie Wallis' membership, and she informs me that he has not renewed this year. And, of course, it goes without saying our sad loss last week of our Captain, James Rothwell. This puts our membership total at 50.

Next year's inter-club matches, Friendlies and League, have all been scheduled barring Park Wood.

I have been asked why Kevin Beerling is showing on the Seniors' handicap list. The reason being for this is that he needs to be classed as a Senior Section member on that list in order to be included in the Monday Swindle draw. States that he does intend to join us fully in a couple of years' time when he is age compliant.

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The Darenth Seniors Golf Club Committee Meeting (DARCOM 21) 16th November 2023
Treasurers Report for financial year ended 31/12/2023 as at 11/11/2023

£4,327.63	Current bank balance
£2,284.44	Less earmarked funds
£2,043.19	Net TDS funds
£1,460.29	Budgeted expenditure for 2023
£ 228.29	Already paid out of budget
£1,232.00	Remainder to be paid from net TDS funds above
£ 811.19	Projected surplus at year end (£2,043.19 - £1,232.00)
£ 860.48	Net TDS funds 2022
£ 811.19	Projected net TDS funds 2023
£ 49.29	Reduction in net surplus funds
£1,622.50	Forecast subscription income (55x£29.50)
£1,411.00	Actual subscription income to date (48 x £29.50 - £5 discount to late starter)
£ 211.50	Shortfall in projected subscription income

Jamboree

£1,920.00	Receipts (6 x £320)
£1,914.26	Expenditure
£ 5.74	Surplus to Captains charity

The Darenth Seniors
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2023 as at 19/9/2023

	Income		Expenditure	
	31/12/2023	31/12/2022	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
b/f	£1,154.98	£2,183.86		
Captains Charity	£1,829.94			£305.84
Comp Sec Expenses			£22.39	£62.89
Secs Expenses				£4.50
Trophies & Engraving			£133.40	£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	£140.00	£1,680.00		£1,652.00
TDS Ties	£40.00	£30.00		
Birchwood lunch	£156.00		£156.00	
Poult Wood lunch	£130.00		£130.00	
Other - Barclays comp pmt		£25.00		
Website				£14.70
Shirts		£931.00		£931.00
Bank			£4,327.63	£1,154.98
Total	£9,396.42	£9,155.36	£9,396.42	£9,155.36
Notes				
Bank	£4,327.63	£1,154.98		
Ear marked funds:				
EGU fees	£0.00	£0.00		
KGU fees	£0.00	£0.00		
Dinner/Lunch b/f £224.50	£344.50	£224.50		
Tie Fund b/f £70	£110.00	£70.00		
Captains Charity	£1,829.94			
Net TDS funds	£2,043.19	£860.48		

Niall Maxwell - Treasurer

Eric Bunton - Auditor

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – SenCom21

All arrangements made for Christmas Lunch. Sign up sheets and Menu details posted on Notice Board. Cost is £35 per person - same as last year. Sheets need to come down on 30 November. Please scan them to me so I can do table breakdown and confirm numbers and menu choices to Kerry after I get back on 4 December. Doug Hughes doing raffle and Niall taking photos. I can say a few words about Jim's demise in my welcome speech before we eat (if ok with Committee that is)

I will be stepping down at the end of the year and Brian Howat has agreed to stand as replacement.

I am away from 13 Nov to 4 Dec but contactable as wi-fi on boat.

See you when I get back.

Almoner's Report 16th November 2023 Committee Meeting

The Seniors Captain health has been a roller coaster since our last meeting. He has been in hospital, enjoyed convalescents with his sister for several weeks and had various medical problems requiring different treatments. He was readmitted to hospital about 3 weeks ago. I spoke to him during this period and as you are all aware passed away on Sunday 5th November 2023. On Tuesday 6th November a message was sent to all those on the Seniors WhatsApp group advising Members of the Captain's passing and Dave on the same day reinforced this message with an entry on the Website about James. We know that several Members did not see either message. Many messages of condolences were posted on WhatsApp. Details about the funeral and wake will be circulated as soon as known.

Very pleased to see Gordon Green return to regularly playing golf following his wife's health improvement.

Tony Haylock is recovered from his various health issues and has been playing golf at his home Club. He intends to play next in the Monday Swindle on 20th November.

David Athawes is returning to playing golf Monday next. I believe he will be pacing himself as he suffered some discomfort in his side last time he played.

Managed to make contact with Jeremy Coyle, who is still alive he tells me. Unlikely to come back to playing golf here, however after a protracted period of health problems hopes to swing a club with a friend soon.

Jim Connor

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT – SenCom21

All seems to be running fine at the moment, except for the weather.

Tee times are working for us.

There was a problem the other weekn when some groups got to the 1st tee after starting on the 10th. A society was given preference so they only played nine holes.

I do get comments made such as why am I always last off, why am I always off the 10th. Dave Long keeps records of this and if it is proved to be, then I do something about it.

I know that with some 50 odd members I am not going to please everyone all the time, but I do do my best. And I won't let it get to me.

Anyway, grumble over. Is there any questions for me?

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Match Secretaries Report SenCom21

As reported at the last meeting, our very good start to the season continued throughout and we finish unbeaten from our 8 matches

Of our membership of 50 I'm delighted to say that a total of 23 players represented us over those 8 matches nearly a half of the membership. I would like to offer my thanks to all who played and also to those people that stepped up when I was not available. John Rampling Dave Long and Niall Maxwell

This leaves us in a good position for next year and I'm waiting to hear from Dave re dates for our fixtures

We will need to know nearer the date the cost of food for next year so we can ascertain what we can offer to teams coming to us

JG

KVGL Secretaries Report 16th Nov 23

All of our league matches were concluded by the 2nd week of September. We finished 3rd in the league out of 6 teams so not too bad at all.

We won all of our home matches and one away, halved one and lost 3 so overall played very well although we did lose to Lamberhurst 10 nil at their course. There was only 8 points between 1st and 3rd place so close with winners not known until the last round of matches

A total of 23 players used so as in the friendlies a great number of people participating

The league was won by Lamberhurst and so as agreed at the start of the season they get promoted up and Wrotham come down into our league

League tables and all results are on the KVGL web site

Dave Long and myself attended the League AGM a couple of weeks ago at Dartford GC and there it was confirmed that we would be playing to the same rules and regulations as last year with handicaps also staying unchanged

Dave Long has already agreed dates for all of our matches next year with ours again starting at 12.00

We did not have any entries in the League Singles Championship or the Pairs Championship. We can enter 2 in the singles and one pair in the Pairs. These have a maximum playing handicap of 18 and we do not have many players with that who wanted to play and the dates did not work either

Next years has already been agreed, Singles on 17th September at The Ridge and the Pairs on 26th September at Nizels. I will see nearer the date if anyone is interested

At the end of the season, we hosted the league Jamboree which went extremely well with all six teams taking part, a total of 60 players. Jason agreed to our request to host with no green fees payable. The weather although wet at the beginning improved and we got very good comments back after the matches as to the condition of the course. Jason and Kerry were away but the remaining staff stepped up and did an excellent job for us.

The day was won by the Ridge with Ourselves playing perfect hosts coming in in sixth place. Costs for food and prizes collected before hand and we ended with just under £6 going to the Captain's Charity

My thanks to Dave Long for his help both before as well as on the day and to Jim Conner who conducted the ball sweep very well making £155 for our Captains Charity

Poult Wood were so happy with the day that they have already agreed to host next year

My thanks to all the players who represented us during the year

JG