



Blackpool Football Club Safety Advisory Group

Neil Diamond Concert

Meeting held on Wednesday 11th February 2015

Present	Company
Michael Ashworth (chair)	Blackpool Council
David Snelson	Blackpool Council
Michelle Wilson	Blackpool Council
Tony Pinder	Blackpool Football Club
Steve Needham	Blackpool Football Club
Dan Cuffe	Cuffe and Taylor
Joe Robinson	Cuffe and Taylor
Shaun Foy	RSS Events
Laura Foy	RSS Events

		Action by / before
1.0	<u>Apologies</u>	
1.1	None	
2.0	<u>Special Safety Certificate</u>	
2.1	MA stated than an application must be submitted to the Council for a special safety certificate along with the event management plan. MA confirmed he would like this information as soon as possible.	Cuffe
3.0	<u>Public Protection Committee</u>	
3.1	The next sitting is the 17 th March and MA confirmed that he would like to get approval at this meeting. The most important aspect is the capacity, DC confirmed that the capacity of 19983 gained at the Rod Stewart concert would be ample.	RSS/Cuffe

<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p><u>Structural Issues-Stage on North Stand</u></p> <p>MA queried the position of the stage and the specified stage company. DC stated that the stage will no longer be erected off the North stand but on the pitch perimeter and partially on the pitch. The company erecting this are Starr Events, full details to follow.</p>	<p>RSS/Cuffe</p>
<p>5.0</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p>	<p><u>Capacity</u></p> <p>MA queried whether the numbers on the pitch are to be the same as last time, RSS Events have a pitch plan which shows a different configuration than last time and approx. 1000 more seats on the pitch, although the overall capacity within the stadium would not exceed the Rod Stewart concert.</p> <p>The type of seating will be different with a tip up seat thereby allowing them to be closer together, details to follow. MA queried the number of seats in a row. It has been designed as 40, the green guide permits 28. This needs clarifying with calculation to show exit times are not adversely affected.</p>	<p>RSS/Cuffe</p>
<p>6.0</p> <p>6.1</p>	<p><u>Event Management Plan</u></p> <p>SF stated that this is still early days however will endeavour to complete by the 6th May.</p> <p>MA stated this needs supporting with medical and stewarding plans.</p> <p>DC confirmed that he is looking to employ specialised pitch stewards to prevent the crowd from moving position. TP expressed concern that these will not come under the overall control of the safety team.</p> <p>MA also queried whether the outside of the stadium will be used again for WC's and bars, it was confirmed that this would. MA stated that signage and communication to fans should be improved to reduce queues for female WC's.</p>	<p>RSS</p>
<p>7.0</p> <p>7.1</p>	<p><u>Ticket Scanners</u></p> <p>MA requested that this issue be resolved as soon as possible to prevent the issues that arose last time with fences to the turnstiles and consequently the lack of access around the stadium.</p>	<p>Cuffe</p>

