

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 23) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 18th April 2024

The meeting opened at 13:28

Present were: Brian Dobbs, John Rampling, Niall Maxwell, John Green, Brian Howat, James Connor and David Long.

Apologies for Absence: Barry Bright

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 15th February 2024 (DarCom22), were having been pre-distributed, were adopted as a true record and signed by the Chairman, Brian Dobbs

MATTERS ARISING: There were none.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Captain was unavailable to present a report. There were no Matters Arising.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended. In regard to membership recruitment, BD advised that he was in contact with members in the club and will enquire as to their leanings to joining us.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance sheets as appended. Treasurer ran through the figures. Advised that 19 subscriptions were still outstanding, and would email the late payers. Also admitted that Union fees had increased, and we had underestimated our expenditure, and was looking like a £120 shortfall. JC advised that it should be proposed that Jim Rothwell's charity cheque be handed over to daughter Christine at the Memorial Day.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report that he had endeavoured to get some event off the ground, perhaps a St. George's Day event, but had received a lukewarm response from owner Jason in this regard, and was unsure of how to proceed with further events. Stated that Jason had offered him some free golf vouchers to encourage some Park Wood members to come over.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Report as appended.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report that the summer's tee times of 8 from the 1st and 3 from the 10th had been agreed with Kerry. The Yorkshire Plate matches had gotten well behind. The laggards had been emailed in this regard, and had been warned that a coin will be tossed if matches were not resolved very soon. Informed Committee that Preferred Lies will cease at the end of April.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported that two matches had been played thus far resulting in a win by about 10 points in our first leg with Park Wood, and that we had won by 4-2 against Eltham Warren the previous day. We have our first KGV L game, at home, next Wednesday against The Ridge, but was still one player short. Bemoaned people not answering emails.

TOPICS

a) AGM Matters: DL raised that there was the issue raised by Trevor Harvey regarding the costs of playing in matches and asking for a subsidy of food costs. The matter had been left over for Committee to discuss, which it did and came to the conclusion that there was no way to resolve equitably and the matter was insoluble.

b) GUIDANCE NOTES: JC went into details for the reasons for the notes, and deemed that they needed to be updated, as they had not been done so since inception, and needed a revamp as certain matters mentioned within were out of date. DL added that, in addition, the Role of Officers needed looking at, in particular that Captain chairs meetings. One issue being that with a new Captain each year there was no continuity in how meetings proceeded. The suggestion was that someone like the President, who usually remains in office over a few years would be a better option. Committee in agreement that JC and DL should look into this, and get back to Committee.

c) SCRATCH COMPETITION: DL As discussed in previous meetings, a new Scratch competition should be instigated. DL had looked into HandicapMaster for such a format of competition, but found no facility for this. To this end a spreadsheet has been produced to run such competition. Advised that it would run over the 12 Qualifying competitions of the summer, taking the best six scores; The membership would be split into three roughly equal divisions based on handicap; Players would remain in the same division for the entire season regardless of any change of handicap; Stableford rounds would be equated to a medal score, Medal rounds as is; in the event of ties countback will go to best 5, best 4 and so on. The matter of a trophy was discussed, with the preferred option being of one trophy for the three divisions, with no individual trophies. DL to look into this.

AOB: JG complained that players were not keeping to the three minute rule when searching for a ball. We should either disregard this rule or abide by it. General discussion ensued, and it was decided that the membership should be reminded continually. Advisories posted on the website, and the Captain will be prompted to give a reminder at each meeting.

BD asked what was the format of Captain's Days. He was advised that it can be whatever the Captain of the day wished, and various options were suggested.

The Date of next meeting will be on Thursday 20th June 2024, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 14:43

XX Chairman signs here XX

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom23

We learn this week that David Watts has declared to Jason that he is rescinding his membership. No doubt this will be expanded upon in the Almoner's Report. Without any new members on the horizon, this loss will put our total membership at 45.

One member, namely Buzz Morse was having a whinge, last week, regarding his handicap, and how he thought that it was wrong. This led me to making enquiries to try to prove him wrong. However, it appears that his grievance did have some merit. On checking my own, and a few others it looked as if EG was using the Horizon computer system, as each person's best eight scores were not averaging out at their Handicap Index figure. After trawling through EG and KGU web sites I came across an element in the handicapping system of hard and soft caps, of which I was aware but had disregarded in the early days thinking it of no relevance to us. How wrong was I. The upshot of all this being that while Buzz's handicap is technically correct, the initial allotment of his initial handicap when joining us was deemed unfair. To this end we have enlisted the assistance of David Vidgeon in order to get this rectified. Alas he doesn't know exactly how he should go about getting the handicap altered, so has been in contact with Sarah McDonald of the KGU to enlighten him. He believes he has got his head around it now, and has proposed a meeting with the Handicap Committee for Monday week.

I was reminded last week when browsing through the AGM Minutes, that I was charged with emailing Darenth members who were age compliant to enlighten them of our presence. I had asked Jason just after the meeting if he would supply me with the relevant details of such people, which he was reluctant to do. I can, however, trawl through each member's details individually on HandicapMaster to obtain these details, but this would be an onerous task, but is do-able.

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	DARCOM 23
Net TDS Funds b/f	£912.71
Budgeted subscription income	£1,460.00
Sub total	£2,372.71
Budgeted spend	£1,443.71
Actual spend to date	£223.53
Remaining budget	£1,220.18
Budgeted net TDS Funds at year en	£929.00

Actual spend:	
KGVL subscription	£65.00
Comp sec expenses	£16.49
Trophies & engraving	£131.54
KGVL Website	£10.50
Total spend to date	£223.53
Remaining budget	£1,220.18
	£1,443.71

Actual income to date:	
Subscriptions	£838.00 (25 members paid, 20 reminders sent))

The Darenth Seniors
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2024 as at 17/4/2024

	Income		Expenditure	
	31/12/2024	31/12/2023	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
b/f	£3,765.95	£1,154.98		
Captains Charity	£360.00	£2,528.74		
Comp Secs Expenses			£16.49	£41.39
Trophies & Engraving			£131.54	£1,147.19
KGVL Subscription			£65.00	£60.00
KGVL Website			£10.50	£12.50
KGVL Jamboree		£1,600.00		£1,600.00
Subscriptions	£838.00	£1,411.00		
GU Fees	£577.00	£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			£5,317.42	£3,765.95
Total	£5,540.95	£12,390.22	£5,540.95	£12,390.22

Notes:

Bank	£5,317.42
Earmarked funds :	
Events	£179.50
Tie Fund	£110.00
Shirts	£35.00
Captains Charity	£2,888.74
Sub Total	£3,213.24
Net TDS Funds	£2,104.18

Niall Maxwell - Treasurer

Eric Bunton - Auditor

Almoner's Report to Seniors Committee - Thursday 18th April 2024

You will be pleased to hear that Glenn Hutchins reports that the refurbishment of his home in Herne Bay has recently been completed.

James Rothwell's Memorial Day is Thursday 13th June 2024. I am in touch with his daughter Christine, who has kindly agreed to present the prizes on the day.

Bob Spillane has not been to the Club since early December because of his wife Lynne's hospitalisation and subsequent medical treatment, she is having Chemo. Bob has had his own health issues with him being hospitalised for a period with pneumonia. He managed to attend Bob Mills funeral.

Bob Mills funeral was attended by about eight members and former members of the Seniors. Five attended the Wake. Bob's family were very welcoming to us and appreciated our attendance at the Service and Wake.

As promised, Alan Mitchell has popped up to the Club to see everyone and enjoy some refreshments.

Dave Watts' recent scan indicated that he has serious scarring within his lungs. He managed to play 10 holes of golf since his diagnosis, using a buggy, however was struggling badly with no energy and breathing difficulties. He has now advised that he will have to stop playing golf, because of Pulmonary Fibrosis. There is no cure although there may be some treatments that will help him. The Committee would no doubt wish to record how grateful we are for his work in several roles for the Seniors, including Treasurer and Social Secretary, let alone his contribution to the Section in general as a person and golfer.

Finally, as you may have read within Welfare News, Dave Tidd has been diagnosed with Cancer in the Oesophagus. He requires further scans, then Chemo and the removal of a tumour (once shrunk). Dave hopes to play golf as much as he can as his treatment progresses. We all no doubt wish Dave every success with his treatment.

Jim Connor
18th April 2024