

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 24) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 20th June 2024

The meeting opened at 1.47pm

Apologies for Absence: Barry Bright, Niall Maxwell

Present were: David Long, John Rampling, John Green, Jim Connor, Brian Howat, with Brian Dobbs taking the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 18th April 2024 (DarCom 23), having been pre-distributed, were adopted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING: JR in pursuance of comment around Secretary's Report regarding BD approaching members and enquiring of their desire in joining us regretted that he had approached, but our times were too early. JR in his previous report regarding KO matches getting too far behind, he will be deciding outcomes of matches by 'toss of a coin' during his report of today. JR enquired if matter of President chairing meetings was going to come up later in the meeting, which it was.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: In his absence, no report was presented.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended. JG offered his thanks to DL and JR for efforts for Jim Rothwell's Memorial Day, JR wished to put on record his appreciation to members who had donated their 'bring a guest' vouchers, which had resulted in no guest having to pay a green fee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report and I&E Statement, as appended.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported that he had met with Kerry, A menu had been agreed at an increased cost of £39 on last year. Ticket cost will be £40, and sign-up sheets had gone up on noticeboard.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Report as appended. The matter of Jason refusing to give membership refunds to those in state of terminal illnesses was raised. Meeting pondered on whether those affected could get recompense through their credit card companies. Almoner to suggest same to them.

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

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TOPICS

- a) **Reducing the Seniors' membership admission age to 50** – JC was conscious that membership was declining. Pondered the outcome should we reduce the minimum age to 50. We have a couple of possible candidates waiting in the wings, namely Kevin Beerling, and another chap of 53 years of age who we meet on a Saturday and is desperate to join our company, and who has another who is age-compliant that he would bring along with him. Having surveyed other organisations as to their age stipulations, he could think of no earthly reason as could be seen that we couldn't reduce it. Meeting was of a similar frame of mind, and it was agreed that a proposal should be presented at the next AGM to reduce the membership minimum age requirement to 50.
- b) **Revised guidance Notes** – JC/DL As decided at our previous meeting, some revisions should be made to our Guidance Notes. To this end, JC and DL had liaised and arrived at a revised Guidance Notes document which was presented to the meeting. However meeting was of the opinion that more revisions were needed than those presented. To this end the documents would be taken away and studied in full, and we shall defer this subject to our next meeting.

AOB: There were no matters raised.

The Date of next meeting will be on 14th November 2024, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 2.55pm

XX Chairman signs here XX

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom24

After reporting, last time, the anticipated loss of David Watts from our membership, it would appear that I may have been a bit premature in this assumption, as he has since come to some agreement with Jason, it looks, for the time being, that he is continuing to attend some meetings, albeit not necessarily playing a full round. Good luck to him.

I have deleted Alan Bigg from our database, as he has stated that our times are inconvenient for him at this present time. And we have welcomed David Clements, once of Broke Hill, and more recently Westerham. He tells us that he has some pals on the sidelines who may also join us shortly. This puts our total back to 45.

To follow up on the recent kerfuffle regarding Buzz Morse's handicap, I am pleased to report that with David Vidgeon's help, and much juggling about on the part of EG to get this right, Buzz's handicap has been sorted out, and he seems to be winning profusely with it.

Having gone through this rigmarole, I think we may go along the lines of treating David Clements as a new player.

Last week's James Rothwell Memorial Day was a great success, A field of 41, inclusive of twelve guests raised a total of £469 to round off Jim's charity appeal. I offer you a breakdown of figures, but basically the bottom line we took £205 as prizes kitty, of which we paid out £105 in cash prizes, and I took £100 for four boxes of balls left over from our Jamboree last year. £205 was taken for arrival coffees and biscuits, for which in the end we were charged £126, leaving a surplus of £79. And finally the raffle take was £470, out of which I took £80 to cover the cost of the hamper.

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Treasurers Report – Darcom 24. 20/6/2024

	£6,666.42	Bank balance as at 14/6/2024
£3,357.74		Captains Charity
£ 940.00		Golf Union Fees
£ 179.50		Functions surplus
£ 120.00		Tie fund
£2,069.18		Current net surplus
£6,666.42	£6,666.42	Total

Income to date

£1,367.00	Subscriptions, (budget £1,443.71 = £93.00 Current shortfall in subscription income)
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Expenditure to date

£ 65.00	KGVL (budget £65)
£ 10.50	KGVL website (budget £13.13)
£ 16.49	Competition secretary expenses (budget £43.46)
£ 131.54	Trophy costs (budget £1,204.55)
£ 0.00	Secretary expenses (budget £15)
£ 0.00	Website expenses (budget £102.57)
£ 223.53	Total

£1,443.71	Budget
£1,220.18	Unused budget

At present we are looking at a loss for the year of £76.71 (Subscription income £1,367.00 less budgeted costs £1,443.71). Forecast net surplus £836.00 (Current net surplus (£2,069.18 less unused budget £1,220.18) is sufficient to absorb this.

Year end surplus is currently forecast as £836.00 (current net surplus £2,069.18 less unused budget £1,220.18) compared to last year £912.71 making a reduction of £76.71.

The Darenth Seniors
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2024 as at 14/6/2024

	Income		Expenditure	
	31/12/2024	31/12/2023	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
b/f	£3,765.95	£1,154.98		
Captains Charity	£829.00	£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	£1,367.00	£1,411.00		
GU Fees	£953.00	£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	£10.00	£40.00		
Birchwood Lunch		£156.00		£156.00
Poult Wood Lunch		£130.00		£130.00
Shirts		£35.00	£35.00	
Website				£97.69
Bank			£6,666.42	£3,765.95
Total	£6,924.95	£12,390.22	£6,924.95	£12,390.22

Notes:

Bank	£6,666.42
Earmarked funds :	
GU fees	£953.00
Events	£179.50
Tie Fund	£120.00
Captains Charity	£3,357.74
Sub Total	£4,610.24
Net TDS Funds	£2,056.18

Niall Maxwell - Treasurer

Eric Bunton - Auditor

Almoner's Report to Seniors Committee - Thursday 20th June 2024

James Rothwell's Memorial Day was held last Thursday 13th June 2024. His daughter Christine, kindly agreed to present the prizes on the day and also did the raffle draw. I thought the day went very well. Christine was very impressed by the turnout and the event. A big thank you to Dave, John Rampling and Doug Hughes for all their work in making the day a success.

Pleased to see Bob Spillane back playing golf for the Summer. He of course got 2nd place last week on Jim's Memorial Day.

Alan Mitchell continues to pop up to the Club to see everyone and enjoy some refreshments. He also attended last week for lunch.

Dave Watts' has been in and out of hospital several times since our last meeting. Several Seniors visited him in hospital. Pleased to see that he is much better in himself now and has indeed played some golf with us.

Roy Winters was in hospital for several weeks. The news is not good. He managed to come to the Club last Thursday lunchtime to socialise.

Bill Ramsey's funeral was yesterday. He was a former Captain and Seniors Captain at BH. He reached the age of 90. A number of our Members attended the funeral, which Bill's family appreciated.

Finally, Dave Tidd continues to play golf for as long as he can manage a round. He is losing weight and quite emotional about the situation. Everyone would like to give him as much support as we can.

Jim Connor
20th June 2024

Competition Secretary's Report: DarCom24

Tee times are working fine and the number of players are gradually increasing.

Jim's Memorial Day went very well and I would like to thank all who donated their free tickets. All our guests were covered for free round.

I have a copy of all knockout comps and because some are so far behind I will be tossing a coin to move them forward. They have been given a lot of leeway.

Match Secretary Report 20th June 2024

So far this year we are again unbeaten, we have played 4 of our 8 friendly matches to date The Broke Wood Trophy played over two legs with aggregate scores of The Darenth 590 Park Wood 533. In fact, we won both home and away legs. It was much better playing the 1st leg at The Darenth this year because of ground conditions. Park Wood still had pick and place in force last month and some of the course, just of the fairways, was very wet. They still struggle with getting a full team out and again this year could only muster 10 players not the normal 12 Eltham Warren we have played both home and away, we won 4 - 2 at Eltham and 5 - 1 here at home, a very nice group of players that make us feel very welcome at their club Our next match is this Monday coming the 24th and we have a full team ready to face Cherry Lodge away

JG

KVGL Match Secretary Report 20th June

Certainly not as good a start to our campaign as last year
Our first match at home to The Ridge we lost 6 points to 4
Shortlands away we lost 9 points to 1
Wrotham away we lost 8 points to 2 but we did win our home match against Shortland 9 points to 1
A good win at home to Shortlands reversing the result at their course winning 9 points to 1. Special praise should go to Our Captain Barry and his partner Tony Martin, they won their match 6 and 5 against a pair that had not lost a match for 2 and a half years. Everyone played really well
So, as I said not a good start but 3 of the matches have been away so I hope for better results at home
We have a hard-core group who support every match but it is still difficult at times getting the team together. We Have Poult Wood coming up away in the same week that we have a friendly against Birchwood, so far I have 7 possibly 8 names to play and 5 declinatures. Holiday season kicking in
All the matches have been played in a great spirit.

JG