**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday 6th December 2022**

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

**Present:** Peter Maguire (Chairman), Dave Copeland, Frank Thompson, Helen Pollard,

Joe Partridge, Keith Simpson, Michael Smith, Paul Bell, Sean Rooks,

Steve Futers, Mick Grant.

1. **Apologies** Dani Maguire, Dave Farrell, Kieran Downey, Kevin Harrison,

Malcolm Langley, Marshall Lawson.

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

The minutes of the last management committee meeting held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022, previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record.

1. **Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising.

1. **Minutes of the Emergency meeting.**

The minutes of the Emergency meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2022, previously circulated, were also confirmed as a true record.

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There were no matters arising.

1. **Annfield Plain - playing an ineligible player (Aaron Wilkinson) in the league game against South Moor on Saturday 22nd October 2022.**

Derek Kemp and Stephen Laws represented the club, and both jointly informed the committee that neither the club nor the player were made aware or informed via the **W**hole **G**ame **S**ystem that he was under suspension and that he had accumulated 5 cautions. If they knew that he was suspended the club would not have played him as they had enough players to compete in the game. Following lengthy discussion, it was decided that the league will contact the county FA to clarify the circumstances relating to the player’s suspension and also the notification process to both player and club via the WGS before making a decision on the charge. The club to be updated and a further meeting called when all details are made known, and procedures are made clear.

1. **Annfield Plain - failing to field a team away to Darlington Town in the league on Saturday 12th November 2022.**

Derek Kemp informed the meeting that a number of the players and management were suffering from symptoms of Covid prior to the game and the club decided that in the best interests of others, including the away team, a decision was made not to travel. They informed Darlington Town in advance and also the league of the circumstances and their decision not to travel resulting in the game not going ahead. The decision of the management committee was that league rules be applied resulting in the club being fined **£150.00**, as per the Fine Tariff relating to Rule 20.E.1, for failing to field a team and the game to be rearranged on a future convenient date.

1. **Wearmouth CW - failing to field a team away to West Auckland Tunns in the Clem Smith Bowl on Saturday 5th November 2022.**

As no one from the club was in attendance and following an email from Keaton Trott, club secretary, informing that the club was unable to field a team, the club charge was dealt with in their absence. The decision made was that FA and League Rule 20.E.1. be applied resulting the club being fined **£50.00** as per the Fine Tariff relating to that rule, and the club excluded from the Cup competition.

1. **Wearmouth CW - resigning from the league with immediate effect on 29th November 2022.**

League Chairman Peter Maguire informed the meeting that he had received contact from Keaton Trott informing that the club is folding with immediate effect following being placed under suspension by DFA for non-payment of player cautions by the due dates. Peter informed him that the club would be fined **£250.00** as per FA and league Rule 11.B. The club have since cleared all fines with the county and Keaton asked for a total of what was owed to the league to clear everything and allow players to register for other clubs. He was informed that the total amount owed is **£300.00** and once paid all players will be released. Keaton agreed to make the payment as soon as possible.

1. **Billingham Synthonia AR v Polton AFC - match abandoned in the Clem Smith Bowl on Saturday 5th November 2022. (Mass Brawl – both teams).**

Peter informed the meeting that the abandonment has still to be dealt with at County level and until a decision has been reached the league is unable to make a decision. This will be placed on the Agenda to be dealt with at the next management meeting.

1. **Durham City AFC - update.**

Peter reported that following the meeting with the Olivier Barnard and Gary Hutchinson on 13th November 2022, the club have, as required, paid both the money owed to Willington FC and the £200 Bond to the league. The team are now up and running and played their first fixture since being reinstated away to Norton and Stockton Ancients on Saturday 3rd December. Everything appears to be organised now with club officials Justin Smart and Wayne Gredziak, and players in place to progress.

1. **Roseberry Park - failing to field a team away to Consett AFC Reserves in the 3rd Division Challenge Cup on Saturday 19th November 2022.**

As no one from your club was in attendance at the league management committee meeting held last night, Tuesday 6th December 2022, and no letter in mitigation received, the club, charged under **FA and** **League Rule 20.E.1**. with failing to field a team in the above fixture, was dealt with its absence. The decision of the management committee was that league rules be applied resulting in the club being fined **£50.00,** as per the Fines Tariff relating to that rule, and excluded from the Cup competition.

1. **Roseberry Park v Sunderland RCA - match abandoned on Saturday 26th November 2022.**

The meeting was informed that the game was abandoned in the 44th minute following a serious injury to a Sunderland RCA player which required an ambulance to be called. RCA Secretary Paul Bell reported that the player is now recovering at home following the broken Fibia and Tibia sustained in the incident. It was agreed that the game be replayed and rearranged at future convenient date.

1. **West Auckland Tunns - folding and resigning from league with immediate effect on Wednesday 30th November 2022**

Email received from Club Secretary Dean Whitworth informing that due to family commitments and unforeseen circumstances, he is folding the team after 22 years. League Chairman Peter Maguire made him aware of the financial costs prior to the meeting which he has since paid.

1. **Fines update.**

League Treasurer Sean Rooks, informed the meeting that the following clubs had paid their Fines and monies owed to the league;

Polton AFC - £128.50, Wynyard Village Reserves - £50.00, Billingham Synthonia - £50.00. Durham City AFC - £200.00 Bond, West Auckland Tunns - £250.00.

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

* **Application for Promotion - FA.**

Helen Pollard asked if the league had received any correspondence from the FA regarding clubs wishing to apply for promotion to the Northern League for next season. Mick Grant reported that had not seen any email regarding this. Peter advised any club interested should contact the FA directly.

* **Issues and Concerns.**

Peter informed the meeting that he will be compiling a report on issues and concerns that he has regarding a number of various aspects of club’s attitude and behaviour, He will be consulting with League Secretary Kevin Harrison on his return from holiday to go through various issues he has identified which he feels needs addressing before presenting it to the management committee and clubs.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm.