**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 2nd July 2019**

**Held at Farringdon Youth & Community Centre, Allendale Road, Farringdon, Sunderland.**

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

Brian Hammond, Dave Copeland, Doug Keys, Emma Collins, Helen Pollard,

Ian Stewart, Joe Partridge, Kieran Downey, Kevin Gibson, Kevin McKitterick,

Marshall Lawson, Paul Charnock, Sean Rooks (Treasurer), Mick Grant.

**Apologies:** Brian Sinclair, Danni Maguire-Myers, George McKitterick, Gordon Mason,

Keith Simpson, Kevin Oliver, Malcolm Langley, Matthew Malton.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed new management committee member Helen Pollard (DURHAM UNITED FC) to the meeting.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting** - The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019, previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record with no matters arising.
2. **Correspondence;**

* **Durham and Wearside Development Division Name Change** - email from Durham FA confirming approval for change of name to Wearside 2nd Division.
* **Management Committee Resignation** - email from management committee member Brian Sinclair informing that due to work commitments he would be resigning from the committee as he was unable to attend meetings and felt it would benefit the league to appoint someone who has more time to give for meetings. Mick replied to his notification thanking him for service and dedication to both the Durham Alliance Combination League and the Development Division.

1. **Seaton Carew FC** **- late notification of resignation from the league** - Kevin informed the committee of the correspondence received from the club on 22nd May asking “ When is the cut of date for affiliations for the coming season.” Kev replied advising that by county rules they need to be affiliated by 30th June. Kev received an email from the club on 18th June (AGM) informing that they have failed to secure a suitable management team for the coming season so will not be entering a team. Following deliberation, the decision of the management committee was that League Rule 11A be applied and the club be fined **£250** as per the Fine Tariff relating to League Rule 11A.
2. **Washington AFC Reserves - charged with failing to attend the AGM** - the club responded to the charge by email, apologising in that they were supposed to be represented by their team manager who was stuck at work and unable to tell anyone that he could not make it. The decision of the management committee was that league Rules be applied resulting in the club being fined **£30.00** as per the League’s Fine Tariff 8H.

1. **Potential Changes to league’s constitution** Kevin informed the meeting that since the AGM the league had received applications from a further two clubs; Norton & Stockton Juniors and Wynyard Village. Trimdon U/23s have since dropped out and Kev will be contacting the FA to inform them of the changes to the league’s constitution whereby the First Division has 16 teams and the Second Division now has 11 teams. As the Cup draws are being made tonight, any future new applications accepted into the league will be made aware that they will potentially play league games only unless an unexpected vacancy in a cup competition arises.
2. **Inter-League Cup** - Kevin advised that the first round of the competition could be played on the 21st or by 28th September. Suggestions for the venue were discussed and as it had to be played on a Grade H pitch, which is Northern League Division 2 standard, Boldon CA offered to accommodate the League team for their home fixture. Kevin will need to advise the FA of the confirmed venue by the end of August. The team will be looking to hold a friendly on the first Wednesday in September at Wolviston’s ground. All expenses and costs incurred will be funded by the league and reimbursed by the FA.
3. **Cup Draws** - The Draws were then made for the six cup competitions:- Alan Hood Charity Cup, Monkwearmouth Charity Cup and the Shipowners Charity Cup for Wearside League 1st Division teams. Clem Smith Bowl, Washington Aged Peoples Trophy and 2nd Division League Cup for clubs in the 2nd Division. Three teams from the second division - Hylton CW, Sunderland TC Plastics and Durham City Reserves have entered all six cup competitions.
4. **A.O.B.**

* **League Development Plan -** Kevin informed the meeting that the league is due to put forward its annual Development Plan Application for funding from the FA. Previously the application, with input from Durham County FA, when completed, would be presented directly to the FA but since the league’s status is now classed as a “ Regional NLS Feeder League” from this season, Development Plan Funding Applications go to the County FA to be reviewed, and then processed. He asked for ideas and would be consulting with the clubs at the forthcoming Training Meeting later this month.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.56pm.