

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting Minutes
7:30pm, Tuesday 10 August 2010
Room 1016, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay

<p><u>Present</u> Veronica Arnold (VA) Jenny Chadwick (JC) Lorraine Pak (LP) Cara Wallace (CW) Leesa Youl (LY) Polly Yu (PY)</p>	<p><u>Apologies</u> Iris Chan (IC) Ellen Flaherty (EF) Joanne O'Connor (JO) Jo Reed (JR) Shirley Yuen (SY)</p>
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1.	Minutes of Last Council Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed minutes of the last council meeting 	
2.	Minutes of AGM	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment on the minutes of AGM 	
3.	Asian Youth Championship Reports	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports received from Jenny (Umpires' Panel), Carol (Umpire), Connie (Coach), Lorraine (Manager). • Reports from Iris (assistant coach) and physiotherapist are still pending • Jenny commented on Carol's performance was excellent and JC felt that it was good to have Hong Kong's presence in International events • VA commented on Carol's report about her suggestion of having a mentor-mentee scheme for beginner umpires in HK was good, but a detailed proposal has to be drafted in order to analyze the feasibilities. The current difficulty is insufficient mentors for mentees, and we can try to bring in more international-standard guest umpires to give feedback for umpires, like last season. • Connie's recommendations about 'More Match Play at an Organized Structure' have been brought out for JC's and LY's attention. VA thought it was a fantastic idea and could definitely raise the eliteness, but, again, a detailed proposal has to be drafted and how it's going to be implemented needs to be discussed in greater detail. • The council has brainstormed the 'super league' - could be held after the season, like during summer, sponsorships could be invited, a selection panel could be put together to mix up top team players around from their clubs to form teams, it will be a 	<p style="text-align: center;">IC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VA/SY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VA/Connie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VA/Connie</p>

	<p>motivation for players in the first 2 divisions in the Ladies League to get into the top 4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VA will arrange a meeting with Connie for further discussion, then report the proposal in the next meeting to make the deadline for LCSD • LP raised the concern about the time may clash with the young girls' exam timetable. It was also raised that we did not want to not move forward on this position opportunity for a few players. • Regarding Youth competition results, getting into the 5th place means HKNA will not get funding from the government for the next AYC, we need to prepare financially for this. • The council has come to an agreement that HKNA gives bonuses to management of the squad as a token, the amounts have varied in previous years, VA is going to check with the past bonus records with Alice and our financial situation with JO, then email the council separately about the amount proposal for further agreement. 	
4.	Proposal from the Development Officer	LP
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC raised the fact that actually many ESF primary school/international schools do not have netball curriculum, but it was agreed that local school needs more support than ESF/international schools at the moment as it is better to invest local children to play and eventually contribute than expat's children who might be going overseas after the years. • The 20 potential schools were selected based on the availabilities of contact (teachers that have attended the coaching course, or were netball players themselves), and schools which have applied for the EasySport or Outreaching Coaching programmes before. • The council all agreed it was a great idea, and HKNA will be in full support to it. 	
5.	Treasury Report	JO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report was put to the next meeting as JO was absent from the meeting 	
6.	IFNA Rule Change Proposal	VA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed change: coaches can coach during the stoppages • The council has agreed to the change 	
7.	IFNA Membership Ballot (July)	VA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belgium and Soloman Islands have applied to become Associate member of IFNA • Zambia, Zimbabwe and Switzerland have applied to 	

	<p>upgrade from Associate member to Full member of IFNA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The council has agreed to the applications 	
8.	Umpiring Update	VA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakdown on the payments of the last season for badged umpires has finally been finished. A total of \$23,200 for all badged umpires, only \$20,700 funding from the LCSD, the remaining \$2,500 will be funded by HKNA. Alice has written out cheques for umpires to cash, emails about donating back to HKNA were all sent out too. Problem raised by VA about the huge administrative task as the forms were not sent back in on time. VA proposed to open up a database to keep all the score sheets and umpires sign sheet in one place after they have been sent in to HKNA immediately after the game, then Alice will scan the sheets for VA/SY to record/check weekly. VA proposed to action fines for late arrival of score sheets and umpire sheets promptly using above mentioned system. SY is going to mention the new system in the captians' meeting. JC proposed to update the files on the leagues venues, and insert a new checklist on the files so that clear instructions will be given for the desk duties persons-in-charge LP/CW will bring in one of the bags for the venues which has the equipment/folders, etc. to see what has to be updated. Three umpiring courses will be run, 20 participants for Chinese and 40 English each, involvement from the clubs and badged umpires as mentors will be invited. 	<p>VA</p> <p>VA</p> <p>SY</p> <p>JC/CW</p> <p>LP/CW</p>
9.	Ladies League Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce the administrative work, only players who are newly registered or did not play in the league in 2009-2010 need to submit Form C. Form B will include a field for contact details of every single player for easier communications especially for cancellation of games. New fees structures, which were agreed upon during last meeting, are included in the Form A. Any incorrect changes spotted by the committee need to be reported to Leesa/Jenny by Thursday, forms will be sent out to the teams on Friday. Regarding court availability, Oct 18th is a common week with ESF holiday, so a friendly game could be organized, or just let the players freely use the court 	JC/LY

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wet weather games have been placed throughout so that all divisions will end their games roughly at the same time, friendly could be organized as well if those wet weather game venues are of no use at last. • Fundraising mixed netball/tournament could be organized as well so to fully utilize the courts. • Jan 3rd will be off since it is the first Monday after new year and a lot of players will usually still be on holiday. • Regarding the league format, 5 divisions will be run. • The committee was concerned about the club distribution in each division, better to have even spread throughout the divisions then crowd many teams into one division. • A tentative committee meeting is scheduled on Sept 20th before the captains' meeting (Sept 27th) to discuss about the spread of the teams, convenors from clubs that do not have a representative in the council are also welcomed to join. • Any changes spotted on the By-Laws will have to be reported to JC/LY before Thursday. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting ended 8:50pm 	
	<p>NEXT MEETING Tuesday, 7th September 2010 7.30pm Olympic House</p>	ALL