**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

 **Tuesday 18th August 2020**

**Held via Zoom Video Conference at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Kevin Harrison (Secretary), Frank Thompson, Brian Hammond, Gordon Mason,

Helen Pollard, Joe Partridge, Keith Simpson, Kevin Gibson, Malcolm Langley,

Emma Collins, Kieran Downey, Kevin McKitterick, Sean Rooks, Steve Futers,

Mick Grant, (Chris Connell - Annfield Plain).

**Apologies:** Peter Maguire (Chairman), Dani Maguire-Myers, George McKitterick, Ian Stewart.

In the absence of the chairman, Kevin Harrison open the meeting at 7.00pm which had been called

to finally give the go ahead for staring in the event of no spectators at games going forward.

Kevin reported that the FA were having a virtual meeting yesterday (Monday) with Step 5 & 6 leagues to update them on the situation.

Following a request from the league for views from clubs on whether to have games in September without spectators, three clubs, **Coxhoe Athletic, Farringdon Detached** and **Windscale** expressed their wish not to start. Kevin informed the meeting that the league will wait until Saturday 22nd August to publish the fixtures for the 1st division to give time for the FA to issue any confirmation. If no guidance is forthcoming by Saturday, fixtures will be issued excluding the 3 clubs from the fixture list until such time as we get the go ahead from the FA. The management committee agreed to his decision. The fixtures for the 2nd division will be issued by Steve following tonight’s meeting, where all teams have expressed their interest in playing come what may.

Kevin reminded everyone that all clubs must have a Track and Trace procedure in place including a Risk Assessment done at their ground and have an appointed ‘Covid Officer’ registered on their Club details on the league’s website before any games, either friendly of league, are allowed to go ahead.

Gordon Mason (Silksworth CW) asked about Cup competitions and Kevin advised that the league would wait until Christmas before making a decision on Cups. He hoped that they would go ahead and be completed by the end of the season. It is anticipated the 1st division would finish their season by May 15th 2021 and the 2nd division by May 30th 2021.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.14pm.