

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting Minutes
7:30pm, 3th November 2009
Meeting Room 4, Olympic House, Causeway Bay

Present

Jenny Chadwick (JC)
Carol Chan (CC)
Joanne O'Connor (JO)
Prisca Lam (PL)
Rosanna Wong (RW)
Lorraine Pak (LP)
Ellen Flaughtery (EF)

Apologies

Veronica Arnold (VA)
Alex Lynch (AL)
Ivy Wong (IW)
Brooke Menser (BM)

1. Welcome Ellen Flaughtery to the council

2. Last Meeting Minutes

- Disagreements and questions on Minutes of last meeting **LP**
- a) Section 10 - point 2 – Umpiring course in Singapore
- Budget plan and proposal of this item is not submitted.
 - Aim, target and candidate selection procedure is not mentioned.
 - This course was not budgeted in LCSD Annual Plan.
- b) Section 10 – point 3
- LP disagreed that there is no substantial pathway for HK coaches, and would like to ask for clarification of the substantial pathway for HK umpires.
- c) Section 6
- LP wondered why her email was not addressed and a decision not made.
 - LP would like to address that it was unfair as CW and LP had answered all the enquiries raised, and a decision was not made, which made them withdraw the proposal.
- d) Section 4 & 5 about uniform sponsorship for Junior league and U21
- LP would like IW to confirm whether Allied Pickford will still sponsor the Junior League, which IW has mentioned in September meeting. **IW**
- e) Section 8
- LP suggested re-write this section because the paragraph is confusing. JC will raise this to AL when she is back. **JC**
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- f) Section 4 – point 4
- JC would like to know when the U21 training schedule list will be circulated. LP replied that Alice will email this out later. **LP**
- g) Section 7
- JC would like to know whether CC approached any university. CC and LP replied that HKUST should be approached instead of HKU, because HKUST is more **CC**

supportive, and they have better resources, and CC will contact HKUST later.

h) Section 13

- About the bonus for the national coach, JC would like to know the HKNA guidelines for this. Alice had checked the previous record, as requested by VA and circulated to the whole committee pre meeting. It is stated that the bonus is HK\$500 per tournament day. Since there were 13 days, the bonus to Kirsty should be HK\$6,500, and the committee agreed.

VA

Kirsty has submitted a proposal saying that the National squad should continue their training to maintain the standard. The council agreed that the proposal is good, but recommended CW review the proposal and give recommendations on moving forward.

3. U21 Squads / Coaching (see reports enclosed)

U21 squad

- Uniform - VA and CW are reviewing the old contract with Kukri about sponsorship, Kukri requested HKNA to submit a sponsorship proposal. If the contract is confirmed, it will take 6 weeks for the new uniform. The committee accepted the youth squad to play with current kit until the contract is confirmed.
- Fitness testing –The Council would like to know how the result will be used in the future, and LP replied that CW will keep the result in a database for planning in future. The Council would like to withdraw the body fat test, and will raise the concern to CW about the discretion of the result. The Council suggested CW should meet the players individually to discuss the result.
- Malaysia Tour – Budget and proposal will be put forward next week. The committee will check the proposal and budget prior to next meeting and decision will be made in next meeting unless CW request for earlier reply.

VA/CW

LP/CW

LP/CW

Coaching

- JC wondered why LP is not interested in attending the coaching workshop in Singapore. LP replied that she thought the workshop was organized for a national competition, and the course is too advanced for HK.
- It seems that there is mis-communication between the Council and CW. The council suggested sending the minutes to CW unless there is confidential issue in the minutes.

VA/PL

4. Sponsorship / Publicity

IW will coordinate a meeting with EF/VA and HKNA office moving forward extending a proposed plan.

IW/EF/
VA

5. Development (see report enclosed)

- The committee has no question to the report

6. Schools / Universities

CC

CC will approach HKUST later.

7. Ladies League

- An email from HKCC is received. They are asking whether the membership fee can be refunded if one of their players cannot play in the rest of the league after surgery. LP said we have a similar case before, and players can be refunded if they haven't played any game in the league. **JC**

8. League Equipment Facilities

- Last night, the kit bag in HKFC was not found for 5 minutes, and there were no bibs in Aberdeen, 2 weeks before. BM should contact LP to update the status, and contact EF or Karin to check where the kit bag in HKFC is placed. **BM/LP**

9. AOB

- JO brought up an enquiry about players playing up within a club – she understands that any player could play up a team in a higher division twice, and on the third time this player would be automatically promoted to be player of this team in the higher division. JO would like to know if this player is guesting for “A” team one week and for “B” team another week, and “C” team on the third occasion (weeks could be discrete), which team should this player be promoted to? Discussion was open to all the members. JC referred back to the current League By-laws but there was no clear description on the exact situation as brought up by JO. The only rule in the By-laws says ‘Where any club has more than one team playing in the same division, any player may play up to two matches in the higher ranking team within the relevant club’. JC then suggested she would contact Leesa Youl (previous season League Convenor) to see if similar situations had occurred. JC also suggested this issue be brought up again at next meeting. **JC/AL**
- League HK Youth umpiring issues – JC mentioned that Coach of Youth Squad(CW) has brought this up with VA and requested for assistance in providing umpires to fulfill the youth umpiring duties. VA has expressed that owing to an incident which occurred when a member of the Youth Squad was umpiring, the League By-laws had been amended so that when an underage (18) umpire is fulfilling the umpiring duty an adult has to be on site to supervise. CW has mentioned that it is very difficult to ask the players to umpire as 1. they have to umpire Division 1 games; and 2. some players have to play for their own clubs on the night. VA had expressed that the Youth squad members should fulfill their umpiring duties and playing for their own club should not be used as a priority. Discussion on whether to ask the Youth squad to fulfill their umpiring duties or HKNA should provide **RW/VA**

umpiring assistance was opened to the members. EF has expressed that apart from playing, umpiring would be a great way of learning the game as well. JC mentioned that asking the players to umpire Division 1 games might be a bit too demanding. After discussion, it was agreed to look into changing the (umpiring) schedules to see if Youth could be changed to umpiring lower division (Div. 2) with HKNA support. Should this not be possible, HKNA will fully support and find umpires to fulfill the Youth umpiring duties.

- LCSD Yearly Plan – JC mentioned this plan which was only circulated to council members this morning. This plan was prepared by LP and she suggested all members to read as it contains very important information on HKNA programmes and requests for LCSD funding. JC raised the comment made by VA regarding Umpiring Development: the no. of C badge umpires should be changed to 2 in year 2009-10 instead of 3 as previously stated. Second comment by VA was that under Meetings and Conferences section that her name had not been mentioned. JC has brought up the response made by LP that for umpiring, the number will be changed from 3 to 2. For the Meetings, LP said that VA has misread the whole page as HKNA are required to report all international and Asian Federation appointed positions, and there might be the possibility for LCSD to increase the funding for meetings if we have such appointments. The final approved funding available from LCSD is subjected to final endorsement by the HKNA Council in sending whichever personnel to these meetings and the budget in sending these representatives.
- It was suggested by JO that the LCSD yearly plan should be incorporated into the HKNA Calendar so that council members are aware of this. JC mentioned that this plan should also be prepared by all Council members in future. VA
- League Schedule after Christmas and New Year – LP asked about if the first match date after New Year would be the 4th January. EF also asked about the dates for semis and finals. JC mentioned that draft schedules had already been done and it will be sent out soon after being checked. JC announced that for 4th January, Div 1 will have a bye while there are games played in other divisions. Semis and Finals will be on 19, 26 April and 3 & 10 May as previously stated. JC/AL

Next Meeting is on Tuesday 1st December 2009