**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday 30th November 2020**

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

**Present:** Peter Maguire (Chairman), Kevin Harrison (Secretary), Frank Thompson,

Dave Copeland, Emma Collins, Gordon Mason, Helen Pollard,

Ian Stewart, Joe Partridge, Kieran Downey, Keith Simpson, Kevin Gibson,

Kevin Oliver, Malcolm Langley, Mick Grant.

**Apologies:** Dani Maguire-Myers, George McKitterick, Kevin McKitterick, Marshall Lawson,

Steve Futers.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

1. **Minutes of the last management meeting** - The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th November 2020, previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record with no matters arising.
2. **Meeting of League Officials with 2nd Division Clubs** - Minutes of a zoom meeting held on Thursday 19th November 2020 with Peter, Kevin, Steve Futers, 2nd Division Fixture Secretary and clubs from the 2nd Division to discuss how clubs stand regarding remaining fixtures and to discuss various options in relation to possible Cup(s) competition(s) were circulated to the management committee prior to this meeting to update them.
3. **Replies from Clubs regarding ‘No Spectators’** - League Secretary Kevin contacted all clubs asking if they wanted to continue with fixtures without supporters and circulated their responses to the committee. In summary he reported that all was ok with 2nd Division clubs but there was a mixed response from 1st Division Clubs.

2 clubs Windscale & Richmond Town cannot play games until travelling between tiers is allowed.

4 clubs would like to wait until the next tier review before making their mind up.

6 clubs have indicated they will play as normal.

6 clubs have indicated that they do not want to play without spectators.

Following lengthy discussion, the decision of the management committee was that those 6 clubs that don’t want to play without supporters will have their games suspended upto  and including 16th December, games for 19th are subject to the tier review. Fixtures will be arranged for 5th to 16th December for the other 10 clubs. Kevin will send out amended fixtures tomorrow.

He also advised that County Cup games are not under the control of the league, but the county will allow clubs who cannot afford to host a home game to withdraw from the County Cup with no fine.

The management committee also decided to offer any club that wishes to call it a day for the season to do so with no penalties. This is a one time offer and must be indicated by this weekend.

1. **A.O.B.**

* **Covid procedures at games** - Kevin reported that both he and Peter had attended a meeting on Friday 27th November with representatives from the FA, local government officials and county FA’s, and it was brought to everyone’s attention by the FA that they had received reports of numerous Clubs appearing to be not following Covid-19 guidance procedures at games. It is the FA’s intention to investigate procedures at games and may impose sanctions where necessary on Clubs who are found not to be complying.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.49pm.