

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM





Minutes of The Millwall Football Club Safety Advisory Group
The Den, Zampa road, London SE16
Thursday 25th February 2016

Present

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Millwall Football Club
Metropolitan Police (Taking over from NH)

Item	Details	Follow up
1.	Apologies for Absence  <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: top; margin-left: 20px;"> Metropolitan Police Millwall Football club SGSA Southwark Council London Ambulance Service </div>	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few Changes made -  in agreement with changes.  to email SPOC 	
2.1	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAG topics for discussion handed out (see Appendix) Audit Information on stewarding staff on duty for Millwall v Gillingham Match on Saturday 19th December 2015 handed out. Remaining home fixtures info handed out 	
3	Matters arising from last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further complaints regarding Mayors letter  informed that Halfway bridge is causing issues – too much time being spent on creating parking spaces Cold Blow Lane Parking issues causing problems for children to go to school The company responsible for Renewal is up for sale – causing problems Issues with local businesses tipping various products down the drain – More power needed for enforcement action. - Clean streets informed. No Further issues with security Bank Holiday Monday Match moved to 7.45 on sky TV 	
4	Upcoming Fixtures / Categorisations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remaining home fixtures info handed out – See hand-out Last match of the season for Oldham athletics – Millwall will work with the police to clear the stadium 	

5	Match Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Met Police</u> – Season is progressing leading to progression of issues • Disorders in the last five games • Three post match enquiries at present • Police being spat at from the east stand – main instigator arrested leaving 8 more anticipated arrests – ■ to check with club whether arrests should be highlighted by the press • Challenging times ahead of the Sheffield United Match – Massive game for Sheffield. – Concerns of issues progressing. • 2200 tickets sold – (expected attendees) • Possibility of another match enquiry • <u>Millwall</u> - Huge pressure on finance due to cuts • Audit of stewards conducted – Please see hand-out • Cycle path still continues – ■ to keep DE updated on progress. • Main concern with cycle path is the antisocial element of it. • Cycle path due to open end of March / April • 	
6	Updates from SGSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see appendix (SAG Topics for discussion) • 	
7	Stewarding, Recruitment, Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No recruitment or training of stewards – Agency stewards to be used. 	
8	Security and recent meetings (NSY) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security for the grounds to be revised • CCTV from France – resulting in everyone being on board • Improved Confidence due to excellent connection with the police in London. 	
10.	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DE to circulate minutes. • Contact list will be updated and circulated. 	
	Proposed Dates of Future Meetings: 05th May 2016 – Confirmed (later changed to 12th May 2016)	

SAG Topics for Discussion

Date added	Discussion item	Date to be reviewed
15/02/2016	<p>SGSA “Spectator Safety in a Changing World” Conference - Following the success of the 2015 SGSA conference, we are pleased to confirm we will be hosting another one-day conference on Monday 9 May 2016. The SGSA “Spectator Safety in a Changing World” event will be held at Arsenal FC’s Emirates Stadium.</p> <p>Speakers will include industry experts from across the spectator safety spectrum, with representatives from a range of sports, football authorities, spectator representatives, local authorities, emergency services and Government.</p> <p>The event is designed to bring together professionals working to ensure the safety of spectators at sports grounds to discuss ideas, learn from each other and share good practice.</p> <p>We are pleased to be able to offer this event to our stakeholders free of charge this year. Places are limited and based on the response from the 2015, we would suggest you secure yours as soon as you can.</p> <p>To book your place at the 2016 conference please email [REDACTED]</p>	01/04/2016
15/02/2016	<p>SGSA Strategy - The SGSA published its new five year strategy on 1st February 2016 which sets out our vision and explains how we will share our expertise for the benefit of more spectators and more sports around the world. You can find the new strategy, and a one page summary, on our website.</p> <p>The SGSA’s purpose to ensure all spectators can enjoy watching sport in safety is unchanged and we have a new ambitious vision to be the world’s leading authority on sports grounds safety. We will do this by sharing our expertise as widely as possible with other sports and countries, continuing our valuable work in football and always putting spectators at the heart of what we do. We will be guided by our simple purpose to ensure all spectators can enjoy watching sport in safety and our values of excellence, independence, integrity and partnership.</p> <p>Our commitment to our statutory responsibility in football is as strong as ever, and we will continue to work with the football authorities, clubs and yourselves on this important work. As you are aware, our statutory role is to regulate local authorities in your oversight of safety at the 92 football clubs in the Premier League</p>	01/04/2016

	and Football League, and at Wembley and the Principality Stadium. We will continue to do this with passion and commitment, working in partnership with you to ensure all spectators can enjoy watching sport in safety.	
15/02/2016	Fire service/PDA – there was a recent incident at football ground where there was a fire in a deep fat fryer after gates had opened, there were very few spectators in the ground at this time. However the debrief for this incident highlighted that the predetermined attendance (PDA) by the fire service is listed in the fire control room from kick-off time rather than from gates opening time. So in this case as the fire happened at around 1.30, fire control did not send PDA for football ground. It would be worth checking with the local fire service whether there PDA for the football ground/sports ground is listed from kick-off time or gates opening time.	01/04/2016
25/01/2016	<p>Stewarding FAQ - Since the fifth edition of the Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds (the Green Guide) was written in 2008, the qualifications sector has changed significantly. As a result, we believe the SGSA should provide some clarity on the application of section 4.8 of the Green Guide which covers steward training.</p> <p>All stewards working at a sports ground where a general safety certificate has been issued should be trained, assessed for occupational competence and have obtained a qualification within 12 months of starting work as an unaccompanied steward.</p> <p>This qualification should be a Level 2 NVQ in Spectator Safety or an acceptable alternative. In order for an alternative to be acceptable it must cover all of the units in the National Occupational Standards for Spectator Safety, include an assessment of occupational competence by a qualified assessor and be issued by an awarding organisation regulated by Ofqual.</p> <p>This requirement applies equally to stewards employed directly or working through an agency.</p> <p>On our website you can find the answers to stewarding FAQs - http://www.safetyatsportsgrounds.org.uk/advice/faqs/steward-training</p>	01/04/2016
25/01/2016	Litter bins FAQ - We recommend that litter bins and other waste receptacles are securely anchored. Where grounds are providing unsecured bins, they should review their risk assessment to ensure that adequate	01/04/2016

	<p>control measures are in place both to prevent the misuse of the waste bin and/or its displacement in an emergency.</p> <p>In addition, the risk assessment should cover the location of all bins and ensure their positioning does not reduce the width of the exit route to an extent where the exit capacity it affected. Ground management should consider the consequences of using unsecured bins, the placing and size of bins. When securing bins, consideration should also be given to those that incorporate loose metal liners that could be subject to misuse.</p> <p>Section 7.2 of Sports Ground and Stadia Guide No 3 – Concourses, states “Suitable receptacles should be placed at regular intervals around the concourse, wherever possible, close to the catering facilities. They should be securely anchored to avoid displacement in the event of an emergency and designed to be emptied easily..... Consideration should be given to recess any obstructions where possible.”</p> <p>Section 5.10 of the Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds (Green Guide), states under point f. “containers used to store combustible waste or litter are secure”</p> <p>This advice relates to bins being secured to prevent them falling over on an exit route in the event of an emergency that could hamper spectators safely exiting a sports ground. It could also be applied when considering the potential use of bins as missiles during a disorder incident.</p> <p>This guidance is relevant to all sports grounds and all sports.</p>	
12/01/2016	<p>Green Guide Review - The SGSA is to undertake a review of the current 5th edition of the Green Guide which will allow for updating of changes in the regulatory regime, together with recognition of developments and improvements in the design and safety management of sports grounds since 2008. The new edition of the Guide will also reinforce the benefits of its application across all sports.</p> <p>We will be happy to consider comments on any part of the Guide, in particularly any practical suggestions as to why specific parts of the Guide require updating or improving and how this might best be achieved. You may find it helpful to submit a collective reply through your association or governing body.</p> <p>In order to assist this process, we have placed a proforma on our website – www.safetyatsportsgrounds.org.uk. Please feel free to complete it and return it by email to [REDACTED]. We would be grateful if you could please reply by <u>Friday 19 February 2016</u>.</p>	01/04/2016

18/11/2015	<p>██████████ issues reminder to remain vigilant - On behalf of the Sports Grounds Safety Authority, I would like to pass our condolences to the people of France for the tragic events on Friday. Our thoughts are with those caught up in the violence and the families of those affected by the terrible events. We stand in solidarity with them and with colleagues at the Stade de France.</p> <p>The SGSA is committed to ensuring the safety and comfort of spectators at sports grounds and we know we are part of wider community that shares these goals. We would like to remind sports grounds and those involved in spectator safety to remain vigilant and review relevant contingency plans.</p> <p>The UK government has issued a statement reminding that the threat from terrorism remains Severe, as it has done since August 2014 and that we should be alert. The National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSCO) has reissued its advice on protecting crowded places.</p>	01/04/2016
25/01/2016	<p>We are liaising with the Government, UK Police Football Unit, NaCTSCO, the Football Authorities and other parties to ensure the safety of spectators at sports grounds remains a priority. Should the advice change, we will provide further updates.</p>	
15/02/2016	<p>UPDATE - The National Counter Terrorism Policing HQ has launched its YouTube site, and a version of NaCTSO's Stay Safe: Firearms and Weapons Attack, a public safety film which highlights steps the public can take in the event of a firearms and weapons attack.</p> <p>The purpose of this notice is to enable you to inform and advise your front of house staff and other customer facing roles, so that they are prepared to deal appropriately with any questions from the public that may arise from the public launch.</p> <p>UPDATE - National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO), has requested we forward their latest update. This advice relates to a series of bomb hoaxes that have been made to schools across the country and what action you might want to consider should they extend to sports grounds.</p>	
26/06/2015	<p>Encouraging Supporter Engagement Update – The SGSA and FSF are working together to produce guidance on Supporter Engagement aimed at safety officers, SAG chairs and supporter representatives.</p>	01/04/2016

	<p>The guidance will look at the benefits of partnership working, existing guidance and recommendations, case studies and top tips.</p> <p>FOR INSPECTORS - If the SAG has a supporter representative can you please remember to obtain any missing data from the spreadsheet we have produced – Name and contact email, Date they got involved, Reason for involvement e.g. Club invite, LA invite etc., Type of representative e.g. do they work for the club as fan liaison officer, are they a supporter representative.</p>	
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