**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 8th October 2024**

**Held via Zoom Video Conference at 7.15pm.**

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

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

Paul Sharpe, Mick Grant.

1. **Apologies:**  Dave Copeland, Ian Stewart, Keith Simpson, Kevin Robinson, Peter Maguire,

Sean Rooks, Steve Futers.

1. **Minutes of the Last Management Committee meeting.**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024, previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record.

1. **Any Matters Arising.**

* Annfield Plain - playing an ineligible player.

Kevin informed the meeting that Annfield Plain have appealed the league’s decision to award the points to Farringdon Detached to Durham FA and are awaiting a date for both the County and the Club to attend a zoom meeting.

1. **Minutes of the Discipline meeting**

The minutes of the Discipline meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024, previously circulated, were also confirmed as a true record.

1. **Any Matters Arising**.

There were no matters arising from those minutes.

1. **Correspondence;**

* Email from DFA informing of their decision regarding the abandoned game between Wolviston Reserves(1) and Crook Town Youths(1). The decision of the management committee was that the result stands.
* Email from DFA regarding the amendment to their Articles of Association, allowing each sanctioned league with Durham County FA to nominate one of their members to become a Council member of the Association. Kevin to inform all of our league clubs and request any nominations to be forwarded to him by noon Friday 18th October 2024.

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

See Discipline Meeting minutes.

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

See Discipline Meeting minutes.

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

See Discipline Meeting minutes.

1. **Hartlepool Pools Youth Seniors – failing to attend after-match hospitality at Richmond Town on Saturday 21st September 2024.**

H/Pools’ Club Secretary Paul Sharpe addressed the meeting confirming that they did not attend, and the decision of the management committee was that the Club be fined **£40.00** as per league rule.

1. **Annfield Plain - failing to attend after-match hospitality at Shotton Colliery on Saturday 28th September 2024.**

Derek Kemp, Annfield Plain Club Chairman, submitted a letters/emails in mitigation initially explaining that he left early and didn’t know at the time if the players went back. On further investigation he further reported that Shotton were informed that they were not going back due to other prior arrangements. Following discussion, the decision of the management committee was that league Rule be applied resulting in Annfield Plain being fined **£40.00**.

1. **Player Details.**

Kevin informed the meeting that he had received a number of enquiries regarding some Player’s FAN numbers showing up on Team Sheets as opposed to player’s names when checking eligibility.

It was explained that this was due to FA Rules regarding Data protection for youth players (U16s -U18s) who’s identity/picture was requested not to be shown who have now become adults and are still playing in the league. Kevin had contacted the League’s Web Administrator to see if anything can be done and Helen (league Chair) will contact the FA for clarity.

1. **Management Meeting attendances**.

Mick updated the meeting reporting that he was still not receiving any correspondence from some committee members advising if they are able/unable to attend management meetings. It was proposed to review the situation at the end of December and decide on what action, if any, to take and whether to invite new members on to the committee.

1. **Fines & Fees Update.**

Mick informed the meeting that league Treasurer Sean Rooks was away on holiday at the time of the meeting and an update would be given at the next meeting.

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

* **Hospitality.**

Kevin informed the meeting that as the league has now issued fines this season to 3 Clubs for breaching this rule, he would be reminding all Clubs of the League Rules in regards post-match refreshments.

* **Shotton Colliery - Loan Application.**

Shotton Colliery applied to the league for an interest free loan to bring their floodlights back to full use, which would benefit both the league and themselves. They asked for £8000 which was to be paid back by an agreed amount over a period of 3 years.

The committee discussed it at length, and it was turned down as members of the committee were not comfortable with both the amount requested and the principal of loans to clubs.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.18pm.