**MINUTES OF AWJFC COMMITTEE MEETING 22ND MARCH 2016**

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

**6.1 Apologies**

Nikki Brennan – Membership Secretary, Richard Locke – Website Co-ordinator

**6.2 Chairmans Report**

The chairman reported that he had a very good networking session at the East Grinstead Sports Council Meeting and it was felt that it would be good to get closer to other clubs in the area such as the Meads and East Grinstead Town. He also had a meeting with the new Fundraising team which looks extremely promising and he voiced the opinion that they should be given as much support as possible. He attended a Crowborough league meeting with Martin which he found very enlightening. They are struggling to find volunteers to help run the league which seems to be a problem throughout junior football. He met with the new coach, Ben, for the under 7’s who wanted to run coaching sessions throughout the Easter break and also in the Summer for our players and he has agreed to donate 50% of all takings to the club. Ben has an extremely impressive CV and carries out coaching in many schools in London.

**6.3 Vote Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes were proposed by Helen and seconded by Paul

**6.4 Under 15 Disciplinary Case**

In attendance were Matthew Townsend and Barry Evans who are the coaches in charge of this team. It was decided to plead guilty with an accompanying letter from the Chairman and it was emphasised that any fine relating to this would be paid by the team and not the club.

**6.5 Venues for 2016/17 Season**

The Chairman and Steve Moore took a walk around all the venues and it was tentatively agreed that West Hoathly is the one that we would like to replace. At Cowden, the best scenario there, would be to dig up the old posts and replace them with removable goals to the right size for the team that would be playing there. Steve was going to look into the costs of these goals and report back at the next committee meeting. We also visited the Kings Centre pitch which, in fairness, wasn’t in as good condition as our existing venues. However, Martin was going to find out the availability for next Season.

**6.6 Easter Training Sessions**

As mentioned earlier, Ben is running these with Helen organising the administration and at present 25 have aready signed up. The Chairman said that he would attend most of the first day to make sure that it was being handled in the correct manner.

**6.7 Membership Fees**

The new membership fees for next season were agreed.

**6.8 Bar b que**

The barbeque sub-committee reported that things were progressing well and we are still on track to have a successful end of season bonanza.

**6.9 Appointment of new Horsham Secretary**

This could not take place officially due to Ricks absence but he had very kindly stepped up to the plate to take this on.

**6.10 Fundraising sub committee**

Leila introduced us to Clare as part of her sub committee and they have come up with some very exciting events starting with an 80’s night to be held at East Court which will be displayed in our newsletter. Also, under their remit, they are taking on the role of finding sponsors for the club and have already found sponsorship for the 80’s night. They did stress the importance of a mailing list for parents and this will be issued to them. The Chairman congratulated them for their enthusiasm and is looking forward to working with them and giving them as much support as possible.

**6.11 A.O.B.**

Steve announced that there were enough funds for each team to give three trophies of their choice and medals for the under 6’s and under 7’s to be presented at the bar b que.

Helen reminded us that the AGM is on 3rd May, 2016

**6.12 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 20th April @ 7.30 p.m.