**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 25th June 2024**

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

**Present:** Helen Pollard (Chair), Kevin Harrison (League Secretary),

Frank Thompson, Keith Simpson, Sean Rooks, Steve Futers,

Mick Grant (Minutes).

1. **Birtley Town Development - failing to attend the AGM on 9th June 2024 then notifying the league on 14th June 2024 that they are withdrawing from the league.**

League Secretary Kevin Harrison contacted the club as they were not represented at the League’s AGM and needed to know if they were continuing next season. A reply was received from Scott Brown on 13th June apologising and stating that they genuinely didn’t have anyone to attend due to their club’s Family Fun Day and he would let Kevin know by the following day about continuation. An email was received from Scott the following day formally confirming that Birtley Town Development will be withdrawing from the Wearside League. They were charged under FA and League Rule **11.A.** with

**“ Failing to notify the league by the required deadline of their intention to withdrawal from the league”** and invited to attend the meeting to explain but failed to do so.

Following deliberation, the decision of the committee was that league and FA Rule 11.A, be applied resulting in the Club being fined **£250** as per the Fines Tariff relating to that rule.

1. **Consett AFC Reserves - attending the AGM on 9th June then on 21st June informing the league that they are withdrawing from league.**

Initial email received from Club Secretary Gavin Scott informing that the Consett AFC Reserves have to officially resign from the League as they are now not in a position to continue. The club were charged under FA and League Rule 11 with failing to notify the league by the required deadline date of their withdrawal from the league and were invited to attend the meeting or submit an email/ letter in mitigation. As Gavin was unable to attend he provided an extensive email explaining that it was not until after the AGM that he was made aware that players being offered money in local teams in both the Wearside League and The Northern League, which was something that they could not compete with, along with 3 senior members of the team announcing they were retiring. The club simply do not have the players to continue or the funding to do so.

Following lengthy deliberation, the decision of the committee was that League and FA Rule **11.B, - “Team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season”** be applied resulting in the Club being fined **£250** as per the Fines Tariff relating to that rule.

The club to return the 1st Division Challenge Cup which they recently won, together with the 3 Match balls and league paperwork given to them at the AGM.

Being no other business, the Discipline meeting closed at 7.20pm.