**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday 10th April 2025**

**Held via Zoom Video Conference at 7.30pm.**

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

 Dave Copeland, Keith Simpson, Mick Grant.

**Farringdon Detached - playing an ineligible player against Seaton Carew Seniors on Saturday 29th March 2025.**

Protest received, with evidence, from Seaton Carew Seniors informing that DENNIS KNIGHT who is not registered with Farringdon Detached on both the WGS and Wearside League Website, played for Farringdon Detached against them in their game on the above date.

Ian Stewart, Farringdon Detached Secretary, submitted a letter in mitigation and also attended the meeting and gave a verbal presentation. He informed the committee that this was due to a human error and an honest mistake and they take full responsibility for the cause of this. With the team getting a full overhaul and a lot of new signings coming in this has been a genuine human error and totally forgetting to put the transfer through on the WGS. They wouldn’t have played this player if they knew he wasn’t eligible as they had other players eligible to play instead of him. Also, if they were to have known he wasn’t eligible they would not have put him on their team sheet. After lengthy deliberation, the decision of the Discipline committee was that the club is found guilty and League & FA Rule 18.M. be applied resulting in the points for the game being awarded to their opponents - Seaton Carew Seniors. **No Fine** to be levied against your club.

**South Moor AFC - failing to field a team away to Annfield Plain on Wednesday 2nd April 2025.**

 As no one from South Moor was in attendance, the charge against them of failing to field a team

 was dealt with in their absence. League Secretary Kevin Harrison received an email from South

 Moor‘s Connor Price on Tuesday 1st April informing that ‘Unfortunately we are going to be unable

 to fulfil tomorrows fixture versus Annfield Plain, we did try to arrange another day this week but

 were unable to agree on one.’ The committee deliberated and the decision was that the club be

 fined **£150**, 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 clubs points total in addition to any other penalties deemed

 necessary. The fixture will be rearranged at a future convenient date (10th May 2025).

 **A.O.B.**

* **FA & League Rule 18.G. - Refusing / Cancelling Player Registrations.**

 Kevininformed the meeting that he was looking on behalf of the league, to remove any

player(s) who have received a lengthy ban(s) through violent conduct in excess of 112 days

 or 10 weeks-based suspension. He had consulted with John Topping at Durham County FA

 regarding the process and, subject to approval from the committee, will initiate the

 procedure to deal with any applicable player(s) currently registered within the league.

* **Sponsorship.**

Ian Stewart informed the meeting that he had met with representatives of Hummel at the Stadium Of Light who are keen to get involved with local leagues. He is meeting them again at the weekend and will make them aware of the league’s interest.

 Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.