**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday 29th June 2022**

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

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

Helen Pollard, Joe Partridge, Keith Simpson, Paul Bell, Sean Rooks,

Steve Futers, Mick Grant.

1. **Apologies:** Dani Maguire, Malcolm Langley, Marshall Lawson, Michael Smith,

Paul Sharpe.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**.

The minutes of the last management committee meeting held on Monday 26th April 2022, previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record.

1. **Minutes of the Rules Review meeting**.

The minutes of the Rule Review meeting held on Wednesday 18th May 2022, also previously circulated, were also confirmed as a true record.

1. **Any Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising from either meeting’s minutes.

1. **Resignation of Spennymoor Town Youth (Probationer 3rd Div**.).

Peter informed the meeting that the club had notified the League of their decision to resign after the notification deadline date. As the club had resigned before the AGM, the committee felt that no action should be taken against them.

1. **Resignation of Washington United (1st Div.)**.

Peter reported that no official notification had been received from Washington Football Club informing that the team (Washington United) had decided to fold. Following contact by the league with their club representative, the resignation was confirmed as there is a ground issue with Nissan. Following discussion, it was agreed to let them go and no further action to be taken against the team. Kevin reported that the FA is looking to reduce the number of teams in the 1st Division to 16 in future and proposed that the league should run with 17 teams in the division this season in preparation for the eventual reduction. The committee agreed and proposed that no backfill should be made.

1. **Referee’s Fees**.

Kevin reported that Durham FA had requested suggestions from leagues in relation to referee’s fees at 11 a-side for the coming season. Following responses, Durham FA recommended that either £30 plus mileage at .35p per mile or £35 inclusive of travel be implemented. A proposal by Kevin that £30 plus mileage be applied, for referees officiating in the 2nd and 3rd Divisions, was approved by the committee.

1. **Referees / Assistants recruitment**.

Kevin informed the meeting that due to the shortage in referees’ availability, both he and Steve Futers will be looking to meet with Matty Malton, who now deals with the allocation of referees for the Northern League, to see who is available. Our league will also look to arrange its own training course with assistance from Durham FA and fund new prospective referees with their course fees (£100 Fees + £30 DBS). Four people from clubs within the league have already volunteered to go on the course with the league hopefully looking to attract 10 people in total. Peter will push it with all clubs within the league who may have someone interested in taking part and also via the league’s social media. Paul Bell, Sunderland RCA Reserves, will put it on their Club’s page connecting to the Northern League.

1. **HUBS.**

Kevin reported that, with referee availability being greater on a Friday night than on a Saturday and should 1st Division clubs wish to play some games on a Friday night instead, the league would be willing to pay for the hire of a Hub(s) again should there be sufficient interest. He will write to all 1st division clubs to see who will use it.

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

* **Cup Draws**.

Kevin informed the meeting that the Cup Draws will be taking place on **Sunday 3rd July 2022** at Silksworth CA, commencing at **11.00am**. He will advise clubs should they wish to attend.

* **AGM - Clubs non-attendance**.

The meeting was informed that 4 teams were not represented at the AGM :- Richmond Town, Washington United, Wearmouth CW and Wearmouth CW Reserves. It was proposed and agreed that the clubs be fined as per the Fine Tariff applicable to FA and League Rule 8H - failing to attend AGM.

* **Farringdon Detached FC.**

Peter reported that Farringdon Detached will now be playing at Ryhope CW ground.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.37pm.