

# HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting Minutes  
7:30pm, 13th August 2009  
Meeting Room 4, Olympic House, Causeway Bay

## Present

Veronica Arnold (VA)  
Karin Loram (KL)  
Joanne O'Connor (JO)  
Ivy Wong (IW)  
Rosanna Wong (RW)

## Apologies

Jenny Chadwick (JC)  
Carol Chan (CC)  
Prisca Lam (PL)  
Maggie Leung (ML)  
Alex Lynch (AL)  
Brooke Menser (BM)  
Lorraine Pak (LP)

### **1. Last Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of last meeting approved.

**VA / PL**

VA requested that all meeting minutes to date be brought to the next meeting for her signature.

### **2. Executive Council**

Vacancies

**VA**

VA updated the committee of all the proposed council movement and requested the committee to vote in agreement:

Treasurer – Jo O'Connor

Mixed League – Ivy Wong

Sponsorship/Publicity – Ellen Flaugherty (HKFC)

Men's League – VA would follow up with status from Maggie Leung who unfortunately has stepped down from her post, at this stage we will not fill it this position.

### **3. Treasury Report (see report enclosed)**

**JO**

JO briefly explained the current situation with accounts, basically all in order and has been managed well by Alice in the office. JO is hoping to have a more detailed report for the next meeting.

### **4. U21 Squads / Coaching (see reports enclosed)**

**VA/CW**

U21 squad

Items arising and or were discussed from report were:

- Ankle straps, committee were concerned with financing, which VA explained the players would finance them themselves and the need for strapping in respect to age and quantity of playing using appropriate strengthening training. VA to check with Connie relevance.
- Fitness testing – the committee did not vote in agreement as they had several questions relating to this item; historically coach has conducted these types of tests, if not viable, has cheaper modes been pursued, ie university students as recommended by Valley Club approximately 6 years ago. The committee would also like to know what will be done with the results of such testing. VA to communicate with

Connie.

- Lastly, finance – the committee have requested that Connie produce a rough budget for the whole training leading to tournament from Connie so that we are aware in advance of expected costs involved.
- VA requested that committee members make a concerted effort to visit the youth training to show our support. VA will request the office to circulate a training schedule list to all members.
- Sponsorship – VA will follow this up with Kukri/Connie.

#### Coaching

- The committee has requested that Connie produces her 2 year plan on the proposed development of coaches/netball in Hong Kong. Requesting if possible for a further 5 year plan for Hong Kong to look forward towards.

#### **5. Sponsorship / Publicity**

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

**IW/EF/  
VA**

#### **6. Development (see report enclosed)**

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> International Youth Sports Challenge 2009

- Sadly this proposal was withdrawn due to short timeframe. The committee request that a 2 month timeframe (2 meetings) be allowed for future requests to enable sufficient planning.
- The committee also request that a yearly development plan be provided, giving where necessary any budgetary requirements of the associations development plans and strategy.

**LP**

#### **7. Schools / Universities (see report enclosed)**

The committee questioned what the next stages where, if CC had approached any universities yet? HKU would be an ideal first step/front door with them currently participating in the league.

**CC**

#### **8. Ladies League(see report enclosed)**

- As we had representation from Aussies and HKFC, they gave feedback from their clubs views as to the process of the beginning of the season. Both clubs expressed their frustrations, etc. Some feedback as to views for moving forward and for next season; post league feedback/meeting as well as a pre next season meeting. It was agreed that the next meetings focus would be on the league.

**JC/AL**

#### **9. League Equipment Facilities**

- We understand that LP and BM collected bags from various venues and were all sorted through. However, it was felt that the bags were still missing lots of items. If BM could please confirm back to the committee. IW has offered to help with

**BM**

Aberdeen bag, whilst KL is able to help with HKFC. Items found missing already at various venues, score sheets, insufficient stationery box, spare bibs and a few other various items.

#### **10. Umpiring(see report enclosed)**

**RW/VA  
/LP**

- Most courses have now been completed with generally a very good turn out. Last one to proceed next week, including teams that did not have any umpires.
- Umpiring course in Singapore – this was discussed at length and agreed that the verbal proposal of 4 candidates would be funded to approximately \$3000 each. VA and RW to follow up, we would require a written contract from all participants.
- Whilst discussing Umpiring course in Singapore the committee also discussed the opportunity of sending a participant for the coaching course. Whilst the committee is not in disagreement, they were concerned with there not being a developed substantial pathway for HKs coaches. VA to discuss with LP the relevance and give back from attending such a course.

#### **11. Mixed League(see report enclosed)**

**IW**

- IW to check the availability of Aberdeen outdoor courts for various social tournaments from those that might not be used for mixed and proceed.

#### **12. Mens' League**

**VA**

- VA to follow up with ML as to the status. It was also discussed the possibility of running the mens during the womens at Aberdeen outdoor, VA to follow up.

#### **13. AOB**

##### National coach bonus

**VA**

- VA raised the item that Kirsty Krugers' contract stipulates that she would be given a bonus post tournament and this has not been followed through yet. The committee agreed that this should be met and agreed an amount of \$5000 would be given, however VA needs to research the previous coaches bonus before a final agreement would be made.

**Next Meeting is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009**