**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 8th October 2024**

**Held via Zoom Video Conference at 7.25pm.**

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

 Dani Maguire, Gareth Coxon, Jeff Spooner, Joe Partridge, Michael Bloomer,

 Paul Sharpe, Mick Grant.

 **Committee Members and League Officials associated with Clubs in the same Division as the below**

 **listed Clubs were excluded from the meeting whilst the relevant Club’s case was being reviewed.**

**Norton & Stockton Ancients - failing to field a team against Hartlepool Pools Youth Seniors in the Shipowners Charity Cup on Saturday16th September 2024.**

As no one from the club was in attendance and no email/letter in mitigation submitted by the club, the charge of failing to field a team was dealt with in their absence.

Following lengthy discussion, the decision of the committee was that league and FA Rule 20.E.1 be applied resulting in the Club being excluded from the Shipowners Charity Cup competition and Hartlepool Pool Youth Seniors to go through to the next round. No fine to be levied.

**Wolviston Reserves - failing to field a team at home to Easington lane Reserves in the league on Saturday 21st September 2024.**

Wayne Dilleston, Wolviston Reserves’ Club Manager, addressed the meeting informing that they did not have sufficient players available for the game and no one to manage them.

The decision of the management committee was that the club be fined **£50**, as per the Fines Tariff

relating to League rule 20.E.1. and 3 points deducted, which are suspended. Should the club fail to fulfil a league fixture again this season those 3 points will be automatically deducted from the club’s points total in addition to any other penalties deemed necessary. The fixture will be rearranged at a future convenient date.

**i2i Soccer Academy – playing an ineligible player v Deerness Valley on Tuesday 17th September 2024.**

A protest was received from Deerness Valley alleging that i2i Soccer Academy playing an unregistered player against them in Kenny Kumar. An email in mitigation was submitted by Bryan Hughes, Head of Coaching at i2i Sports, informing that following an internal investigation it was found that they had genuinely made a mistake including Kenny Kumar on the Team Sheet. He has been with them for the last 2 years and they had missed him off when registering players to the league.

 Following lengthy discussion, the decision of the committee was that the club was found guilty of playing

 an ineligible player, and the points for the game to be awarded to Deerness Valley. **NO Fine** to be levied

 against the Club. Deerness Valley to have their Protest Fee refunded.

 Being no other business, the discipline meeting closed at 7.55pm.