

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

Minutes of The Millwall Football Club Safety Advisory Group
The Den, Zampa road, London SE16
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Present

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SGSA
Metropolitan Police (Taking over from NH)
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Item	Details	Follow up
1.	Apologies for Absence <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Metropolitan Police London Ambulance Service	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few Changes made - NH in agreement with changes. Tuff to email SPOC 	
2.1	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAG topics for discussion handed out Millwall FC SAG Agenda handed out Millwall FC SAG Contact List handed out 	
3.	Matters arising from last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenging end of season Pre-planned disorder in Deptford where police were evaded – Arrested 5 on the day looking for another 8 Police in operation – No holes in the plan Attracting a very large risk group Oldham issue – got slapped in the face by a player – antagonised the fans Player has not come forward – Last game at the ground Re: Sheffield Match – Issue at end of match, held them back Train Station - Police tried to hold back the Sheffield fans/supporters. Train came in on time but didn't wait – 2 sets of rival fans on platform. Officers on station got assaulted – Train driver decides when train leaves Instructed him to if he were to take train away, disorder will be on him(train driver) New Cycle path which is completely open Aerial photograph – suggestion – very busy with pedestrians & cyclists Games that have been articulated 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. 25 Plus seasons has been a pitching curb II. Served a notice that our players decided to stay III. Daily Mirror reporters got hit six times IV. Gillingham Safety Officer does not put reports up on site V. Millwall puts reports up within 2 hours after match VI. 26th March - Invited Kent police & Gillingham football club to a meeting, raised what the problems would be and how we can be of any help – since then no invites to further meetings VII. Challenging day for Kent police 	
4.	Forthcoming Matches/Categorisations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30th July 2016 • Arsenal v Tottenham 	
5.	Match Reports (inc vs Gillingham 08/05/16):- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. <u>Met Police</u> II. <u>LFB</u> III. <u>LAS</u> IV. <u>Millwall Medical</u> V. <u>St Johns</u> VI. <u>Millwall FC</u> VII. <u>Env. Health</u> • 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 – Taff 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.	Update 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"> • 3 new posts, 1 permanent inspector & 2 Fixed term contractors to back fill • No recruitment or training of stewards – Agency stewards 	

	<p>to be used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of Stewarding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Endorsed a decision to not recruit & train – to bring in outside companies – to reiterate 	
8.	<p>Annual Inspection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security for the grounds to be revised • Changes to the stands • Improved Confidence due to excellent connection with the police in London. • [REDACTED] head of building control – Work over the next 5 years Inc. technical issues 	
9.	<p>Hillsborough Inquiry Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DE to circulate minutes. 	
10.	<p>New Style Safety Certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the Safety Certificate and needs to be reviewed regularly. • Green guide to be re-written • Medical provisions • Proforma for deviation (End of 2017?) 	
11.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Future Meeting Dates:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28th July – Season Planning • 8th September • 1st December 	

SAG Topics for Discussion

Date added	Discussion item	Date to be reviewed
29/04/2016	<p>The Sports Grounds Safety Authority (SGSA) Statement on the Hillsborough Inquest Verdicts – The Hillsborough Inquests were opened in 2014 following publication of an independent Panel report which provided evidence about the events leading up to, and the disaster at Hillsborough in 1989.</p> <p>On 26th April 2016, the jury has reached their decision on the 14 questions set out by the coroner, and have concluded that the 96 people who died were unlawfully killed. They have found that there were errors and omissions by the police and determined that there were features of the design and construction of the stadium that contributed to the disaster. They also found errors and omissions in the safety certificate and oversight, and a lack of pre-match and contingency planning. The jury found that there was no behaviour by supporters that contributed to the disaster.</p> <p>Our thoughts are with the families and survivors of the disaster, and as the Government's expert body on spectator safety, the SGSA will be reviewing all findings in relation to the spectator safety.</p> <p>Sports grounds have been transformed since the tragic events in Hillsborough in 1989 but the inquests are a reminder that we never be complacent about spectator safety.</p>	31/05/2016
29/04/2016	<p>The Sports Grounds Safety Authority Appoints Chief Inspector – [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The new role reporting to the Chief Executive, is at the heart of delivering the organisation's ambitious new strategy. [REDACTED] will lead and manage the organisation's team of expert inspectors. He will work with the Chief Executive to fulfil the organisation's valuable statutory responsibility in football and share expertise with other sports and countries to ensure all spectators can watch live sport in safety. [REDACTED] has been at the SGSA for 3 years as an inspector and prior to this held a number of positions with Sunderland City Council, including Chair of Sunderland Stadium of Light Advisory Group. [REDACTED] played a key part in the relocation of the club from its former home at the Roker Park to its current location at the Stadium of Light.</p>	31/05/2016
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 9th May</p>	31/05/2015

	<p>2016. The SGSA "Spectator Safety in a Changing World" event will be held at Arsenal FC's Emirates Stadium. 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>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 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.</p>	
15/02/2016	<p>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</p>	

	ground/sports ground is listed from kick-off time or gates opening time.	
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>	