**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday 13thJuly 2023**

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

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

Dave Copeland, Helen Pollard, Joe Partridge, Keith Simpson, Kieran Downey,

Sean Rooks, Mick Grant.

1. **Apologies** Dani Maguire, Marshall Lawson, Paul Bell.
2. **Minutes of the last Management meeting**.

The minutes of the last management committee meeting held on Thursday 20th April 2023, previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record.

1. **Matters Arising.**

* **Item 7 - DCFA protest from Darlington Town.**

League Chairman Peter Maguire informed the meeting that the league paid Darlington Town, as instructed by DCFA, £567.00, being 2/3rds of the cost towards Bus Hire for the Alan Hood Cup Final at Windscale. The league’s Cup Rules governing Club expenses for Cup competitions have now been revised and approved by the County FA and also the Clubs at the League’s AGM.

1. **F.A. Inter League Cup 2023-24.**

Following discussions, it was decided that the League will **not** be entering the F.A’s Inter League Cup competition this season.

1. **Hylton CW - request to withdraw their resignation and re-apply to join the league.**

Dave Farrell, club representative, was emailed the Link to the meeting as requested but failed to attend. It was decided to wait for the club to make contact before any decision would be made regarding the club rejoining the league.

1. **F.A. Sanctions Guidelines - Offences against Referees 2023-24.**

Peter informed the committee that the F.A. are clamping down this season on assaults or attempted assaults / physical contact or attempted physical contact against Match officials. They will take action on Clubs who repeatedly offend, and they will be subject to a possible points deduction for each reported occasion.

1. **Medical Emergency Action Planning Workshops.**

League Secretary Kevin Harrison informed the meeting that he had received correspondence from Andy Brown, Club Development Officer at DCFA, regarding the provision of a Medical Emergency Action Planning Workshop free to all clubs to prepare them in the event of a serious life-threatening situation. Tutors are currently available on Thursday 10th August and Thursday 19th October 2023, between 6-8pm. The league would need to provide a venue. Peter reported that all old existing league clubs should currently have an Action Plan which was previously created with the assistance of League Marketing & Welfare Officer and Charter Standard Co-Ordinator Phil Tye. A circular will be sent out to all clubs offering them the opportunity to attend the Workshop and to find out the level of interest before confirming. Peter will contact Andy regarding the possible provision of a Level 2 First Aid course and cost.

1. **League constitution.**

Kevin reported that all club name changes had been made and sanctioned by the county FA. Some teams had still to affiliate and have until the end of July to do so. The divisions are as agreed at the AGM – Premier Div. 18 teams, 1st Div. 14 teams, and 2nd Div. 12 teams.

1. **Registration and Transfers.**

Peter informed the meeting that both he and Registration Secretary Dave Copeland had been uploading all the registrations. It was reported that some clubs were trying to process the transfer of players without speaking to the other club. Peter stressed that clubs must put in 7 days’ notice and must also inform either he or Dave if the 7 days have been wavered or not. Dave requested that clubs be instructed that when they make an approach for transfer, they must include him in the communication process to ensure the transfer is confirmed.

1. **Late / Incorrect Online Match Returns - Fine criteria.**

Mick reported to the meeting on the fine procedure which was introduced mid-term last season and imposed on clubs who were late in doing their online match returns. This season clubs will now also be fined for an incorrect online match return, and he asked what fine procedure would be adopted this season. Following various proposals discussed, it was proposed and agreed that from the start of the season clubs will be allowed 2 incidents of late and 2 incidents of incorrect online match return without being fined. On the 3rd occasion of each, and any subsequent occasions, they will be issued with an automatic £20.00 fine as per the Fine Tariff relating to League Rule 21C.

1. **Match Balls - Next season.**

Peter asked if it was the intention of the league to again provide an allocation of league match balls to all clubs again next season. If so, he would need to place an order in advance to ensure that sufficient stock will be received from the manufacturer and available to clubs. At the moment he has approx. 60 left in stock available for replacements.

If not, the money allocated could be used for 1st Aid Equipment for clubs / Club First Aiders.

Sean Rooks, League Treasurer, reported that there are sufficient funds in the Reserve Account to allow the league to fund both the balls and 1st Aid provision.

It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the league provide both.

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

* **Charity Donations.**

Based on Gate Receipts (less on the day expenses) from Cup Finals, an estimate of £1,500 was suggested to be donated to the league’s regular Charity, Monkwearmouth Hospital. Following discussion, it was proposed and unanimously agreed that a total amount of £2.000, be donated to Charity, split equally between Monkwearmouth Hospital (£1,000) and ‘If U Care Share’ (£1,000) – a charity set up to support emotional well-being in young people and those affected by suicide. (Helen to provide contact details).

* **Admin Awards (Monetary).**

Kevin suggested the possibility of the league implementing an alternative Financial Incentive Club Admin Award scheme, based on a points system. He explained how the system would work and the meeting was in full agreement for it to be implemented this season.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.46pm.