

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7pm, 21st June 2017
Lecture Theatre, 2/F Olympic House,
So Kon Po,
Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

Meeting commenced at 7.15pm

Sherryn Hancock (SH), President of the Association welcomed members and declared a quorum was present in accordance with Article 64 of the Memorandum and Articles. Accordingly, the meeting was commenced.

1. The Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting held on the 22nd June 2016 were distributed to members. They had also been provided with the AGM notice that had been posted on the website since 29 May 2017. It was proposed to approve and adopt the minutes of the 2016 AGM.

Proposer: Sharon Stenersen (DB)

Seconder: Emma Sharrock (Kowloon)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

2. The report of the President was distributed. SH highlighted a few key points from the report::
 - Hong Kong finished 4th in Asian Netball Championships 2016.
 - Hong Kong placed 2nd in Tri-Nations 2017. Zimbabwe was the first non-Asian team to join the event.
 - Hong Kong lost by 3 to Singapore National Team in the inaugural Hong Kong Singapore Cup held in Singapore.
 - The Youth Team placed 3rd, which was the highest ranking since 1994, in Asian Youth Netball Championships 2017 held in Jeonju.
 - U14's & U16's continued to grow. SH thanked Connie Wong, Veronica Arnold & Angela Chan as Coaches for the U16's. Also thanked Emma Gregory (Manager) and THEi for their support.
 - Veronica Arnold was re-elected for another 2 years as Asian Netball Federation President.
 - HKNA was fortunate to have the support of great sponsors & partners: Champion System, Joint Dynamics, 2XU, THEi and Fiji Water, CocoParadise and Redbull.
 - Grass Roots Development Programme took off, reaching over 1,700 school children who had never tried netball before.
 - Emma Gregory and Khan Murray had opportunities to umpire at an International level. SH congratulated Connie Wong on obtaining her B Badge, Shirley Yuen & Annie Lee on obtaining their C badge in umpiring.
 - Ladies' league continued with 7 divisions; a record of 152 teams competing in Junior Netball League; Mixed League continued with another 40 teams.
 - Beach Netball was held for the 5th year; HKNA joined the Sports Trials at the Festival of Sport, reaching to over 1,200 participants.
 - SH personally thanked Lorraine Pak, Hayley Ho, Connie Wong and Angela Chan as well as all council members for their support. Special thanks given to Jenny Chadwick for her effort on umpiring development throughout the season.

It was proposed to accept the report of the President.

Proposer: Veronica Arnold (Life Member)

Seconder: Sam Parsons (DB)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

3. The reports of Convenors – League, Umpiring, Coaching and Development were distributed, along with the reports of the Office Manager.

Jenny Chadwick (JC) highlighted a few key points from the umpiring report:

- JC thanked Ellie Stanley and Kirsty Kruger.
- JC congratulated Emma Gregory and Khan Murray being selected to umpire at international level. JC also congratulated all newly badged umpires. Connie Wong received her B badge and there were 2 C badges: Shirley Yuen & Annie Lee.
- JC welcomed Tracy Smith and Chris Pennington to HK.
- Over the next 2 years, it was planned to have only badged umpires umpiring the top 3 divisions in the ladies' league: B-badge for Premier & D1; C-badge for D2. Also hoped to run courses for potential C-badge umpires.
- Currently working on dividing umpires into divisions.
- JC reminded all to check the approved umpire list and re-validate if necessary. JC encouraged umpires to go for badges. May email her if any questions/ need any support.

It was proposed to accept the reports of Convenors – League, Umpiring, Coaching and Development.

Proposer: Shirley Yuen (Kowloon)

Seconder: Danielle Taylor (HKCC)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

4. The Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2017 were distributed.
- HKNA satisfied the exemption criteria set out in the Companies Ordinance and thus exempted from preparing a business review.

It was proposed to accept adopt the Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statements.

Proposer: Melanie Potgieter (DB)

Seconder: Ursula Holloway (SK)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

5. It was moved to item 6 on the agenda, to appoint an Auditor for upcoming financial year. It was proposed to appoint Bright Union Hong Kong CPA Limited again.

Proposer: Natasha Cuvelier (HKFC)

Seconder: Cassie Graham (HKFC)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

6. SH moved back to item 5 on the Agenda, to appoint the members of the Executive Council for 2017/18.

Position: President

Nominee: Sherryn Hancock (DB)

Proposer: Sam Parsons (DB)

Seconder: Sharon Stenersen (DB)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

Position: Vice President

Nominees: Emma Gregory and Danielle Taylor (HKCC)

Proposer: Olivia Meo Groser (HKCC)

Seconder: Jenny England Brummer (HKCC)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

Position: Treasurer

Nominee: Christina Yue (HKCC)

Proposer: Caitlyn Farrell (Valley)

Seconder: Ursula Holloway (SK)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

Secretary:

Nominee: Fun Cheng (Hantang)

Proposer: Carol Chan (Hantang)

Seconder: Polly Yu (Hantang)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

There being no objections to any candidate, the remaining council members were elected by one single resolution.

Nominees:

Gloria Jung (HKU)

Shannon LEE (HKFC)

Maree Prebble (HKFC)

Chanelle Candy (Valley)

Carol Chan (Hantang)

Lorraine Pak (Hantang)

Emma Sharrock (Kowloon)

Jenny Dax (Aust Assoc)

Katharine Wood (HKS)

Proposer: Olivia Meo Groser (HKCC)

Seconder: Danielle Taylor (HKCC)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

SH congratulated the new Executive Council members on their appointment.

7. SH then moved to the last item on the agenda being other business: items proposed by Valley RFC Netball and life membership nominations. Papers detailing the mentioned items were distributed to members.

Items proposed by Valley RFC Netball:

- Feasibility of having Kowloon venues for ladies' league. SH replied that the venues were decided by LCSD and Kowloon venues were almost impossible as all National Sports Associations were competing for them. HKNA would try to get more venues (e.g. Schools).
- Scheduling of divisions/ clubs at venues; difficult to find umpires when high and low divisions played at different venues. Emma Gregory (EG) replied that that having one more venue (i.e. HK Park) this year indeed caused difficulties for coaches coaching for multiple teams. EG suggested teams to email HKNA and they would try accommodating the request (e.g. 7pm and 9pm games).
- Full season calendar with dates set at the start of season, and any changes to the draw should feed live onto the website. EG replied that any changes to draw/ desk duty had been uploaded to HKNA website. Dates for final of 2017-18 ladies' league were 24 & 26 Mar 2018 tentatively, yet no venues confirmed at the moment.
- Possibility of having smaller divisions/ 2 pools in a division to shorten length of league. EG replied that length depends on number of teams entering the league and she welcomed any idea to improve the league. SH said teams might email EG to feedback on length of league.

SH reported that 2 life membership nominations were received: Connie Wong and Melanie Potgieter. The nominations met all criteria set out in by-law and were agreed by 80% committee members.

It was proposed to award life membership to the 2 nominees.

Proposer: Jenny Chadwick (Independent)

Secunder: Felicity Broadley (DB)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.05pm .

Signed as true copy,

Proposer:

Secunder: