

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 22) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 15th February 2024

The meeting opened at 1.33pm

Present were: Jim Connor, Niall Maxwell, David Watts, David Long and John Rampling.

Apologies for Absence: John Green. Barry Bright, it was believed was attending a funeral.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 16th November 2023 (DarCom 21), having been pre-distributed were adopted as a true record and signed pp the Captain by President Jim Connor.

MATTERS ARISING: JC updated the meeting on the state of ordering of club shirts and attire, advising the cost of shirts at £45, and jumpers at £75. Brian Vickers is now able to proceed with ordering.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: In his absence no report was presented, therefore no Matters Arising thereof.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Accounts as appended. Having carried out a budget forecast, projected costs calculated that subscriptions for this year need to be £36.50. Union fees of £20.50 would be on top of this amount. Committee in agreement to propose this amount to the AGM. Matter of Captain's Charity funds discussed and agreed to terminate James Rothwell's appeal at the end of February so that a final amount may be announced to the AGM.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported that the Christmas meal seemed to go quite well, although there were a few complaints in regard to the catering, which had been onpassed to Jason. NM pointed out that the last two functions had shown a deficit of £25 each. DW explained reasonings for some dropouts getting refunds and others not. Being David's final meeting, as not seeking re-election, the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks for a job well done.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Report as appended. It was agreed unanimously that Jim Connor continues in the role of Almoner

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

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended, as dictated by the Secretary.

TOPICS

- a) Items for discussion at AGM: DL asked if anyone have any matters to raise at the AGM to be added to the proposed agenda, to which nobody had any issues they felt needed resolving. It was reiterated that on the question of subscriptions it should be stressed to the membership at Union fees are on top of our own annual subscription.
- b) James Rothwell Memorial Day: DL requested input from committee in regard to what the Memorial Day should entail. General discussion ensued. Without going into details, certain suggestions were made and taken on board.

AOB JC pointed out that the handicap system will be making changes from April. NM contributed some details about how the system will work, enlightening the meeting.

The Date of next meeting will be on 18th April 2024, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 2.47pm

XX Captain signs here XX

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom22

Potential new member Brian Burns, who I mentioned last meeting has appeared to have not materialised. Still, Jason has plenty more that he keeps promising to point in our direction.

A sad loss from our line up is Alan Mitchell, who at the remarkable age 90+ is hanging up his bats. This is along with others not renewing and having been deleted from our database of Tony Jones and Barry Lowe. I learned second-hand last week that Brian Rayner has moved to West Byfleet, and has not renewed his membership. This puts our fighting force at 46.

Having made enquiries, I learn that Alan Bigg is still an active member of the course.

(As we were queuing on the first tee this morning, a person who had previously made enquiries about joining us turned up and apologised for his lateness.

Unfortunately there were no slots left available for him to join in. It was hoped that I could catch him post round, as he had played a solo round behind us.

Unfortunately he didn't show his face in the bar, but it is hoped he will turn up next week.)

I have posted preliminary notice of AGM, to be held on March 14th.

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The Darenth Seniors
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2024 as at 6/2/2024

	Income		Expenditure	
	31/12/2024	31/12/2023	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
b/f	£3,765.95	£1,154.98		
Captains Charity	£277.00	£2,528.74		
Comp Secs Expenses				£41.39
Trophies & Engraving				£1,147.19
KGVL Subscription			£65.00	£60.00
KGVL Website				£12.50
KGVL Jamboree		£1,600.00		£1,600.00
Subscriptions		£1,411.00		
GU Fees		£974.50		£974.50
Summer Dinner		£1,470.00		£1,490.00
Summer Dinner Raffle		£290.00		£290.00
Summer Dinner Auction		£200.00		£200.00
Xmas Extravaganza		£1,960.00		£1,985.00
Xmas Extravaganza Raffle		£300.00		£300.00
Xmas Extravaganza Auction		£140.00		£140.00
TDS Ties		£40.00		
Birchwood Lunch		£156.00		£156.00
Poult Wood Lunch		£130.00		£130.00
Shirts		£35.00		
Website				£97.69
Bank			£3,977.95	£3,765.95
Total	£4,042.95	£12,390.22	£4,042.95	£12,390.22

Notes:

Bank	£3,977.95
Earmarked funds :	
Events	£179.50
Tie Fund	£110.00
Shirts	£35.00
Captains Charity	£2,805.74
Sub Total	£3,130.24
Net TDS Funds	£847.71

Niall Maxwell - Treasurer

Eric Bunton - Auditor

Almoner's Report 15th February 2024 Committee Meeting

The Seniors Captain as you are all aware, passed away on Sunday 5th November 2023. His funeral took place on 22nd January 2024, which had been delayed following the intervention of the Coroner. We await to hear the conclusions of his enquiries. Approximately 15 or so Darenth Seniors attended the service in Gravesend, along with about 10 former playing colleagues of Jim from the former Woodlands Golf Course. The Wake being held at a local social club.

Pleased to see Tony Haylock and David Athawes return to playing some golf with us, following their various health problems.

Malcolm Morgan has had a number of medical problems recently involving his hip and other matters and recently been in hospital for tests involving his heart. He hopes to return to playing golf in March.

Bob Spillane has not been to the Club since early December because of his wife Lynne's hospitalisation and subsequent medical treatment. Bob hopes to pop in soon to see us.

Tony Bavin was also unwell for several weeks following hospital treatment, however he is back playing golf, subject to weather conditions.

Tony Jones has had a diagnosis that in effect means that only 53% of his lungs are working properly. He is on a medication that should stabilise his condition, albeit they have some side-effects,, however there is a time line on his life expectancy (5 to 10 years?). I understand that his membership of the Club will/has ceased.

Alan Mitchell declared that he was not renewing his membership, however hopes to pop in and see us from time to time.

Jim Connor

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom22

The tee times that we have are working OK.

Attendance from the start of the year averaged: Mondays 21.4; Thursdays 13.2.
Some of the days we did not or could not play.

If the numbers increase with the better weather I will speak to Kerry about more tee times.

The competitions that we took out of play have not caused any problems which is good news.

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Match Secretary's Report 15th February 2024

Dave Long has agreed all of the match dates for the coming year as they are shown on the web site, we have friendly matches home and away against Park Wood, Eltham Warren, Cherry Lodge and Birchwood.

Likewise, dates for the KVGL matches have also all been agreed

Cost of food this year,

For Coffee/tea and biscuits on arrival and Sandwiches and Chips thereafter £13.00 per person which is unchanged

Coffee/tea NO biscuits and Sandwiches and Chips thereafter £12.50 per person

Coffee/tea and biscuits on arrival followed by 2 course lunch £22.50 per person up £1.00, last year we charged every one £22.00 giving 0.50 as tip

No biscuits on arrival reduces the cost by £0.50

It is only the 3 matches with Park Wood, Eltham Warren and Cherry Lodge that we have 2 course lunch

Even with reduced numbers in our membership I hope that the enthusiasm to play shown last year carries over to this year

JG