

# Safety Groups UK

PROMOTING SAFETY & HEALTH NATIONWIDE



## Minutes of the Safety Groups UK – Annual General Meeting 2011

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Middlesbrough F.C

List of Attendees (annex 1)

The meeting was chaired by Kerry Ross Chairman of Safety Groups UK.

- **Minutes of the last AGM – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010**  
Proposed by Neal Davis and seconded by Bob Lentell, the Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.
- **Apologies**  
Please see apologies attached (annex 2)
- **Chairman's report**  
Kerry Ross summarised the Chairman's report.  
Please see Chairman's Report – AGM 2011  
[www.safetygroupsuk.org.uk/info/agm\\_report\\_2011.pdf#nameddest=chairman](http://www.safetygroupsuk.org.uk/info/agm_report_2011.pdf#nameddest=chairman)

Kerry Ross acknowledged the support SGUK received from its president Lord Brougham & Vaux. Lord Brougham had been vocal on the Young report on behalf of SGUK and actively raised the profile of the Groups movement.

He also thanked Mike and Cathy Nixon who have worked very hard on promoting the Groups at various exhibitions.

Kerry had attended the North Staffordshire Health & Safety Group's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon on 13<sup>th</sup> June. Judith Hackitt CBE (Chair of HSE) had been the guest speaker. She commended the work of the Groups and publicly stated HSE's support which was very encouraging.

He also noted that the Sunderland District Safety Group was also celebrating its 50th year.

- **Report from Safety Groups UK Treasurer**  
Mike Nixon summarised his report.  
Please see attached Treasurer's report and Accounts  
[www.safetygroupsuk.org.uk/info/agm\\_report\\_2011.pdf#nameddest=treasurer](http://www.safetygroupsuk.org.uk/info/agm_report_2011.pdf#nameddest=treasurer)

Mike thanked Cathy, his wife for all her support and work for SGUK.

Cathy Nixon was to be invited to be a co-opted SGUK Management Member event supporter.

Proposed by John Cairns and Seconded by Bob Lentell and Neal Davis, the Accounts were agreed as a true and accurate record.

- **Constitution**

The proposed changes were to:

- increase the number of elected Management Committee members to six
- increase the term of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Members to three years

Proposed by Bob Lentell and Seconded by Ian Currie, the changes to the constitution were passed and would take immediate effect.

- **Election of Safety Group Management Committee**

Nominations had been received as follows:

Chairman: Kerry Ross

Vice-Chairman: John Cairns

Treasurer: Mike Nixon

Management Committee members

- Neal Davis
- Mark Fishwick
- Philip Grundy
- Peter Livock

As only one nomination had been received for roles of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer and only four nominations had been received for the six available members of the Management Committee, all appointments were put for agreement.

Proposed by Mark Wait and Seconded by Bob Lentell, the elected Management Committee for 2011-12 were agreed.

- **SGUK Update**

- **New initiative for 2011/2012**

As a new project for 2011/2012, SGUK were looking into the opportunity of taking the [‘Health Risks at Work – do you know yours’](#) initiative into England and Wales.

The initiative which had been delivered successfully in Scotland by HSE, SCHWL, SCOS, won the Partnership Initiative of the year award at the IOSH 2010 Awards.

The initiative provided tools and support for smaller organisations to help identify the risks and manage them in a way suitable to their organisation.

John Cairns was representing SGUK at HSE RPE Steering Group meetings.

- **SGUK Awards**

Taking on board feedback from last year’s awards the Alan Butler Awards were being modified for 2011. The Four Categories; Best Recruitment and retention, Best Programme, Best Seminar and Best Communication would be amalgamated into a single award. The Judges would award each entry as Gold, Silver or Bronze and an overall Alan Butler Award Winner would be chosen. The awards would continue to highlight Group’s achievements and promote best practice.

Nominations would again be invited for the Maurice Adamson award for: “Outstanding contributions by individuals to their local Safety Group”. The inaugural winner had been Ann Jones from the Swansea & West Wales Safety Group.

- **Re-establishing Groups**

2010 saw the successful launch of LOSHA, the Leicestershire Occupational Safety & Health Association. LOSHA would be used as a template to re-establish Groups in other areas of the UK, including Devon & Cornwall and Oxfordshire.

– **Sponsorship**

John Cairns updated the meeting on Sponsorship. The current sponsors DEB Ltd, Haix, Scott Safety and ARCO were continuing their support of SGUK and were appreciating the benefits, including contact with SMEs.

ARCO were prepared to offer all Safety Group members a 15% discount at their stores, and later this month would be sending out the SGUK leaflet in all their parcels helping to raise the profile of the Groups.

Mike Nixon also reported that the SGUK flyer had been distributed by Denios to its customers.

John Cairns was looking to secure a further two sponsors this year and four new sponsors in 2012.

John Cairns was thanked for all his work for SGUK.

– **Exhibitions**

SGUK has exhibited at the following events promoting Safety Groups:

- Health+Safety 10 Scotland,
- Health+Safety 10 North,
- Health+Safety 11 South,
- IOSH Exhibition, Excel, London
- Safety and Health Expo 2011, NEC,
- SHE Show, Hilton Blackpool

Cathy and Mike Nixon, who transported, erected and manned the Safety Groups stand at all the exhibitions were thanked again for all their work.

**Date of next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011, hosted by MOSHG**

**Venue: AEC, Manchester M17 1EH**

**Comments:**

– [Business Advice Open Days](#),

BHSEA (Birmingham Health Safety & Environment Association) had been actively involved in Business Advice Open Days. The events, aimed at small and medium sized businesses, brought together various government agencies, departments and public sector organisations. Attendees were able to find out about their legal obligations, find out recent developments and gain help and advice.

BAOD were an opportunity for Groups to make contacts, provide help and advice on H&S issues and promote membership.

***Business Advice Open Days have been postponed due to funding restrictions but it is hoped they will resume later in the year.***

– West & North Yorkshire Construction Safety

Jason Jacques gave his apologies for the AGM on behalf of WNYCSA but provided a short note for consideration.

The West & North Yorkshire Construction Safety Association had recently forged excellent relations with ASDA who were a large local employer and equally employed a large amount of contactors. ASDA were encouraging contractors to attend and join the WNYCSA and this had seen attendance increase.

He suggested that other Safety Groups try targeting large organisations based in their area who may be able to assist in promoting their efforts.

- The AGM had followed the free EH-OSHA supported seminar on [Safe Maintenance](#) and it was agreed that future AGM's would be linked to an event to encourage attendance.

### **Annex 1:**

#### **Attendance**

<b>Name</b>		<b>Representing</b>
Graham	Bell	Nottinghamshire Occupational Safety & Health Association
Roger	Bibbings	RoSPA
John	Cairns	SHEF (Scotland)
Ian	Currie	Lea & Ouse Valley Safety Association
Neal	Davis	Peterborough & District Fire, Health & Safety Group
Martin	Fishwick	South Cumbria Occupational Health and Safety Group
Philip	Grundy	North West Construction Safety Group
Charlotte	Henderson	RoSPA
Mark	Hoare	Birmingham Health Safety & Environment Association
Bob	Lentell	Wiltshire Occupational Safety & Health Association
Mike	Nixon	Manchester Occupational Health and Safety Group
Cathy	Nixon	Manchester Occupational Health and Safety Group
Deborah	Rogers	Deb Ltd
Kerry	Ross	Manchester Occupational Health and Safety Group
Mark	Wait	Sheffield Occupational Health & Safety Association

### **Annex 2:**

#### **Apologies**

<b>Name</b>		<b>Representing</b>
Ian	Cooke	Nebosh
Ian	Coombes	ACT Associates
John	Evans	Merseyside Occupational Health & Safety Group
Lee	Fisk	North West Wales Occupational Health & Safety Group
Lisa	Fowlie	NW Wales
Jason	Jaques	West & North Yorkshire Construction Safety Association
Zoe	Kavadas	IIRSM
Lucinda	Lister	West & North Yorkshire Construction Safety Association
Gill	McElvogue	HSE
Bob	Rajan	HSE
Ernie	Spence	Ireland
Leslie	Young	Sunderland and District Safety Group