**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Sunday 8th November 2020**

**Held via Zoom Video Conference at 1.00pm.**

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

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

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

Kevin McKitterick, Malcolm Langley, Stevens Futers, Mick Grant.

**Apologies:** Dani Maguire-Myers, George McKitterick, Marshall Lawson, Sean Rooks (Treasurer), John Topping - DFA.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

1. **Minutes of the last management meetings** - The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 1st October and Thursday 15th October 2020, previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record with no matters arising.
2. **Correspondence;**

* **Farringdon Detached v Wolviston - 21st October 2020** - Referee Kevin McKitterick reported that the fixture was abandoned in the 18th minute due to a serious injury to Wolviston’s No 6, Andrew McGirr. The incident happened when both he and Farringdon’s Jordan Southern challenged for a ball. As the players challenged a ‘snap / crack’ was heard and he immediately stopped the game. The Wolviston’s physio / medic was quickly by the player’s side, she had already called 999 and was speaking to the operator. Whilst the telephone call was taking place, he observed players being emotional and being sick due to the incident. The physio advised that the ambulance would take up to 2 hours to arrive. Ian Stewart, Farringdon’s Secretary, advised that a stretcher was available but no Fracpack. It was decided that due to the player mentality the game should be abandoned, which was agreed.

Keith Simpson, Wolviston’s Secretary, informed the meeting that both he and his club were indebted to his club physio and Ian Stewart for the swift care and attention that was given to the player. Keith reported that the player suffered a broken Fibia and Tibia and has decided to call it a day as a footballer.

The decision of the management committee was that the game be replayed.

1. **Windscale games** - Kevin reported that with the FA having set an end of season date of 15th May 2021, he is concerned that Windscale are behind with their fixtures. To catch up they will need to play at least 2 midweek games during January and 2 in February 2021. Both he and Peter will be looking to hold a zoom meeting in the next couple of days with club secretary / chairman Dave Branney and manager Stephen Fawcett to find out if they are prepared to come to the Hubs to play those games.
2. **First Division - way forward** - In light of the current virus situation with no real end in sight, and the very high likelihood that games will be lost due to the weather, Kevin has proposed, and agreed by the management committee, to Poll all clubs re their views in the case of the season ending before we get to play all our games. We also have to bear in mind that any club who does not fulfil 75% of their games then the rules say that their games should be expunged.

**‘If a full season cannot be completed and the season 2020-21 is terminated, what are your club’s views’.**

The 1st Division options to the question –

Yes or No Comments.

* 1. The season should be declared Null & Void.
  2. Do you think the final league placings should

be determined on a PPG basis.

Any other comments.

1. **Second Division - way forward**

The 2nd Division options to the above question –

Yes or No Comments.

* 1. Continue with the hope of completing full

season and to play each other twice.

If season is curtailed league positions decided

on the result of 1st game each team played

each other.

* 1. Make decision now to play each other once.

Play cup competitions to take the season

through to April.

* 1. The season should be declared Null & Void.
  2. Continue with the hope of completing full

season and to play each other twice with the

final placings determined on a PPG basis,

subject to percentage of games completed.

Any other comments.

Kevin will send the Poll out to all clubs following the meeting requesting all club’s replies to be received by Friday 13th November 2020.

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

**Richmond Town** - Kevin informed the meeting that Richmond Town will be moving to a new 4G ground at Richmond School in December and will be holding 2 midweek home fixtures during the month, one against Coxhoe and the other against Horden Community Welfare, with kick off times being 6.45pm due to current planning restrictions. Kevin will be inspecting the ground on their 1st fixture there.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 1.34pm.