

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

7pm, 11th June 2014

Hong Kong Cricket Club

Function Suites

137 Wong Nai Chung Gap Rd,

Hong Kong

Meeting commenced at 7.08pm

No item for discussion in A.O.B. was received.

1. Chairman welcomed members attending the AGM and confirmed quorum and declared meeting to convene.
2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting (held on Thursday 20th June 2013) was distributed to members.

Follow up not included in minutes but HKNA would look into more venues for Ladies League, namely Kowloon Island. More venues were investigated but unfortunately no venues were available.

It was proposed to pass and adopt the Minutes as true and correct.

Proposed – Mel Potgieter (DB)

Seconded – Denise Callow (HKCC)

3. The report of the president, Veronica Arnold (VA) was distributed and read out. VA highlighted a few points on her report which were:
 - A. Open National squad training had been underway for the last 18 months. Hong Kong competed in Sri Lanka last August at the Asian Games. VA congratulated HK on coming 4th.
 - B. Hong Kong once again hosted the Tri Nations this January, with Sri Lanka and Malaysia attending. VA congratulated Hong Kong on a good performance beating Asian ranked 2nd Sri Lanka in the competition with Malaysia winning the competition.
 - C. The HK Youth team participated in the 8th Asian Youth Netball Championships to be held in Brunei in July. Hong Kong came 4th out of 11 teams. 9th Annual Youth Netball Championships will be held in Thailand in November 2015 with training to start later in 2014.
 - D. There has been a change in personnel at the office. Iris Chan has resigned as Development Officer however will continue to be available upon contract on various development coaching jobs.
 - E. Due to inability to hire Administrative Assistant, HKNA employed 2 temporary part time staff. Sherryn Hancock, Treasurer and qualified accountant were employed to review the Audit Documentations for the 2012/13 LCSD Audit to ensure compliance. Emma Wall, National Teams Convener was employed as COO to ensure Policies &

Procedures, Business Development Plans and Systems are in place for upcoming future growth of HKNA.

- F. VA thanked the umpiring subcommittee and congratulated all umpires. There have been 7 badged umpires this season.
- G. VA thanked the netball community and asked that they please continue to support the association.
- H. Anna Wong raised the question regarding Emma Wall (COO) & Sherryn Hancock (Finance) short-term contract in the context that they are committee members and are being paid by HKNA is in contravention of Sec43 of the Articles of Association (AoA) and Sec4 of the Memorandum of Association. It was noted that this would be followed up with independent legal advice and a motion if needed will be proposed at an EGM in the next few months.
- I. Anna Wong raised the question on whether the job was externally advertised. It was advised it was not but was approved by the HKNA Committee as both positions are only temporary and part time.

Based on the follow up with Point G, the Presidents Report was accepted.

Proposed – Tracey Murray (DB)

Seconded – Jodie Sievwright (Valley)

- 4. The report of the League Convener, Shammin Aziz (SA) was distributed and read out. SA highlighted a few points which were:
 - A. The 2nd year that the Ladies league had 6 divisions.
 - B. The Ladies League had grown by 4 teams from last season.
 - C. Fixtures were prepared based on Division 1 & 2 played all games indoors, Division 3 & 4 played both indoors & outdoors and Division 5 & 6 played all games outdoors.
 - D. SA asked if there were any suggestions for running the league for 2014 / 15 to send them to her as soon as possible.
 - E. SA thanked Jenny Chadwick (JA), Vice President, as being a great mentor & teacher.
 - F. SA thanked Emma Gregory (EG) and the umpires subcommittee for all the organization of the umpiring.
 - G. SA thanked the HK Football club for the court use, including the finals as the use of this venue is a key factor in the ability to expand and run a league of this size.
 - H. SA thanked Lorraine Pak and Connie Wong from the HKNA office.
 - I. SA thanked the President, Veronica Arnold, and the Executive Council for their dedication, guidance and behind the scenes work.
 - J. Rachael Keefe (DB) asked whether the Division 2 Plate and be played between the losers of the semi finals rather than between 5 & 6. This will be looked into.

The report of the Umpiring Convener, Emma Gregory; Office Managers, Lorraine Pak and Coaching, Connie Wong was tabled but not read out.

Proposed that the League and Umpiring Convener report and the Office managers and Coaches report be accepted

Proposed – Rachael Wilcox (Valley)

Seconded – Tiffany Chiu (Valley)

5. The Audited Financial Statements of the year ending March 2013 was clarified and adopted.

Proposed – Anna Wong (DOGA)

Seconded – Katie Henderson (Valley)

6. The chairman recommended re-appointing Bright Union CPA Limited for fiscal year 2014/15.

Proposed – Stella Hindes (Valley)

Seconded – Fiona Pratt (HKCC)

7. Election of 2014/2015 HKNA Council members was proposed and elected as follows:

As there are 2 positions to be voted on the process will be via secret ballot. Each individual member will be entitled to 1 vote. Any proxy received before the 48 hour deadline will be allocated to that individual member. Votes will then be counted in side room by the President, Vice President & Eloise Fardon, an Independent Legal Advisor as well as one representative of each candidate will be allowed to observe the count.

Position: President

Nominee: Sherryn Hancock (DB)

Nominee: Joanne Reed (Aussies)

Observers: Melanie Schroder (DB) & Rebecca Nichols (Aussie)

A silent ballot vote was undertaken with Sherryn Hancock being elected as President

Club: Discovery Bay Pirates RFC

Proposed: Kaylene Adcock (DB)

Seconded: Jessica Robertson (HKCC)

Position: Vice President

Nominee: Shammin Aziz (Valley)

Nominee: Joanne Reed (Aussies)

Observers: Rachael Bryant (Valley) & Rebecca Nichols (Aussie)

A silent ballot vote was undertaken with Shammin Aziz being elected as Vice President

Club: Valley

Proposed: Rachael Keefe (DB)

Seconded: Mini Ho (Aussies)

Position: Treasurer

As the nominee was not nominated before the deadline it was voted on by show of hands to accept the nomination with over the 95% of the members, which is in line with the Companies Ordinance.

Nominee: Ellen Tong
Club: Giants
Proposed: Anna Wong (DOGA)
Seconded: Jenny Chadwick (Independent)

Position: Secretary

Nominee: Leesa Youl
Club: Hong Kong Cricket Club
Proposed: Sarah Chillington (HKCC)
Seconded: Melanie Potgieter (DB)

Other Nominees:


Joanne Reed – Australia Association
Lorraine Pak – Hantang
Lisa Twinley – Kowloon Rugby Club
Shafin Azim – Valley
Emma Wall – Discovery Bay
Laura Zervos – HK Scottish
Shirley Yuen – Kowloon Rugby Club
Emma Gregory – HK Cricket Club
Karin Looram – HK Football Club

Proposed: Renee McCreadie (nee Frasier) DB
Seconded: Siobhan Tarleton (Valley)

8. Proposed that the Memorandum & Articles increase the committee size from 12 to 15 members.
Proposed that the Memorandum & Articles change from the Development Officer to an HKNA employee be allowed to be a member of the HKNA Committee.
9. Acknowledge Lorraine Pak 20 years employee service to HKNA. Veronica Arnold for past service as HKNA President and Committee member & Jenny Chadwick for past service as HKNA Vice President and Committee member.

Meeting finished at 9.05pm

Signed as true copy,




Veronica Arnold



Jenny Chadwick



Sherryn Hancock



Shammin Azim