**MINUTES OF AWJFC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT BRAMBLETYE HOTEL, FOREST ROW**

**7th JULY 2022**

**7.1. Chairmans Report**

The Chairman stated that the club had had a very good season with two promotions (u11s and u14s) and two cup finals (u16s and u17s).

He had a meeting with Wave Leisure who run the sports club and they have agreed to give a 50% discount to Ashurst Wood members during half terms and summer holidays and encourages coaches to have friendlies there during the summer holidays. He is hoping that this might be extended to the rest of the community and all off peak times.

He stated that we had an extremely successful presentation day at the rugby club and intends to hold it there again next year.

He attended a meeting with the Horsham League who again, are extremely concerned about the behaviour of parents at games and reported that the police had been called to three of their games. However, he is very happy to say that on the whole we have very well behaved parents but urged coaches to let him know if they need help with discipline in this area.

The Chairman urged coaches who were holding out of season training sessions in the park to stay out of the goal areas so that they have time to recover before next season.

Finally, he thanked Jan for running the cafe in the pavilion at the rec which produced a profit for the club and asked coaches to let her know when they have matches so that she can open up for them.

**7.2. Vote Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes were proposed by Paul Newman and seconded by Dan Batters

7.3. Election of Officers

The Chairman asked for a show of hands to re-elect the present committee and it was carried unanimously.

**7.4. Treasurer’s report**

Rachel, our treasurer was unable to attend due to Covid but her report was read by the Secretary and a copy of the accounts was attached to the Agenda. The report is as follows

This season we have had a full year of football following the previous two years of disruption and this is reflected in the accounts with expenses increasing considerably.  As expected, we made a loss this year of nearly £5k and many teams still have healthy unused budget figures to carry forward to the new season.  For 21-22 fees were at a reduced rate for existing members due to previous years of disruption and we had reserves brought forward which were higher than necessary, so this loss was budged for and has used some of our reserves up.  Fees have increased to the previous level again for the upcoming season, although having not raised our fees for a very long time and expenses continually increasing it is likely we will have a small loss again this coming season and further use some of our reserves and then fees will need to be reviewed again.

The hire of the 3Gs at the sports club and rugby club continues to be our largest expenseproviding training during the winter for all age groups.  Referee fees are lower than expected due to the lack of qualified referees following covid, hopefully more referees will be available for the new season.  Teams spent more on kit, equipment and social activities this season and many teams still have plenty of this year’s budget still to spend in the new season.

**7.5. Child Welfare Report**

Maxine Townsend our child welfare officer started her report by saying that thankfully we had no major incidents this year. She said that the WGS was up to date and thanked coaches for responding well to facilitate this. She stated that we had a spot inspection by the FA who had turned up unannounced which highlights the importance of making sure that they’re not coaching without the necessary certification. She stressed again how important it is for head coaches to check that their assistants/parent helpers have the necessary qualifications. She mentioned that the charter standards status has now changed to England Football Accreditation. This is due to start in November 2022 but we are planning to start as soon as possible. She said that she has a new email address awjfcwelfare@gmail.com and that Nikki Brennan has now completed the necessary courses and DBS so that she could assist her and also verify DBS herself.

**7.6. General Behaviour**

This was covered in the Chairmans report

**7.7. Any Other Business**

Perry Rigler said that he had a possible club sponsor and he was going to pass the chairmans details on to them

Rick Locke is updating the website and asked the chairman to remind coaches to check that their details are up to date and to send a photograph as soon as they have one for next season.