**MINUTES OF AWJFC COMMITTEE MEETING**

**7.30 PM MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2021**

**ZOOM**

Present at Meeting

Paul Newman, Steve Moore, Kevin Maxey Rick Locke, Maxine Townsend, Ray Dennis, Lesley Dennis

**26.1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies

**26.2 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Chairman said that in the first instance he would like to express his thanks to Paul Newman and Steve Moore for their efforts in improving the goalmouths at the rec which have improved the pitch and also to Kevin Maxey for rearranging the evening training sessions at the sports club which, unfortunately, did not take place due to COVID 19. He reported that we were successful in applying for a grant from the council and have been awarded £500. He has also attended a zoom meeting with the council to accept the grant. Unfortunately, and much to his dismay, we lost our appeals with the Horsham league. One of our parents, Nikki Brennan, has kindly offered to come on to the committee to assist Maxine in her role of welfare officer and to also help with the renewal of our FA Charter Standard next year, which has been renewed this year.

**26.3 WELFARE**

Maxine reported that she has arranged a telephone meeting with Nikki to discuss the way forward with making sure that coaches qualifications are as up to date as possible.

**26.4 END OF SEASON PRESENTATION**

As it is unsure if and when the season is likely to re-start and also when gatherings will be allowed, it was decided to put this on hold for now but it was agreed that if possible it would be a good idea to hold a club day to (hopefully) celebrate the start of the 20/21 season and the return to some normality possibly in September as it was agreed that it is important to have an uplifting occasion to look forward to.

**26.5 EAST GRINSTEAD SPORTS CLUB**

Following Kevin’s rescheduling of training due to COVID restrictions, it was agreed that, if possible, it would be a good idea to hold mid week training on one evening for all teams involved as this would enhance the club atmosphere, enable the coaches and players to get to know each other better and for coaches to swap ideas. This may not be acceptable to Wave leisure however, as soon as is possible Kevin and Ray have agreed to arrange a meeting with them to discuss this further.

**26.6 FINANCE**

Rachel has agreed to give a brief update on the clubs present financial situation but it was generally agreed to look at a possible reduction in fees for existing members next season but this will obviously have to be assessed when we know how much of this season has been lost.

**26.7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Paul Newman suggested that we inspect and repair any pitches that need it as early as possible to give them time to recover before the next season renews. He also expressed the need for all teams that change pitches to be fully prepared for the following season with all the information they need regarding venue, nets corner poles etc. which is what the chairman did last year.Paul told the committee that his u15 team has set up a closed Strava group amongst the players which has encouraged them to keep up their fitness during lockdown as it has a leaderboard and has encouraged healthy competition between them. We agreed that it might be a good idea for Paul to put this idea on the coaches WhatsApp so that other teams can take it up if they wish.. The chairman asked Rick what response he had received from the coaches regarding updates and photographs etc but Rick told him that their replies had been minimal. It was agreed that we would ask them again. The Cowden pitch would also be looked at again next season as to how it can be best utilised.