**MINUTES OF AWJFC COMMITTEE MEETING 20TH APRIL 2016**

Present at meeting:- Ray Dennis – Chairman, Rachel du Feu – Treasurer, Steve Moore – Purchasing Officer, Helen Buck – Child Welfare Officer, Leila Tarhuni – Fundraiser, Paul Newman – Clubhouse Co-ordinator, Richard Locke – Website Co-Ordinator

**7.1 Apologies**

Nikki Brennan – Membership Secretary, Martin Thomas – Crowborough League Secretary

**7.2 Chairmans Report**

The Chairman extended a heartfelt thanks to Helen Buck for organising a very successful curry night which raised £629. He also reported that the coaches Matt Townsend and Barry Evans, for the under 15’s had, with great regret, decided to step down as there would not be enough players that could commit to the 2016/17 season. He wanted it to be noted in the minutes that a vote of thanks be extended to both coaches for the time and dedication they have invested in the club over the years which has been much appreciated. The Chairman also suggested that the venue for the AGM should take place at the Church Hall which was unanimously agreed.

**7.3 Vote Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes were proposed by Helen and seconded by Steve

**7.4 Welfare Report**

Helen reported that all CRC checks were now complete. With regards to the AGM she was still trying to obtain a projector to borrow and Sandra from the FA has kindly offered to lend us hers however, Rachel suggested asking the Parish Council who use one for the village meeting. Steve agreed to ask them. Helen also showed the committee the draft version of the registration form and suggestions were made as to how this could be finalised.

**7.5 Shirt Colours/Garments**

It was agreed that in the future, all home kits should be red and black and the away kit should be Orange shirts and black shorts i.e. shorts and socks do not change which should keep the costs down. This will help to enhance the identity of the club. It was also agreed to look into the cost of jackets hats and gloves with the club logo on which can be purchased by parents for their children.

**7.6 Reduction of Teams/Resignation of Under 15 Coaches**

As mentioned in the Chairmans report, the coaches for the under 15 team have decided that there will be no under 16 team next year but still want to be involved in the Club and are at present helping with the under 8’s they also intend to try to get some of their present under 15 players involved in other areas of the club. At the moment, Steve Moore regrettably with no new players on the horizon, has no other option but to field only one team in the under 14 age group next year.

**7.7 Fundraising**

Leila and Clare reported that the planned 80’s night at the Rugby Club was going to be advertised to all parents and they were hoping for a positive response. The Easter coaching sessions were a resounding success and it is intended to repeat these with six sessions in the Summer holidays.

**7.8 Appointment of new Horsham Secretary**

Richard has kindly agreed to accept this position however, Martin would like to step down as Crowborough Secretary. The Chairman is trying to persuade Martin to stay on for another year with someone new in tow to show them what is required and thought that it would be a good idea to give the two league secretaries cover for any meetings to avoid fines. The Chairman will be asking for volunteers to join the committee next year to cover the positions of Grant Application Officer, Crowborough League Secretary and PR Officer.

**7.9 Grants**

Rachel reported that she had just received a generous cheque of £750 from the Parish Council which has to be spent on coaching and facilities at the Rec. As mentioned above, we need someone to apply for more of these grants next year.

**7.10 A.O.B.**

Paul has agreed to buy the necessary equipment for the clubhouse. Ray agreed to prepare the Agenda for the AGM. If the pitch repair at the Rec is not to be carried out before 22nd May it was suggested that maybe we revert back there for the annual barbque. Ray volunteered to write to Ben Toogood at the Council to ask when the padlocks at the Rec. would be replaced, when the work on the pitches is due to start and also when the clubhouse redecoration will take place. It was agreed to place an advertisement in the Ashtock programme and also domate a voucher for the Summer coaching to the school for their Summer fete/raffle.

**7.11 Date of next meeting**

Monday 16th May 7.30 @ Maypole Inn