

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting

7.00pm, 25 Apr 2017 (Tue)

Meeting at Olympic House

| <u>Attending:</u> | <u>Apologies:</u> |
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| Danielle Taylor (DT) Christina Yue (CY) Katherine Ip (KI) Carol Chan (CChan) Cassie Graham (CG) Emma Sharrock (ES) Jennifer Dax (JD) Lorraine Pak (LP) Maree Prebble (MP) Polly Yu (PY) Victoria So (VS) Chanelle Candy (CC) | Sherryn Hancock (SH) Emma Gregory (EG) Katharine Wood (KW) Melanie Rickett (MR) |

MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting approved.

2. President's Report (SH)

Tri-Nations Netball Tournament

- It went well. HK and Zimbabwe both moved up a rank to 25th and 16th respectively; Malaysia dropped from 19th to 21st.

HK Singapore Cup

- Was held in February. 2 practice matches before the formal game held on the Sunday. Airfares, accommodation & food were covered by LCSD additional funding and thus this trip was being planned. We would look into the possibility of making it an annual event if Singapore thinks it is doable too.

Beach 5's Netball

- It went well. The one day format started at 9.15am and finished at around 5pm. Each team played at least 7 games. The winner was Pretty to Watch.
- TCOB donated around 30-40 Gilbert Netballs to HKNA, which can be used as future giveaways.

Changes to Audit

- LCSD has brought out new Audit Guidelines that are to be implemented immediately. LCSD is eliminating the internal audit previously conducted by a team from the Government and making the external audit covers that HKNA complies with Accounting Policy & Procedures. This may affect costs but HKNA is still under the LCSD budget for Audit.

Asian Youth Netball Championship (AYNC)

- To be held in Jeonju from 6-13 May 2017. HK is currently ranked 4th and hopefully the gap between 3rd & 4th can be narrowed during this tournament.

ANF Meeting

- To be held in Jeonju on 11 May 2017, rest day of AYNC. Veronica Arnold and SH will attend. As this is an election year, HKNA has nominated Veronica Arnold for re-election as President for ANF. The nomination has been seconded by Singapore.

Future Development of U21 Players

- With many of the U21 players going overseas to study, hopefully there is a way via contacts to continue to develop these girls while they are away so when they come

back to HK they have grown as players. This might mean letters of introduction to the UK, Australia, New Zealand and even possibly the US.

Life Member Nominations

- SH found the criteria in the Executive By-Laws but thought they were out of date and believed that life members should not be limited to people serving on the Committee. Currently there are 6 life members: Veronica Arnold, Jenny Chadwick, Anna Wong, Hilary Rowark, Maggie Brownlee & Anne Tinlin.
- SH has drawn up the new criteria for Life Membership and would like to know committees' comments. After deliberation, attendees decided to leave the discussion until the next meeting.

3. Head of Coaching and Development Report (CW)

Regional Netball 14's Academy

- 34 players were selected into the Squad. LP, Lee King, Chan Ka Keung, Veronica Arnold and Angela Chan helped with the selections. The group will train together once a week leading up to the tournament day on 20 May 2017. Singapore Sports School will also be joining in the tournament day as part of their visit to HK.

Yvonne Willering's Coaching Workshops

- Yvonne Willering visited HK during 10-13 March 2017 and conducted some coaching workshops and training sessions with various HKNA teams. 4 sessions were open to public. Topics included 1 on 1 defence and making decisions on when to go for the ball; working together, rather than in isolation - both on attack and defence; options of bringing the ball through the court; attack against different types of defence, etc.

Collaboration with THEi

- Sports Therapist services such as pre-game strapping/ taping, massages and injury management were provided to all the participants during the Tri-Nations Weekend.
- THEi continues to support the National Youth Program as they prepare for the 2017 Asian Youth Netball Championships.

HKNA Promotion Program

- 8 schools, including 2 primary and 6 secondary schools, have participated in the netball promotion program from January to March 2017.
- After the end of the program, St. Clare's Girls' School and PLK Ma Kam Ming College are very interested in developing netball and bought a Netball Gear Package from HKNA. PLK Ma Kam Ming College also applied the LCSD Outreach (Non-school team) Program for more netball classes for the students.

4. Office Manager's Report (LP)

Tri-Nations Netball Tournament 2017 and Four-Nations 2018

- Tri-Nations Netball Tournament was held from 16-19 March 2017 at Kowloon Park Sports Centre. Zimbabwe confirmed their participation eventually with HKNA funded 10 players and 2 officials. Overall the event went smoothly and the matches were well spectated.
- Estimated Budget for 2018 has been submitted and if approved, will be inviting 3 overseas teams to make it Four-Nations. Proposed dates are 1-4 February 2018. The office is currently liaising with LCSD in order to get Kowloon Park confirmed. Once it is confirmed the office will send out official invitations to teams so that respective national associations could start their budgeting asap.

Inter-school B Grade Tournament

- Was held on 4 March 2017 at Tai Kok Tsui Sports Centre.
- A total of 10 teams participated.

Inter-school C Grade Tournament

- Will be held on 6 May 2017 at Tai Kok Tsui Sports Centre.
- A record high of 9 teams enrolled.

Joint University Netball Tournament 2017

- Grand Finals of the Ladies and Men's Section were scheduled to be held on 1 April 2017 at HK Park. Unfortunately, staff of HK Park had overlooked the memo from HKNA. Instead of releasing the court between 13:00-17:00, they had the whole booking (10:00-17:00) cancelled.
- HKU and CUHK (Ladies' Section) decided to play the match at Sandy Bay (HKU) as the Outdoor Netball Court was available between 13:00-15:00.
- Final of Men's Sections is re-scheduled to 1 May 2017 at HK Park. EG and Khan Murray will be umpiring the game. Presentations for all placings and MVP awards to all teams will take place on the same day.

Samsung 59th Festival of Sports – Netball Tournament

- Girls' U15, U17, U21 - 7 May (Sun) at Harbour Road Sports Centre in Wan Chai (0800 – 1900)
- Girls' U13, Men's and Ladies' Open - 21 May (Sun) at HK Park Sports Centre (0800 – 1900)
- Men's and Ladies' Open, Girls' U13 and U21 are full. A few spots are left in U15 and U17.

HKNA Thanks Coach Award 2016-17

- LP has prepared the proposed Thanks Coach Award recipients list. Each will receive a \$300 sports goods voucher. Attendees endorsed the list.
- The award will be presented at the HKNA AGM.

5. Finance (CY)

Accounts Report

- Financially healthy at the moment. CY told that sometime actuals could not be reflected in the same month (e.g. players deposit money into a wrong account); still some entries to be processed.
- Some discrepancies were found; adjustments up to March 2017 had been made. CY appreciated the office's effort in reconciling the entries.
- The new Audit Guidelines by LCSD are noted.

6. League & Umpiring

Mixed Netball League

- 33 teams registered so far; deadline on 28 April 2017. Commencing on 8 May 2017, all games including the semi-finals will be played at Aberdeen Outdoor courts. Finals will be played at HK Park Sports Centre on 3/10/17 July 2017.
- ES is working on the schedule and will send out shortly.

Junior Netball League

- Final to be held on 30 April at Ap Lei Chau Sports Centre.
- CY suggested increasing the pay for Development Officer in order for the officer to cover the JNL convenor role as well.

Ladies League

- Format should be the same as that in 2016-17. Will discuss in next meeting.

Umpiring Development

- CChan put forward a 2-year proposal to enhance umpiring in ladies' league after her meeting with Jenny Chadwick, EG, Tracy Skipp and Chris Pennington. Eventually each team joining the league will have to name 2 badged/ approved umpires; B-badge umpires to umpire in Premier League and C-badge umpires to do D1 & 2. Jenny Chadwick will talk about the arrangement in AGM.
- HKNA will limit the number of umpiring courses, with 2 beginner courses and 2-3 courses for potential B/C-badge umpires. All existing umpires will be reviewed. Chris and Tracy will help badging the umpires.
- Review on By-law/ payment for umpires will be done.
- A part-time umpiring officer will help updating the database of umpires.

7. A.O.B

Netball Festival (in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR, additional funding from LCSD and HAB)

- To be held on 16 & 17 September 2017 at Fa Hui Park (booking 08:00 to 20:00).
- Games for different age groups (girls' and mixed) / ladies' and men' open/ Fast Five will be included.
- A sub-committee consisting of 4-6 members will be set up to give suggestions and comments on how the festival will be run.

Streamlined process of social media promotion

- CY encouraged clubs to advertise to the community via Facebook. Some simple standard operating guidelines will be sent out shortly.

LCSD Yearly Plan - 2018-19 - Application for the setup of Community Sports Club (CSC) - Hantang

- The CSC Project by LCSD aims to provide assistance to National Sports Associations (NSAs) in the promotion of sports at community level.
- Hantang Netball Club requested HKNA to consider joining the said project so that clubs under HKNA will be able to apply via HKNA for the "Community Sports Club Subsidy Scheme" under the Project and to further develop netball with funding from LCSD. A CSC has to submit progress report for each completed program to LCSD.
- Attendees endorsed HKNA joining the CSCP and Hantang be a CSC of HKNA.

Annual General Meeting

- SH suggested holding it on 19 June 2017 (Mon) to allow enough time to finalise the audit reports and the business review report. To be held at HKFC if possible and HKCC as a 2nd Choice.
- After deliberation by attendees, AGM will be held either on 20 or 21 June 2017 as there will be mixed league games on Monday. Registration will start at 19:00 and AGM will start at 19:30. Each team has to send 2 representatives to attend. Thanks Coach/ Umpire Award presentation after AGM.
- Expected 150 people including coaches and umpires to attend. CC will check the venue and costs and report progress.
- Notices for AGM to be sent out 21 clear days before AGM. All correspondence, proxies should go back to the Secretary, cc the HKNA Office.

My Netball/ HKNA website

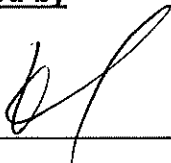
- While some attendees proposed the full use of My Netball for HKNA membership registration; LP reported that technical problems were encountered and technical support was poor. This item will be discussed further in next meeting.
- Revamp on HKNA website will be carried out this summer. This item will be discussed further in next meeting and CY asked attendees to invite persons who are good at system/website to join the meeting to provide comments/ inputs.

Coaching Workshop and Foundation Coaching Courses

- Coaching workshop to be held in October. Will invite 2 presenters to coach.
- MP is working on the details of Foundation Coaching Courses. Proposed to hold 2 courses in late August and early September by Robin and Connie respectively.

Meeting adjourned at 9.20pm. Next Meeting to be held on 23 May 2017.

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