

## HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

### Council Meeting

7.00pm, 21 August 2018 (Tue)

Room 1-2, Olympic House

Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

<u>Attending:</u>	<u>Apologies:</u>
Cheng Lai Fun (FC) Christina Yue (CY) Danielle Taylor (DT) Emma Gregory (EG) Lorraine Pak (LP) Megan Prideaux (MP) Olivia Burgess (OB) Sherryn Hancock (SH) – over the phone Wendy Herrera - HKU (WH) Alyssa Wootten – HKS (AWootten) Louise Moon – Kowloon (LM)	Katharine Wood (KW) Renee Howie (RH) Sophie Li (SLi) Anna Wilson (AW) Ursula Holloway (UH)
	<u>Absent:</u>

Meeting commenced at 7:12pm

DT welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2018-19 season. She introduced the Executive Council Members to everyone and briefly explained the meeting logistics. Council members to note that council meeting will be held every third Tuesday of each month unless notified otherwise.

### MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

#### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous council meeting confirmed and approved.

#### 2. President's Report (SH)

Report Attached.

##### LCSD Internal Audit

The Quality Assurance Section(QAS) of LCSD has carried out the random internal audit from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 13<sup>th</sup> August. This would usually take places around every 3-4years. Thanks to Lorraine and Haley in answer all queries during that period.

##### Hong Kong Coaching Committee

With funding from the HK Coaching, we have all expenses covered for Karen Worland's visit this August, except for her hourly coaching charges. Karen would be assisting in looking at HKNA Coaching Programme and Pathways, as well as running the Development Level and Foundation Level Facilitator course during her stay. Thanks to Connie who had organise the visit.

##### Asian Champs

Hong Kong National Netball Team – Ladies will compete in the Asian Netball Championship 2018 in Singapore where the top 2 teams will be qualified for Netball World Cup 2019 in Liverpool. Tang

Kwan Yee and Emma Gregory are invited as umpires for the Championship. In addition, Crystal Yeung and Shirley Sin also accepted as Bench Officials. Matches will be live-streamed from the second round of the Championship onwards through Netball Singapore Facebook page and Youtube. HKNA will be able to share the posts in our Facebook page. DT suggested to find Hong Kong supporters there to help us live stream the first two round-robin games on Facebook.

#### **Umpiring**

Emma Gregory and Khan Murray went to Perth with 2 mentors, Tracy Skipp and Jenny Chadwick for the Umpire Development Collaboration with Netball WA-Netball Australia. The aim of this trip is to expose our umpires to a higher level of matches and also to gain new ideas of developing HK's Umpiring. EG noted that after the trip, she is assured that we are on the right track for Umpires Development. Netball WA personnel were very friendly and welcoming and allows HK's umpire various different level of competition. It was a valuable experience for our umpires to exposed to different style and level of play. EG will bring the experience to Asian Champs. SH will need to send an appreciation email to Netball WA to thank them for the experience.

Next step for this collaboration is that an Australian umpire will come in December to help with badging local umpires during HK-Singapore Cup which is a non-ranking game.

Trace Skipp is nominated to be International Netball Federation's (INF) International Testing Panel (ITP) Cadet for umpires and INF had accepted and announced her appointment on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

#### **Ladies league**

Starting from 2017-2018 season, HKNA would name umpires for Division 1 (first half of season) and Premier Division (second half of season) matches to make sure there is consistent level/standard of umpiring. An issue with this is that named umpire only receive \$150-B / \$100-C Badge from LCSD as opposed to \$300 from teams. To address this issue, for Division 1 and Premier Divisions, Clubs and Teams will pay \$300 to the named umpire unless the umpire is from their own club/team /their own agreement. For Division 2 and below, it will remain as how it was last season.

Angela Chan had resigned as to continue her studies – Master's degree and the office is currently searching for a replacement.

### **3. Treasurer Report (CY)**

There is no update as we finished the audit report last time and still have not got time to update and go through the entries. CY and SH hoping to be able to update the council by next meeting.

### **4. Office & Events Manager's Report**

Report Attached. LP looked into the vendor for new website and member registration system which quoted HKD43,000 + additional charges. LP will need to look through the options again and see if it is possible to lower the cost. There are no responses from My Netball regarding temporary renewal requested 2 to 3 months ago. SH noted that My Netball is not perfect but it is off-the-shelf and specially built for Netball. The problem with My Netball is that we could not send email through the system . Additionally, last year, not much players are using it and HKNA did not enforce any penalty for not registering to the database. There is no urgency at the moment in renewing as we are fine with not using it.

### **5. Head of Netball Development Report**

No report received. CY mentioned that Netball Festival(NetFest) registration is still open with some slots left and would like everyone to spread the news about NetFest which would be on 15 &

16 Sep 2018 at WCHRG(Aberdeen Outdoors). There are lots of sponsors this year, so we need to give back by showing them more participants and responses.

Our life member, Melanie Potgieter, will be organizing and handling sports gear donation to South Africa for a School for under privileged children. Any sports related stuffs are accepted so council member will need to go back to their club and spread the word. CY will send the poster regarding this donation to the council members.

## **6. League & Umpiring (EG)**

Ladies league 2018-19

Forms will be sent to clubs and teams as soon as possible. Form A and Form B will be similar as how it used to be. Form A will be slightly more detailed, especially regarding umpires to make sure each team have qualified umpire(s). For Form B, HKNA will require teams to detailly specify the players' playing history to make sure that teams are allocated to the appropriate division. For individual registration, Google form will be used and the link will be sent out in due course.

The deadline for Form submission will be 11<sup>th</sup> September, followed by captain's meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September and first round of matches on 24<sup>th</sup> September. There will be more match weeks for league this year as compared to last year to prevent wet weather problem. UH will be the new league convener.

Competition format will stay the same as last year.

JC and EG will consolidate the umpire qualification form to make it easier to understand. Umpiring supports will be paid to encourage more supports and make more umpires qualified. Umpires will not be allowed to umpire two games in a row, nor umpire-play-umpire, unless under special circumstances.

## **7. A.O.B.**

Four Nations

Countries to invite: Canada (ranking is good but it clashes with their basketball season), Saint Lucia (no response yet. Ranked 1 or 2 above HK), Botswana (ranked 22. Email communication are very efficient), Malaysia (is interested but we played them too often), Gibraltar (ranked 31. Is interested in the event), Saint Maarten (not much appearance in ranking games but ranked 32)

The decision on which team to invite will need to consider if we want to invite lower ranking team to secure the criteria for LCSD funding.

HKNA Council Positions

DT – outlined that there are Council positions to be filled – Player & Development, Operations & IT, Sponsorship, Coaching, it is suggested by SH that as we have enough council members, roles should not be shared. SLi – requested the role of Sponsorship. DT requested MP to ask RH to see if she is interested in another role other than Special Events by Valley.

Team Manager for U16s and Men's

CY mentioned there are people who are interested for Team Manager for U16s and will follow up with this soon.

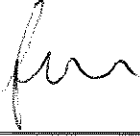
CY also mentioned that Connie suggested to ask squad players who are not in the final team to take up the position of Men's Team Manager.

Sponsorship

FC, CY and Angela Chan developed a google form to opt-in for the membership discount scheme. EG suggested to merge this with Google Form for individual registration, disclaimer, etc. This will need to be followed up in next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

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