**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Friday 25TH June 2021**

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

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

Keith Simpson, Gordon Mason, Joe Partridge, Mick Grant.

**Apologies:** Dani Maguire-Myers, Marshall Lawson, Steve Futers, George McKitterick, Kevin Gibson, Emma Collins, Helen Pollard, Kieran Downey, Malcolm Langley,

Sean Rooks.

1. **Minutes of the Emergency Management meeting** - held on Friday 11th June 2021, previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record with no matters arising.
2. **League Constitution** - Kevin informed the meeting that he has to provide the FA’s Regional National Leagues Committee with the proposed constitution of the League for the forthcoming season. The Feeder league (1st Division) to consist of the required 18 teams which includes, at the moment, Boldon CA and newly promoted Shildon Reserves from the 2nd Division. If Boldon CA are successful with their appeal and get promotion, the league would look to promote another team (Shotton Colliery) from the 2nd Division. He asked for permission from the committee, which was given, to go ahead with the proposal subject to the outcome. The appeal from Boldon CA is still ongoing but not now at Arbitration. It is being dealt with by the National Leagues Committee and it is hoped that a decision would be reached within the next week to 10 days.

He reported that the proposed structure of the divisions for season 2021-22 consisted of:- 18 teams in the 1st Division, 17 teams in the Second Division and 14 teams in the 3rd. He had received an enquiry from a new team, Jarrow BOCA United, wishing to join the 3rd division and he was looking for a decision from them by this weekend.

He also reported that 1st Division side Darlington Town will now be playing their home games at Stockton Town’s ground which has a 3G facility.

1. **Cup Games.** - Kevin reported that a number of clubs had indicated that they were ready to start their fixtures earlier than the intended league’s start date of 7th August. He was looking to introduce cup games as early as possible in August, but it was proposed that clubs should play some league games first to see how things go. He would now be looking to introduce cup games in the first two weeks of September. Kevin also reported that, at present, only 6 teams from the Second and Third Divisions had requested to enter the 1st division Cups.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.21pm.