



香港排球總會

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

7pm. 23 June 2015
Hong Kong Cricket Club
Function Suites
137 Wong Nai Chung Gap Rd
Hong Kong

Meeting commenced at 7.10pm

1. Leesa Youl (*LY*), Secretary of the Association welcomed members and declared that a quorum was present in accordance with Article 64 of the Memorandum and Articles. Accordingly the meeting was convened.
2. LY asked if there were any objections for her to preside as Chairman. There being no objections, it was resolved that she would chair the meeting.
3. The minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting held on 11 June (*2014 AGM*) were distributed to members. They had also been provided with the AGM notice and posted on the website since 28 May 2015. It was proposed to approve and adopt the minutes of the 2014 AGM.

Proposer-Siobhan Talter (Valley)

Secunder-Jenny Chadwick (Independent)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

4. The report of the President, Sherryn Hancock was distributed. SH drew attention to a few key highlights from a busy year for the Association:
 - The National Opens team represented Hong Kong at the 9th Asian Netball Championships in Singapore in September. The team did extremely well to climb up in the Asian rankings to 4th.
 - In January Hong Kong again hosted the Tri-Nations with teams from Thailand and Chinese Taipei. Hong Kong narrowly lost to Malaysia in the finals.
 - The National Youth Squad coached by Connie Wong, will be participating in the upcoming Asian Youth Netball Championship in Hong Kong in December. The team was fortunate to attend a tour to Australia over Easter.
 - Development of the regional under 16s and under 14s squad has continued. The regional under 16s travelled to Thailand in December.
 - The Committee undertook a strategic review of the Association facilitated by Emma Wall under a six week contract. Emma has now moved to overseeing a sponsorship program for which a teaser had been distributed with the AGM Documentation Pack.
 - The Association will implement the MyNetball Sports/ Results database. Created by Netball Australia, the system will create a comprehensive database, linked to

- online registrations, league competitions, umpiring duties and coaching qualifications to name a few.
- SH thanked the members of the Committee and Office staff for their contributions throughout the year. SH noted that the Association depends very much on the time and support of volunteers to achieve its objectives.
 - Finally SH thanked the members of the Association for their continued support of netball in Hong Kong.

It was proposed to accept the report of the President.

Proposer-Lauren Zervos (HKS)
Secunder-Denise Callow (HKCC)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

5. The reports of the Conveners, League and Umpiring were distributed, along with the reports of the Office Manager, Technical Manager and COO. Shammin Azim (SA) the Ladies League Convener, highlighted a few key takeaways from her report.
- For the 2014/15 HKNA Ladies league there were 62 teams (an increase of 3) across 7 divisions. Each division had 9 teams except for Division 7 which had 8.
 - Each division played two rounds. Four different venues were used, Aberdeen, HKFC, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park and Wong Chuk Hang.
 - Fortunately there was only one wet weather event, but unfortunately due to the calendar dates for Easter there remained a significant gap between the end of the season and the finals. Further, this would also be the case for 2015/6 looking at the 2016 Easter dates.
 - Semis were played at Sun Yat Sen and HKFC, with the finals at HKFC.
 - SA thanked HKFC again for providing a venue.

SH highlighted a few key takeaways from the umpiring report:

- Five umpiring courses took place in 2014/5 with over 120 participants.
- The umpires who umpired the finals were thanked. They were: Regina Wong, Iris Chan, Emma Gregory, Rosanna Wong, Felicity Broadley, Melanie Potgieter, Victoria So, Siobhan Tarleton, Khan Murray, Ellie Stanley, Ryan Cheung, Shammin Azim, Maggie Mak, Heidi Sun, Carol Chan and Sherryn Hancock.
- Special thanks was also given to Ron Arnold, Jenny Chadwick and Lorraine Pak for help with the finals and throughout the season.
- Umpires who had been awarded badges were recognized: Khan Murray (B), Maggie Mak (C), Victoria So (C) Heidi Sun (C), Siobhan Tarleton (C) and Rachael Wilcock (C).
- SH reminded members to be supportive of umpires in the league to encourage more umpires to develop and ultimately progress to badging.

It was proposed to accept the reports of the Conveners Umpiring and League.

Proposer-Danielle Taylor (HKCC)
Secunder-Leith Stewart (HKCC)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

6. The Auditors report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 were distributed. SH highlighted a few matters:
- Increased funding was received to host the Asian Championships
 - Funding was put to good use sending the Under 21s squad to Australia for a training clinic and the under 16's to play Sri Lanka and Thailand in Thailand.
 - The fee structure for the various leagues would be reviewed to enable more fees to be put by the Association towards the promotion of the sport.

- SH gave an opportunity for members to ask questions on the Auditors report and Audited Financial Statements.

There being no questions, it was proposed to accept the reports of the Conveners Umpiring and League.

Proposer-Emma Sharrock (Kowloon)
Secunder-Barbara Murray (DB)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

7. LY then moved to item 7 of the Agenda, to appoint an auditor for the upcoming financial year 2015/5. It was proposed to again appoint Bright Union CPA Limited.

Proposer-Ron Arnold (HKFC)
Secunder-Lisa Martin (Valley)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

8. LY then moved back to item 6 on the Agenda, to appoint the members for the Executive Council 2015/6.

Position: President

Nominee: Sherryn Hancock (DB)

Proposer: Joanne Reed (Australian Association)

Secunder: Leesa Youl (HKCC)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

Position: Vice President

Nominee: Joanne Reed (Australian Association)

Proposer: Sherryn Hancock (DB)

Secunder: Leesa Youl (HKCC)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

Position: Secretary

Nominee: Danielle Taylor (HKCC)

Proposer: Leesa Youl (HKCC)

Secunder: Leith Stewart (HKCC)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

Position: Treasurer

Nominee: Kalani Brown (HKFC)

Proposer: Shafin Azim (Valley)

Secunder: Shammin Azim (Valley)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

- LY noted that the Kalani Brown had agreed to take the position of Treasurer ad interim until someone with appropriate background and qualification within the netball community came forward to assume this required role on the Executive Council. If no one could be found the Association may need to consider paying someone to provide the required support. This would be recouped from fees paid to enter the leagues and would result in a significant increase. SH provided an overview of the role in terms of commitment and expertise.

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

Nominee: Emma Gregory (HKCC)
Proposer: Sherryn Hancock (DB)
Secunder: Siobhan Tarleton (Valley)

Nominee: Shafin Azim (Valley)
Proposer: Shammin Azim (Valley)
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Proposer: Sherryn Hancock (DB)
Secunder: Danielle Taylor (HKCC)

Nominee: Emma Sharrock (Kowloon)
Proposer: Elizabeth Malone (Kowloon)
Secunder: Gemma Tregenza (Kowloon)

Nominee: Kate Wood (HKS)
Proposer: Lauren Zervos (HKS)
Secunder: Jennifer Russell (HKS)

Nominee: Jenny Chadwick (Independent)
Proposer: Emma Wall (Valley)
Secunder: Felicity Broadley (DB)

Nominee: Carol Chan (Hantang)
Proposer: Lorraine Pak (Hantang)
Secunder: Connie Wong (Hantang)

Nominee: Victoria So (HKU)
Proposer: Kimberlee Onsiong (HKU)
Secunder: Heinok Jocelyn Fan (HKU)

Nominee: Lorraine Pak (Hantang)
Proposer: Connie Wong (Hantang)
Secunder: Justine Chan (Hantang)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

LY congratulated the new Executive Council members on their appointment.

9. The paper "HKNA Restructure" was distributed to members and had been circulated with the AGM notice. This was being presented for information purposes only as it is not required to be voted on at the AGM.

EW highlighted key points of the restructure which resulted from a strategic planning process to review all HKNA programs and corporate objectives in August/ September 2014.

- The key objective of the re-structure was to ensure economies of scale and reduce duplication of work across roles. It also addressed succession planning and workload management.
- Under the new proposal, several new positions were created on the Executive Council whilst others were subsumed into existing convener portfolios.

- The new portfolios would reside under the Executive Council Executive members (Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary). This would provide more time to the President so that she could better manage and implement the strategic objectives of the Association. This structure is not intended to negatively impact direct communications to the President. A direct line would remain for staff and the Council to communicate as appropriate.
- The creation of the new roles would require an increase of Executive Council members to 15 (from 12).

[EMMA- Can you please insert the table from your paper “Snapshot of Changes proposed]

- Honorary advisor roles would also be available in the following areas, Social Media and Strategy, Public Relations and Media, Marketing Strategies and Sponsorship, Legal and Human Resource Administration, Policy Development and Finance. These roles would be ideal for individuals with appropriate expertise who want to contribute but who do not have time to sit on the Executive Council.

10. LY then moved to item 8 of the Agenda, to in accordance with clause 26 of the Memorandum and Articles increase the maximum number of members of the Executive Council from twelve to fifteen.

Proposer-Emma Gregory (HKCC)
 Secunder-Georgie Batchelor (HKCC)

There being no objections, the resolution was passed.

11. LY then moved to item 9 of the Agenda to inform members of the plan to amend the Memorandum and Articles of Association to accommodate the requirements of the new Companies Ordinance. The Association would be engaging external counsel to review and revise the Memorandum and Articles of Association as appropriate, with the changes to be voted on in an Extraordinary General Meeting, which would be convened to coincide with the 2015/6 Captain's meeting in September.

12. LY then moved to the final item on the Agenda being other business of which due notice has been given and received.

- In this regard, HKCC had sent a proposal to review the structure of Divisions 1 & 2 in the league. Under the proposal, all 9 teams in Divisions 1 and 2 would play for the top 5 and bottom 4 positions, splitting into 3 divisions for the second half of the season. It was agreed that a League Subcommittee would be established to review the proposal and make a recommendation to the Executive Council and League Convener. SA noted that venues and umpiring would factor into the feasibility of implementing the proposal.
- HKCC had also sent in a few suggestions for the junior league, in particular to add an additional age group U16s as there is a huge gap in skill level between U13s and U16s. It was agreed that this could also be considered by a subcommittee of interested members, and would ultimately be subject to the composition and number of entries received.
- A member asked whether the Ladies League season could start earlier to avoid the long break at the end because of Easter. SA explained that the current dates were difficult to move as clubs needed time after the summer holidays to run try outs and organize teams.
- Another member asked if the Association could give more leeway on default players, especially at the start of the season. SA explained that the rules were easy to comply with (notice by noon on the day of play and were designed to allow fairness to all. She further noted that there was some flexibility shown for the first two weeks.

- LY invited members with suggestions on the League to forward them to the HKNA office for consideration by the League sub-committee.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.23pm

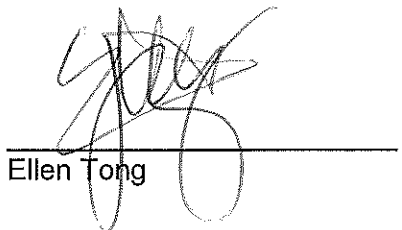
Signed as true copy,



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