

HKNA Executive Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 6th November 2012

Present:

Ron Arnold (RA)
Alda Ng (AN)
Lorraine Pak (LP)
Shafin Azim (SA)
Caroline Freeman (CF)
Tracey Murray (DB representative)

Apologies:

Jenny Chadwick (JC)
Danielle Taylor (DT)
Sarah Davin (SD)
Emma Hutchinson (EH)
Ciara Waller (CW)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING DISCUSSED

1. Minutes of last two meetings

No matters arising from the minutes of 4th September 2012 meeting and one amendment to the minutes of 9th October 2012; item 5 Development Report – point 1 should read “...visited during September to December.”

2. Presidents update

A. National Open Squad

-Communication has been made to the previous national squad communicating about the tri-nations and trying to establish player availability. This will be communicated with the coach and selectors and a plan will be made moving forward with regards to invitations to expand the squad ensuring a squad of 24 of appropriate level and qualified players.

-Courts are being looked into. RA requested CF to check if HKFC would be willing to sponsor training courts throughout November, December and January, preferably Tuesday or Friday evenings.

-Manager's role was discussed and RA will contact previous applications as well as advertise to the community. Dependent on results, RA will communicate with committee as to options moving forward.

B. Committee Roles

-RA welcomed CF to the committee representing HKFC. Due to CFs experience and qualifications in accounting it was established that she would assist AN with treasurer matters.

-RA also communicated that SD would be stepping down as she is leaving HK. Australian Association is aware of this and a replacement is being sought. This then also meant that it is currently only EH handling Sponsorship and Marketing. RA suggested that EH visit the HKNA office and meet with LP and review all previous packages and come forward at the next meeting with proposals/action plans. TM would raise this with EH.

C. Staffing matters

-RA updated the committee that the draft job description had been given to LP with regards to the potential office personnel changes at the HKNA office. It was received positively and after discussion, the committee agreed on appropriate action plan that RA could follow up on with LP with finer details regarding the posts, advertisement, etc.

D. Umpiring

-RA informed that an umpires' theory course was being run whilst the committee were having a meeting.

-RA also communicated that the current umpires sub committee were an enormous support to her and lessened her netballing burdens.

-RA communicated that she would be presenting to the umpires sub committee a proposal to allocate senior badged umpires to appropriate games in the first division league to enable further development at the top end. This will be brought back to the committee after further discussion with the umpires sub-committee first.

3. ACCOUNTS REPORT

-AN gave a brief outline of the accounts up to 7th September as thereafter has not been updated in the accounting system. This should be done once the new system is up and running.

-Whilst the figures looked healthy, it was noted that the figures were only from 7th September and we would be due in the league fees, etc.

-A new accounting system, Quickbooks 2002 has now been purchased and in the process of updating on our system. It is hoped to be done by the 14th November. LP will follow this up and keep CF and AN informed. Both Lorraine and any new staff would need training.

4. LADIES LEAGUE

-JC reported generally all going smoothly as planned, however there were 2 items to discuss;

-Percentages – it was raised at the HKNA AGM with regards to percentages that a player is required to play in the league to qualify to play in the playoffs. After discussion, the

following was agreed: divisions 1, 4 and 5 (9 teams each) 6 games; divisions 2 and 3 (10 teams each) 7 games; and division 6 (8 teams) 5 games – this works out to be generally 40%. JC to report back to club convenors.

-There was a score dispute between to teams playing at Aberdeen Outdoor . After much deliberation the committee agreed the only fairest way was to offer them 2 options; 1) agree on a draw, or 2) replay the game at a time convenient to both the teams, organized by themselves, should you wish to wait until the December rained off date games, they can, however if there isn't sufficient court space for them and their game had not been played that this date, then it would be an automatic draw. JC to complete investigation and communicate.

5. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

-Two Tournaments have been played since the last committee meeting; LCSD HKNA Inter-School A Grade and B Grade Tournaments.

-Continued visits to schools were carried out.

6. TECHNICAL MANAGERS REPORT

-Connie Wong gave a brief outline/update of items:

-Regional Netball Academy 16's Academy trials were taking place as the HKNA committee meeting was being held.

-National Youth Squad have recently completed their second fitness testing which showed that there stamina has improved. Speed, agility and vertical jump will be tested on the 29th November. Their programme for November is mainly match play and will also be used as athletes for the Level Two Coaching Course, weekend of 9th November 2012.

-Junior Netball League on target, 3 weeks completed, 4 to go.

-Tri-Nations Workshops – emails have been sent to ANF countries and formal registration will be sent once the umpiring workshops are confirmed. HKNA have already received expressions of interest.

-Level Two Netball Coach Accrediation – This weekend, HKNA is hosting Carol Byers from Netball Australia with the support of HKCC a HK Level Two Coaching course. 9 HK coaches participating.

7. A.O.B

A. ANF Calendar – RA communicated that MNF have requested that the upcoming Asian Youth Championship in June/July 2013 in Brunei be changed due to their national Olympics competition. RA would check with Connie Wong and LP as to any benefits in responding support or not.

B. Beach Netball – no report at this stage but noted this was approximately the same time frame as the previous year.

- C. Tri-Nations – RA and LP updated the committee on the current status; hotel and courts booked and deposit would be paid to hotel. An attempt to form a working sub committee has seen fruition. One member is currently working on potential sponsorship as well as the end of tournament dinner. We would continue to meet and hopefully develop/grow. Malaysian Netball Federation has agreed to send a representative team and India have both confirmed attendance.

Meeting finished 9.40pm