**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 10th September 2024**

**Held via Zoom Video Conference commencing at 7.10pm.**

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

 Dani Maguire, Dave Copeland, Gareth Coxon, Ian Stewart, Jeff Spooner,

 Joe Partridge, Michael Bloomer, Keith Simpson, 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.

**Newton Aycliffe YFC Seniors - failing to field a team at home to Belmont United in the Clem Smith Bowl on Saturday 3rd August 2024.**

Club Secretary Bernard Borsberry and Team Manager Michael Bloomer addressed the meeting.

Michael had emailed League Secretary Kevin Harrison on 1st August, following the issue of the league fixtures, informing that he was now unable to field a team for the 3rd August due to players out through recent injuries and players not back from holiday. He contacted Belmont and the Referee to make them aware.

Following discussion, the decision of the management committee was that league Rule 20.E.1 be applied for failing to field a team resulting in the club being excluded from the Clem Smith Bowl competition. No Fine to be levied.

**Newton Aycliffe YFC Seniors - failing to field a team away to Durham AFC in the league on Wednesday 7th August 2024.**

Bernard Borsberry and Michael Bloomer again addressed the meeting informing that the club were still short on available numbers and unable to field a team away to Durham AFC. The decision of the management committee was that league Rule 20.E.1 be applied resulting in the Club being fined **£50.00** as per the Fines Tariff relating to that rule, and also deducted 3 points which are suspended. Should the team again fail to field a team in the league this season the 3 points will be automatically deducted from their total in addition to any other penalties deemed necessary. The above league fixture will be rearranged at a later convenient date.

 **Brandon United - naming 7 substitutes on their online match return for their game**

 **against Shotton Colliery on Saturday 3rd August 2024.**

Following correspondence from Club Chairman John Woolnough to League Secretary Kevin Harrison, reviewed by the management committee, regarding the club naming 7 substitutes on the Match Return for the above fixture, instead of 5 Substitutes, as required by league rule 20F, the decision of the management committee was that there had been an apparent misunderstanding of the wording of the FA and League Rule 20.F. and, as only 5 substitutions had been used, It would be recorded as an ‘Incorrect Result Sheet’. No further action to be taken.

 **Brandon United - failing to field a team at home to Seaton Carew Reserves on Saturday 24th**

 **August 2024.**

 League Secretary Kevin Harrison informed the committee that he had received notification from

 Brandon United Secretary David Strong on the day before the fixture informing that they won’t be able

 to field a team at home to Seaton Carew Reserves. They had already contacted both the away team and

 the Match Officials. Following discussion, the decision of the committee was that league rule 20.E.1 be

 applied resulting in the club being fined **£150** as per the Fine tariff relating to that rule, and also 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 to be rearranged at a future convenient date.

 **Bishop Auckland FC Reserves - failing to field a team away to Windscale on Wednesday 14th**

 **August 2024.**

Kevin informed the meeting that he had received notification from Steve West, Bishop Auckland

 Reserves Secretary, apologising that Bishop Reserves won't be able to fulfil the away fixture on

 Wednesday night at Windscale. This was due to a shortage of players available with injuries, work

 commitments & holidays. Asking, if at all possible, can this fixture be rearranged for a Saturday as this

 will not interfere with players work commitments. Kevin informed him that it was their turn in the

 schedule of clubs to go to Windscale midweek. Should they fail to go they will be charged with an

 unfulfilled game. Following discussions, the decision of the management committee was that league

 rules be applied, resulting in the Club being fined £150.00 as per the Fines Tariff relating to 20.E.1.

 **Bishop Auckland FC Reserves - failing to field a team away to Gateshead Leam Rangers on**

 **Saturday 24th August 2024.**

Kevin informed the meeting that he had again received notification from Steve West the informing

 that they are unable to field a team, this time for their game away to Gateshead Leam Rangers.

 The decision of the management committee was that in this instance 3 points to be deducted from their

 points total.

 **Bishop Auckland FC Reserves - failing to field a team away to Windscale (Rearranged game)**

 **on Wednesday 4th September 2024.**

 Kevin reported that he had received correspondence from their parent club representative, Catherine

 Pearson, informing that Reserve Team secretary, Steve West, has now resigned and she had spoken to

 the Guy who was helping him out to try and resolve the situation. She reported that unfortunately the

 team aren’t available to field a squad to fulfil the game due to end of day finish and they would not get

 there until after the kick-off time. She will contact Windscale and let them know.

 Following lengthy discussion, the decision of the management committee was that the Reserve Team

 have another 3 points deducted from their total.

 **Annfield Plain - playing an ineligible player in their game away to Farringdon Detached on**

 **Wednesday 21st August 2024.**

 Ian Stewart, Club secretary for Farringdon Detached, informed the league that Annfield Plain had

 played SHAY ROBINSON in their fixture against them, who was not a registered player, and lodged a

 Protest with the league. After being advised of this Derek Kemp, Club chairman for Annfield Plain,

 addressed the meeting informing that he was not aware at the time that the player was unregistered

 and that he did play him. He was of the opinion that the player was signed on. He informed that the

 club had been having serious internal problems with the Whole Game System. He admitted that he

 played the player and, had he known that he was not registered he would not have brought him on as

 a substitute as the team were winning comfortably. He asked for some leniency and a possible replay.

 Following lengthy discussions and following voting on various options, the decision made by the

 management committee was that the club was found guilty and the points for the game to be

 awarded to their opponents - Farringdon Detached. **No Fine** to be levied against Annfield Plain.

 The Protest by Farringdon Detached was upheld and the protest fee was returned to them.

 Being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.