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Lyn,

As discussed.

Represented at the meeting were SGSA, LBN, West Ham and LS185. E20 were not present because they had not been invited. I was only there because LS185 invited me.

SGSA raised concerns about the quality of the briefing and experience of some stewards provided by 2 of the 4 companies (CSP and Show and Event). LS185 following up with those firms.

It was recognised that Saturday was an exceptional series of events – suggestion of over 20 fights in 30 mins.

LBN raised concerns about stewarding numbers – saying they thought they had gone down by 200. LS185 said no – between Watford and Burnley they were down 68. Some discussion of pitch runners – West Ham saying there should be 30-40. LS185 said normally 12 but 8 on Saturday. Response teams down from 22 to 20.

There was confidence expressed in Phil Harris as safety officer – unanimous round the table, and recognition that things were much better than they had been.

There was a discussion of efficiencies and while I agreed (as is clear from the Mayor's letter) that we are looking to make efficiencies this is not at the cost of safety.

Consideration of what more the club can do – key former Boleyn Ground stewards already being used, suggestion not sure how real (that they wear WHU club ties).

West Ham said Westfield response to fans unhelpful.

Suggestion that in retrospect, Police may have got the call on Cat A wrong. Agreed that games to end of season are likely to be higher risk than normal and should be considered in that light (ie move up at least one category). Given the relative positions of West Ham and Southampton – some suggestion that this should be Cat C.

Agreed that focus for Southampton needs to be stopping pitch incursions and reducing lateral movements around the podium.

Other points –

- Reduce numbers in the control (eg too many police in there);
- CCTV – request to access Park cameras (Tony can you discuss with Phil pl). Request for new/extra screens (Alan S – Darren said you were looking at this);
- Noted closer working on Comms Group (led by Ben);
- All agreed that we cannot let this happen again.

Emergency SAG called for Thursday at 3pm – core members only. LS185 need to prepare evidence on what happened (eg safety logs) to LBN. Will consider S factor but I didn't get a sense that LBN will reduce.

Following the meeting - LBN, one of the West Ham reps and me went to review some of the footage from Saturday –

- After third goal – one fan got on pitch, eight others were stopped before they reached the pitch;
- Crowd round Board – stewards held line for a long time but some fans coming up stairs between the two lines – also stopping fans getting into corporate hospitality. Eventually overwhelmed by numbers. A number of individuals identified from sections 114, 113,

112.

- Three of the pitch invaders already identified and police will follow up. Possible statement by police on this tomorrow.

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