

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting

7.00pm, 22 August 2017 (Tue)

Meeting Room No. 5, 1/F

Olympic House

<u>Attending:</u>	<u>Apologies:</u>
Sherryn Hancock (SH) Danielle Taylor (DT) Christina Yue (CY) Cheng Lai Fun (FC) Jennifer Dax (JD) Emma Sharrock (ES) Lorraine Pak (LP) Maree Prebble (MP) Shannon Lee (SL) Katharine Wood(KW) Connie Wong (CW) Rachel Bryant (RB)	Emma Gregory (EG) Carol Chan (CChan) Chanelle Candy (CC) – RB came on behalf
	<u>Absent:</u>
	Gloria Jung (GJ)

Meeting commenced at 7.16pm

MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of last meeting are approved.

2. Council members job description and position allocation

FC will email SL, GJ and KW the HKNA Executive By Law. SL, GJ and KW will read through the job description and email back their interest to Executive Council. Position allocation will be done later.

3. President's Report (SH)

SH shared about the meetings during her trip to Botswana:

- Possibility on adding a shorter trade name for HKNA
- INF praises on associations that explores on how to give back to the public (i.e. Through grassroot programs)
- Attended workshops and will share the recorded video later

SH highlighted a few events and also ongoing discussions:

- Sunshine Coast partnership: looking to send a team down in 2018-19 (LCSD Youth Sports Exchange Funding)
- Nations cup will be held on December in Singapore. This is an important competition as it is a ranking game. SH and CY is waiting for final confirmation on using reserve fund to support this event
- Four nations: Ireland confirmed participation and still no reply from Cook Islands, deadline was 26th July. SH will follow up with Cook Island with definite yes or no by this week. If still no reply from Cook Islands, will reach out to Grenada.
- Netball Fever: Organizers mentioned that HKNA is one of the best and we're invited to do it again next year, hopefully on weekends. There was a great amount of volunteers and great effort from all that helped organising to make it happen in such a short time.
- Meeting with LCSD for planning on the next 5 years.
 - o New development fund: Opportunity offered by the government (Home Affairs Bureau) to have a U23 team. The team would consist of under 23 years old players and 10% can be over 23. This program will facilitate the bridging players from our existing U21 program to the opens.
 - o Request on extra full-time head count fully funded by LCSD as sport executive. CY is quite certain that we will get this head count. With extra

head count paid by LCSD, HKNA can possibly better fund new programmes, such as HK-Singapore Cup as annual function and Netball Festival

- Budget still in progress. SH, CY and FC will continue working on it.
- Teams/clubs needs to do the MyNetball registration. With everyone registered on the system, it will lessen workload for a lot of routine work such as generating scoresheet so with the list of players of the teams. Tutorial will be held on Tuesday 29th August by SH

For more details please refer to President's Report - Aug 2017

4. Office Manager's Report (LP)

LP highlighted a few matters in her report:

- Four Nations 2018: Funding from LCSD for the event is confirmed
- Translation of INF rules: With help for Mandy Tai and Wong Wui Yee, the translation process has been completed.
- Sports Federation and Olympic Committee Incentive award: HKNA received a cheque for our outstanding performance of the National Opens at the ANC last year. LP have applied for Junior Incentive Awards for our National U21s. Hoping to receive more as we came third in the AYNC 2017.
- Sports for Hope Foundation Outstanding Junior Athlete Awards 2017: LP also applied for this athlete awards for the National U21s team.

LP also noted that HKNA has yet to confirm all venues as all sports association is booking much earlier and is fighting for the few available venues.

For more details please refer to Office Manager's Report - Aug 2017

5. Head of Coaching and Development Report (CW)

CW highlighted a few ongoing and future events or programmes:

- Netball Festival: will include netball competition for netball community and promotion activities, similar to those in netball fever, for the non-netball community. Participation are free but teams playing in the competition are required to pay deposit which will be refunded on the day of the competition. Registration for helpers, paid by LCSD, are open and CW encourages representatives to send it to their clubs/teams. Fast 5 match format will be included in the Netball Festival and SH brought up something mentioned in INF congress that they seek to include it in world games and for men's too.
- National Open Men's: Training and Trials has already started and this team is preparing for Asian Men's Netball Championship to be held in December 2017. Venue to be confirmed.
- Men's league: has come to an end with 9jai winning over OMG in an exciting 1 point difference Grand Final. Representative from Champion System came to watch and was quite impressed, will watch ladies in the future too.
- Youth Sports Exchange Program: This program will send players to Malaysia. We're supposed to hear more details a day before this meeting, but no updates yet so CW will follow up. It is a one-way exchange, which means no Malaysian players will come to Hong Kong. The exchange will be 100% funded. No manager is approved for this program as it is not a touring team. After this exchange, will apply for Sunshine Coast exchange, a bigger program with access to Sunshine Coast players and facilities, next year.
- 16s academy starting with trials coming up

6. League & Umpiring (SH)

Ladies league

- Forms were sent out to teams and clubs. There will be an increase of 5% membership fee to cover cost.
- Game structure would be similar to last year with a premier division formed in the 2nd round.
- LP confirmed that Hong Kong Park Sports Centre is one of our league venue.
- League will start on 25 September but possibly not all teams. EG has figured out teams/divisions that will start on the 25th, will follow up when she come back.
- 2 court in HK Park is reserved for the finals, which will be on 24th March Saturday 12PM-6PM. JD suggested more teams plays at the same venue.

- CC inquired about status of teams promotion via email: It will depend on players on the team, so need to wait till all forms are collected. In principle, teams what won in the division will be promoted to a higher division. However, HKNA have possibility of not letting team go up, if players are not in the previous winning team.
- There were membership transfer (some members deregistered and passed on their payment to a new member) last year which creates difficulties on tracking members. Some measures to be taken:

- o Consider making it non-transferable.
- o Clarify rules on deregistration
- o Make sure all emails goes through office

JD will look into the league By Law and draft changes.

- Captains' Meeting on the 18th September is confirmed at Olympic House

Umpiring

- RB mentioned Jenny Chadwick's remark on AGM 2017 that umpire will be allocated for top divisions. This will be the plan for the 2-year program, will not put into immediate work this year. Jenny will work on this.
- SL have enquires regarding umpiring from HKFC. Will need to email to office and will be passed on to Jenny

7. Mixed League (ES)

Mixed league this year is shorten due to feedback from previous year. However there isn't as many games played due to unstable weather. ES suggested starting earlier for next year and try to secure some indoor courts.

8. Junior League Report (SH)

Angela will be taking over the convener role and Ingrid has been told that she will not be working on the JNL this year. After discussion, the council thinks that the fee is still very resonable after the increment from last year to HK\$100 as it is an one-off fee for two seasons. The Council confirmed on increasing the fee by HK\$10, but CY suggested to have a concession price for local schools or special teams that participated in our programs, this will need to be further discussed.

JNL will start in October 14th in Fa Hui.

DT inquired if there could be possibilities of selling food during JNL. SH replied that it has been considered and it got shut down due to problems with LCSD venue regulations related to food and hygiene.

9. A.O.B

HKFC Ladies International Invitational Tournament (November)

- Still waiting for confirmation from SL on whether it is an 1-day or 2-day event that will be held on November 2017.
- Kalani Brown from HKFC asked if HKNA could provide support for this competition. HKNA is happy to support
- SL said that HKFC would like to have support in promotion as HKNA could reach more audience in the netball community.
- CY would like HKFC to specifically state the support needed. If there is any kind of technical support, more time will be needed to organize. SL will follow up with HKFC and confirm.
- Thei set up sports therapy booth in the event may not be feasible as there will be a lot of application procedures that is needed from HKFC.
- CY will work with SL to include this event in the HKNA Newsletter

Newsletter

- The newsletter will be issued every two months.
- Representative will need to spread words to their clubs/teams that if they want to promote anything, send to CY.
- August issue is coming soon: deadline for input is our meeting week
- CY hopes to pass on the newsletter task to Media and Promotion

JNL

- AIS have different holidays with other schools, so will let Angela know to facilitate better scheduling


Angela would also help on Umpiring logistics.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

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