

**HKNA Executive Council Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday 28 February, 2012
Sports House**

Present:	Absent
Ron Arnold (VA) Jenny Chadwick (JC) Hayleigh Davies (HD) Leesa Youl (LY) Shafin Azim (SA) Moirra Cameron (MO) Lorraine Pak (LP) Polly Yu (PY)	Ciara Waller (CW) Emma Hutchison (EH)

ACTION ITEMS & OWNERS

#	Action Item	Owner	Due Date
Held over			
1	VA to recirculate December meeting minutes to approve	VA	16 March 2012
2	All to check the equipment bag at Western / HKFC for ice etc	All	Ongoing
3	Dates for Mixed League to be sent to VA so that she could look at umpiring and any other implications	CW	Carried- 16 March 2012
4	VA to ask Alice to find alternative option venue for Regional Squad Training/Valley Club	VA	Carried- 16 March 2012
New			
5	VA to issue advertisement for Treasurer vacancy	VA	Completed
6	Circulate tri-nations budget	LY	Completed
7	Check whether HKFC available for the finals (16, 23 April), 5 May Sat	HD	16 March 2012
8	JC to send out amended league tables reflecting penalty point deductions	JC	Completed
9	Work on calendar of events to support sponsorship efforts. VA to bring current calendar to next meeting	All	Next committee meeting
10	All to consider ideas for a monthly newsletter	All	Next committee meeting
11	HD to send fund raiser ideas out to the Executive Council for a vote	All	16 March 2012
12	LP to let VA know the date for the Uni tournament finals so that umpires could be arranged.	LP	1 March 2012

13	SA to compile help roster for beach netball. Executive Council to volunteer where available. VA to ask nettas girls if they want to be ball girls	VA & SA	12 March 2012
14	LP to put out HKNA advertisement for beach netball booklet	LP	Completed
Complete			
	VA to follow up with Aussies re Treasurer	VA	Done- Advert to be issued to entire netball community re vacancy.
	HD to recirculate list of potential events	HD	Circulated at meeting

MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

1 Minutes and Action Items of November Executive Council meeting

- The Minutes from the February 2012 Executive Council Meeting were confirmed as an accurate reflection of the discussion.

2 President's Report

- VA gave a verbal update.
- VA's potential candidate for the Treasurer's role has fallen through. VA will write an advertisement to be sent to HKNA members. Role of Treasurer would be unpaid.
- Re national squad, interested players would be requested to contact Ron who would organize selectors to screen by watching them play on Monday nights or alternative viewing. VA and selectors would also approach players of appropriate caliber.
- National training would be once a fortnight in March/ April going up to three times in July and August.
- Umpiring course went ahead at HKFC. VA noted that the administration involved in the organization of such sessions was very time consuming. Next year, the sub-committee should be more involved on the administrative side.
- HKNA ladies league fines and badging are still to be sorted out.
- Accounts are in reasonable state. There is 100k in the current account, which is sufficient. Money can be withdrawn from the fixed deposit account on the 6th of each month to cover expenses as needed. VA noted that the interest payable on the fixed deposit accounts are very low and once a Treasurer is on board, wants consideration to be given to better alternatives. It was noted by the Executive Council that the options for HKNA to invest money are limited due to the objectives and funding of the association.
- VA was also pleased to advise the Executive Council that after a thorough review of the Tri-Nations accounts with LP, the tournament was close to breaking even. The main expense contributing to higher than budgeted cost was airfares, which was due to the time of year that the tournament was held. It was also noted that the workshop costs

would be reflected in a separate budget. LP's efforts on bringing the tournament together were again acknowledged.

3 Ladies League

- JC gave a verbal update.
- The last league game is on 26 March, and therefore the finals would need to be held from 16th April (due to Easter and allowing sufficient wet weather nights to complete the league schedule for all divisions). The grand final would be held on Sat 5 May in one afternoon at HKFC.
- JC was exploring the possibility of a plate for Division 2. If a plate competition goes ahead, the plate semi games would be played on 16 April with the cup semis on 23 April.
- HD to check if finals games could be held at HKFC even if HKFC teams not playing in all time slots. VA stated that Div 1 semi and finals games should be held at Western, even though HKFC teams playing, purely for umpiring reasons.
- The Executive Council was asked to make a decision on the following situations:
 - Hantang deregistered two players in February which they now wish to reregister for the finals due to injuries. Whilst other players were registered in the place of the two players, Hantang now only has 11 players and is short of attacking goal circle players for the finals. The Executive Council whilst sympathizing with the difficulties for independent teams decided that the By Laws would need to be followed. The By Laws prohibit re registration once a player has been deregistered. However, it was decided to consider amending the by-laws to allow independent teams to have more registered players (18) from next season.
 - Aussie Koalas had forfeited a game which had meant that a player would not be able to play the over the requisite number of nights (6) to qualify for the finals. The Executive Council decided that the By Laws must stand and Aussies should draw other players from within the club in accordance with the By Laws.
- JC would calculate the league tables with known penalty point deductions.

4 Marketing

- PY gave a verbal update.
- PY is continuing to pursue Sports HK for coverage and has emailed Cosmo and Marie Claire. PY is also continuing to look for story angles around the Asian Champs, but noted that local faces are preferred by local media.

5 Sponsorship

- HD stated that potential sponsors would expect to see a calendar of netball events. It was agreed to work on this in the next Executive Council meeting.
- Local companies like Bootcamp, Tree etc may be interested in sponsorship.
- It would also be helpful to sponsorship efforts if a newsletter could be prepared. The committee was asked to provide ideas for columns/ materials etc.

6 Technical Manager's report

- There were no questions on the submitted report.
- VA told the Executive Council that Connie had pledged coaching fees received from LCSD in connection with Regional coaching to the individual coaches. The Executive Council agreed that approval should have been obtained in advance, but ratified the expense as incentives are needed to encourage good quality coaches and there was no obvious conflict of interest.

7 Development Officer's report Netball

- There were no questions on the submitted report.
- LP needs to let VA know the finals date for the Uni tournament so that umpires could be arranged.

8 Mixed Netball

- Held over to the next meeting.

9 Beach netball

- All slots had been filled and it was being considered to add an additional 2 teams to meet the demand.
- There would be HK\$8,000 prize money.
- Promo video was filmed successfully and HKNA had been offered space in the tournament magazine. LP would put together an advertisement and circulate to the Executive Council for review.
- Operation Smile would provide a banner for the tournament. SA to check whether this would be permitted as advertising space was being sold.
- SA asked the Executive Council for help on the day. Help needed scoring, ball girls, registration etc. VA would organize umpires and also check if any netball girls would be interested in being ball girls.

10 AOB

- The Executive Council approved the HKNA to apply for a credit card.