**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 7th May 2024**

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

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

Dave Copeland, Helen Johnson, Keith Simpson, Mick Grant.

Gareth Coxon - Shotton Colliery.

1. **Gateshead Leam Rangers v Shotton Colliery on 24th April 2024 - match abandoned.**

Referee Lewis Chirnside reported that he had to abandon the game after 6 minutes due to Shotton Colliery not having enough players to complete the game following an injury to one of their players who was unable to continue. Gareth Coxon, Secretary of Shotton Colliery, joined in the meeting and confirmed the referee’s report. He informed the committee that they were expecting to have 9 players travelling but only had 7 at the time of kick-off including himself, and he had to go in goal. He was the player that sustained the injury and could not continue, leaving the team with 6 players giving the referee no other option but to abandon the game.

The decision of the committee was that **League and FA Rule 20.E.5**. be applied resulting the points being awarded to Gateshead Leam Rangers and no fine being issued.

Keith Simpson of Premier Division side Wolviston did not take part in the decision making.

1. **Billingham Town Reserves v New Durham AFC on 23rd March 2024 - match abandoned.**

Following the results of the investigation by Durham FA at which the club was found guilty of having caused the abandonment, the decision of the committee was that **League and FA Rule 20.E.5**. be applied resulting in the points being awarded to New Durham AFC. and no fine being issued.

1. **Billingham Town Reserves - failing to field a team away to Coxhoe on 1st May 2024.**

The decision of the committee was that **League and FA Rule 20.E.1.** be applied resulting in the club being fine £50.00, as per the Fine Tariff relating to that rule, and the points being awarded to Coxhoe Athletic.

1. **Durham FC Corinthians Development - failing to field a team at home to i2i International Soccer Academy on 27th April 2024.**

The decision of the management committee was that the Development Team be fined, as charged, **£50.00** as per the Fines Tariff relating to **League and FA Rule 20.E.1.**

The game had since been rearranged and played on 1st May 2024.

1. **Durham FC Corinthians Development - failing to field a team away to Wolviston Reserves on 4th May 2024.**

The decision of the management committee was that the Development Team be charged and fined **£50.** as per the Fines Tariff relating to **League and FA Rule 20.E.1. and the points awarded to Wolviston Reserves.**

1. **EBAC Northern League Annual Dinner 2024.**

Kevin informed the meeting that our League had received an invite (for 2 representatives) to the Northern League’s Annual Dinner which is being held at The Ramside Hall Hotel on Friday 31st May 2024.

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

* **League Chairman – Confirmation of Retirement.**

Peter informed the meeting that he is definitely retiring and will be stepping down after 33 years as Chairman at the forthcoming AGM. He has agreed to accept the position of League President.

* **New Applications.**

Kevin reported that he had received a confirmed application from 1 of the 11 expressions of interest to join the league. He will be seeking an update from the other 10 as soon as possible and hoped to give an update at the next management meeting.

* **Management Committee.**

Kevin informed the meeting that management committee member Paul Bell (SUNDERLAND RCA) is stepping away from the team and will be stepping down from the management committee at the end of the season. He would be looking for new committee member nominations at the AGM in June .

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.38pm.