**MINUTES OF AWJFC COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY 16th October 2023**

**7.30 pm The Three Crowns Ashurst Wood**

**Present at meeting**

Paul Newman, Steve Moore, Ray Dennis, Lesley Dennis Gary Anders, Dave Frost

**31.1. APOLOGIES**

Maxine Townsend, Rik Locke

**31.2 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The chairman reported that he had been in negotiations to buy some land to house the club but unfortunately it was deemed unsuitable so the search goes on. He attended a sports council meeting where the appalling state of the Council pitches was discussed and hopes to be invited to a meeting with the council and both The Meads and East Grinstead Town chairmen. It became apparent in the annual accounts that the line painting at Cowden was extremely expensive therefore, with the grant from East Grinstead Town council and the much appreciated help from Dave Frost, Guy Wyatt and Lesley we have purchased a line marking machine and are marking the lines there ourselves which should save the club approximately £1,000 this year. He attended a meeting with the members of the Cowden memorial hall regarding fixtures and to try to avoid clashing dates due to parking problems.

**31.3. WELFARE**

Dave Frost has taken over as welfare officer and Maxine has very kindly agreed to stay on as his assistant. We would like to thank Maxine for all her hard work and for getting matters in perfect order before handing over the reins to Dave and therefore, there are no outstanding problems to report at present.

**31.4. ON LINE LOTTERY**

Lesley gave each committee member a leaflet and link to an on line lottery for consideration as a way to boost club funds however it was agreed that we look into running our own 200 club which Paul was happy to look in to.

**31.5. GARY SPREADSHEET**

Gary has produced a spreadsheet which has comprehensive information about the club such as teams, where they play and train and coaches qualifications etc. He feels that this could be beneficial to other members of the committee and discussed how this could be shared and agreed to send links for them to take a look

**31.6. COACHES AWARENESS OF WEBSITE**

It was agreed that coaches should be made more aware of the website. Some are not aware that there is information on there such as training dates and venues and other dates for their diaries.

**31.7. DONATION TO ASHURST WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

It has come to our attention that the primary school have not been able to use their playing field for some considerable time as there are badgers there. The council have agreed to carry out work to fence them off at a cost of £55k. However, another £1,600 is required to complete the project and as the children cannot use the field for either play times or after school activities such as football club it was agreed unanimously to donate £400 to help with this.

**31.8. DATE OF 2024 PRESENTATION, RAFFLE & PHOTOS**

It was agreed that Ray & Lesley ask the Rugby club for acceptable dates for the end of year presentation. It was also suggested that we hold a raffle on the day. Lesley handed out a leaflet from a company called club legends who offer to take professional photographs of teams and individuals on the day without a cost to the club and some benefits for coaches. It was agreed to go ahead and try and book them.

**31.9. RETURN SHIRTS**

It was agreed that we should tell the coaches to ask players to return their shirts before handing out new ones as there are younger teams that can sometimes make use of them.

**31.10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The chairman asked the committee to welcome Guy Wyatt who has agreed to take over as Crowborough secretary to the next meeting which was unanimously agreed. It was agreed to hold another registration evening at the rugby club at the beginning of May in preparation of the 24/25 season. It was also agreed to hold another quiz night in March and Dave is going to ask a friend to host it. It was also suggested that before next season we should try to hold a first aid evening for coaches presented by a qualified first aider. The committee would like to thank Rachel for giving them an up to date financial forecast. Finally, it was decided that in future the committee members would be able to claim for one drink at the bar during meetings.