**MINUTES OF AWJFC COMMITTEE MEETING 21ST NOVEMBER 2016**

Present at meeting:- Ray Dennis – Chairman, Rachel du Feu – Treasurer, Steve Moore – Purchasing Officer, Paul Newman – Clubhouse Co-ordinator, Kate Shelley – PR, Martin Thomas – Crowborough League Secretary, Lesley Dennis – Secretary, Helen Buck – Child Welfare Officer

**11.1 Apologies**

Martin & Amber Jones – Mid Sussex League Secretary, Richard Locke – Website Co-ordinator & Horsham Secretary.

**11.2 Chairmans Report**

The chairman thanked the committee for organising a very successful quiz night which raised a substantial amount to contribute to club funds. The FA Charter presentation was held before the quiz night with parish councillors and the mayor of East Grinstead in attendance, a very proud moment for the club. A coaches meeting was held at the hockey club in East Grinstead which was well attended however it wasn’t 100% which was a bit disappointing. He thought that it would be a good idea to ask an outside speaker to educate us all at future events. He also had a meeting with the council regarding the possible leasing of the pavilion at the Rec in the future and this is ongoing.

**11.3 Vote minutes of last meeting**

The minutes were proposed by Steve and seconded by Helen

**11.4 Clothing**

It was suggested that it might be a good idea to bring out a leaflet/catalogue of clothing that can be offered to club members including hoodies, beanies and jackets etc. and Kate agreed to get together with Steve to discuss this further.

**11.5 Coaching**

One of our coaches, Ben Brookes is keen to take his level 3 coaching qualification and has asked if the club are willing to help with the cost. The general feeling was that as long as he completes his youth modules we would look into investing in him as his contribution to the club is becoming extremely valuable especially with his easter and summer camps becoming more popular. It was also noted that the respect line equipment is not being properly looked after and the store room at the rec. is being left in a mess after some of the matches. This equipment is costing the club a lot of money and it was agreed that we write to the coaches to address this.

**11.6 Sports Club**

The Chairman suggested that in the future, we should consider incorporating a sports club to encourage other sports such as stoolball to be played at the Rec in the summer months and this was met with some approval.

**11.7 Pavilion**

As mentioned in the Chairmans report, a meeting was held with Mid Sussex Council with reference to obtaining a lease on the Pavilion at the Rec and they are going to give us a valuation in the near future.

**11.8 A.O.B.**

It was suggested to Paul by the East Grinstead Town Mayor that we consider paying a professional to apply for grants. The Town Council do this and it has proved to be extremely worthwhile. If we can contact the person concerned, it was suggested that we invite him to our next committee meeting for him to convince us that this is the way forward. It has come to our notice that wheelchair access to the Rec and the Pavilion is an issue and Kate is going to investigate this to see how this can be improved. We have not had a reply regarding the incident and witness statement for the U14 team which was sent to the Sussex FA last month and Helen is going to chase this as well as finding out what benefits we are entitled to now that we have obtained the charter such as a mentor etc. and how to implement this. Lesley is also going to write to the council to ask when they are going to install an extra hand basin at the Rec so that hot food can be served on match days.

**11.9 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting should take place on Tuesday 17th January at 8 p.m. at the Three Crowns.