

HKNA Committee meeting
Tuesday 23 September, 6.30pm HKFC

In attendance (pls confirm if I have missed anyone)

Sherryn Hancock (SH)
Emma Wall (EW)
Shammin Azim (SA)
Shafin Azim (SF)
Ellen Tong (ET)
Emma Gregory (EG)
Lorraine Pak (LP)
Shirley Yuen (SY)
Jo Reed (JR)

Start time: 21:11

President's Report (SH)

Asian Federation

Thailand has pulled out of talks of hosting 2015 Asian Youth Champs

HK could possibly express interest in this, but deadline is Oct 10 (pls reconfirm this w/sherryn I can't understand my notes! :/)

HK could also possibly host:

2017 Asian Youth Champs
2018 Asian Champs

Malaysia, Singapore & Pakistan showed interest in 2018 (but Pakistan stated they want men's tournament too if they host)

Event is 1 week long

Venue options:

- Kowloon Park – but only one court
 - Cost \$148/hr/court –Peak
 - \$120/hr/court – Off peak
- Queen Elizabeth Stadium – but would need to seel tickets to cover costs
- Perhaps could ask schools

EG- mentioned in the past championship in HK, HKFC and Wan Chai were used for warm up grounds.

LP mentioned Cost of event approx. \$350,000 (pls reconfirm this w/sherryn/lorraine)

- We would need LCSD funding and sponsorship to be able to hold an event on this scale.
- Must ensure media coverage; eg. Southside magazine, Newspapers (English + local)

ANF (pls reconfirm this w/sherryn)

ANF will provide funding for coaching and beginners umpiring programs
They will also offer help by sending visiting coaches to lead the sessions.

2014 Asian Champs

Hong Kong did a tremendous job at the tournament and achieved 4th place.

SH would like to make special note of how proud she was of the team. They stayed on par with Sri Lanka in the semifinals, until 3rd quarter.

ANF president was very impressed by the top 4 teams.

New teams this year: Philippines and Taiwan (ended in 5th)

(It was mentioned HK could perhaps consider hosting another “bi-nations” tournament with HK and Taiwan.)

Due to their impressive performance, HK has been invited to the Nations Cup in Singapore in Dec 2014 for the first time.

- Unfortunately, HK opens coach has expressed a little concern about sending a team as we do not have a full strength team available for December.
- There will be stronger teams at the tournament – Botswana, Samoa, Ireland, etc.
- Only 5 of the players from Asian Champs are able to return for December.

Need to confirm our participation by 24 September 2014

Tri Nations

- We can consider introducing 2 new angles to Tri Nations
 - A platform to develop out U21 girls for the Netball World Cup.
 - Opportunities for umpires to train up to higher badges
- Perhaps make it a dual tournament U21 & Opens

HKNA Employment (not sure if this is supposed to be minuted)

Need to advertise for COO and Administrative Assistant positions

COO Report (EW)

Focus has been on strategic planning for the past 2 month

Outcome from the work done:

- Operations manual is being put together.
- Noticed that we have returned an average of almost \$250,000 back to LCSD from Reserve Funds.
- Have been able to secure \$123,000 from the LCSD 2013-14 funding into the 2014 budget
- Can now identify reserve funds more easily and we have better knowledge how they can be used to finance annual projects according to Reserve Fund guidelines.

6 month goals:

- Someone must oversee the implementation of all points raised through strategic planning efforts.
- Ensure funds are now utilized properly.
- Top priorities: Hiring full time Administrative Assistant and research more funding options (eg. Institute of Sport)
- Develop more technology to ease administrative workload in the office and also for voluntary positions, such as Committee members (eg. Sports software to log ladies league members, formulate results tables etc)
- Need to discuss with LCSD to increase funding as our sport has also grown.

League Convenor's Report (SA)

- Ladies league has grown in the 14-15 season, so we now have 7 divisions to fit all teams.

The spreading out of teams now seems to make each division more competitive.

- Captains meeting on Sep 22 2014 was very fast and went smoothly.
 - Corrections were made on the Handbook

- Discussion of possibility for Div 1 teams to invite men's league for exhibition/friendly matches. Teams can arrange it themselves during their bye week.

There is one available court in Aberdeen and WCH if desired.

- Suggestion was made of exhibition matches with men's teams at Tri Nations

Umpiring Convenor's Report (EG)

- EG would like the JNL fixtures so that we can start filling up umpiring duties with those taking the courses.
- Need support at the venue to qualify umpires.
- LP to resend the umpiring course email reiterating the fines involved if you do not field an umpire for your assigned duties.
- EG would like to add more courses after Christmas as it is hard to fill JNL fixtures once course takers during the first half have completed their duties.
- 3 more courses still have space

End 22:13