

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting

7.00pm, 16 January 2018 (Tue)

Meeting Room No. 1, 1/F

Olympic House

<u>Attending:</u>	<u>Apologies:</u>
Sherryn Hancock (SH) Christina Yue (CY) Chanelle Candy (CC) Danielle Taylor (DT) Lorraine Pak (LP) Emma Gregory (EG) Gloria Jung (GJ) Shannon Lee (SL) Angela Chan (AC) – HKS Jasper Chan (JC) – Hantang	Cheng Lai Fun (FC) Katharine Wood(KW) Emma Sharrock (ES) Jennifer Dax (JD)
	<u>Absent:</u>
	Genevieve Leith (GL) – Kowloon

Meeting commenced at **7:15pm**

MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes from the previous council meeting confirmed.

2. President's Report (SH)

Not much happened over Christmas.

Netball promotion still ongoing:

Had one today, another on February 6th, these have been good opportunities for promoting netball in the community

Collaboration with Netball Australia:

We are thinking of sending umpires down to Australia. We are currently trying to finalize the budget, and whether we can use the reserve fund from LCSD. If the government has not given us the money in the budget, we can apply for funding from the reserve fund. That would be in early June. At this point, Jenny Chadwick has already identified the umpires that could go, as well as 2 supervisors to come back here and implement this. We are working on an agreement, looking into all the pros and cons. This is going ahead whether or not we have funding, the only question now is how many people we can send. If more than the allotted number of people want to go, they are allowed to go but would need to pay themselves.

Right now, our main priority is Four Nations. We had subgroup meetings, meeting with marketing and sponsorship. We want to know what we can do to get airtime, publicity on Facebook.

LP: We need help from counsel. Many of us here are already taking up roles, and we need other bodies to help out. SL and GJ already helping.

Nations Cup update:

HK came in 6th, losing to Malaysia in finals. Overall it was a good tournament for HK, as HK has never been exposed to many of these countries. Lots of the games were really close. We had beaten Malaysia in one game, which is a good lead up to Asians Open Championship, where the top 2 teams go to Liverpool 2019 World Cup. There were lots of people in HK watching the live stream. Unfortunately, the commentators kept mentioning Michelle Arkell's age, we need to do something about that. We also sadly lost Stephanie Cuvelier in the 2nd game.

DT: The scores didn't reflect the games, as all the games were so close. The team did HK proud.

EG: From a player's perspective, it was a good experience. This was the first time we played against European team in years and years, and against so many different styles of netball. Other countries have played these other styles a lot more, and are therefore more experienced. Hopefully these experiences will help our team get stronger. Constantly only playing against Asian team is tough. Bringing this experience to Four Nations, it will be good having Grenada and Ireland here. It is good we get to play Ireland again at Four Nations.

CY: Mel (Physio) had shared with team after the games, that while placing seemed the same, the team have come a long way. Many years ago, when HK first came out, opponents always looked down HK. Now they put on court their strongest teams and watch how we change players. It is a totally different game and experience for her on the bench as well.

3. Treasurer's Report (SH)

The report will be sent out in due course.

4. Office Manager's Report (LP)

Four Nations:

Regarding the live streaming and commentary, the quoted price is \$6000. This includes set up along with live commentary for the full 4 days. There will be 2 mics.

DT: We need some type of commentary, for all those watching. Another benefit with this is to plug the sponsors.

To do that would be using another plan. We also need to do something at halftime and quarter-time. If we play songs, it will be deemed copyright and the videos will be taken down. We have 1 camera that will be 2 meters high. If we want voice over for interviews and plugging sponsors, it will need to be a different set up.

SH/DT: but there is no need for camera change.

Then we need someone in constant liaison with the cameraman. This is likely to be SL, since need someone to speak Cantonese.

Lucky draw -

CY: We will have lucky draw for some of the games if there is more audience. We need to see how many gifts we can get, how many to do interviews. We may need to draw an interview plan and let SL and LP know beforehand. We plan to play some prerecorded interviews, need to discuss. There are just 3 trainings left, only 3 Fridays. There are also JD sessions on Tuesdays. We need to work on logistics with the live streaming company to see how to insert the prerecorded videos. All the teams are arriving on February 6th. We can arrange through LO for clips to be taken on February 7th.

There is a new logo for Four Nations. The T-shirts have gone to print, which are the same as previous years, ie. Black with white printing for the officials and white with red printing for the others. The Bench officials have theory and practical sessions coming up. We need umpires for February 1st and 6th in HK Park. January 26th is HK Team training.

INF Rules:

The translation of 2018 INF Rules have been completed and are ready for downloading. While translating, we discovered that some figures are incorrect, and had emailed INF to let them know they made some mistakes. As a result, an email was sent out to all the countries saying there has been a mistake in the rulebook.

Joint University Tournament:

Will start on February 24th. All the information and registration was sent out on January 3rd.

FOS:

We are yet to confirm dates and venues. We looked at Sunday April 29th, but it now clashes with JNL. Originally, JNL was supposed to finish on April 22nd, but they now need to run on 29th.

SH: We can find out which teams will play their finals on 29th and move those people to April 13th.

If we do that, there won't be any clash. We need to discuss this.

5. Head of Coaching and Development Report (SH on behalf of CW)

AIA:

Unfortunately, there was one day that had to be cancelled as a result of protests. On February 3rd, there will be another promotion happening, this time inside the AIA Fair.

Netball Promotion:

2 schools came out today – minigame going on. Did similar things to what we did at FOS.

Foundation coaching course in Cantonese happening on February 4th. This course is aimed at grassroots programs and university students.

Collaboration with Netball Australia.

We are coming up with an intellectual property agreement. We want to develop umpiring, promoting B to A badges. We can't do that here, and we can't send them to Singapore.

CY: We were originally planning a players' tour for the National Squad, but the coaches said no. They don't want our national players to go play in outdoor courts in Perth. The timing had worked perfectly well, but the coaches said no. The proposal was to send more than 12 players, maybe the whole squad and umpires.

National Mens' program:

They went to play at the Asians Men Championships, and had good exposure.

Regional 16s:

They had gone to play in a tournament in Japan

EG: It was tough with the language barrier. Perhaps next time would be better to arrange the tournament ourselves, or get everyone to go to a more central location.

6. League & Umpiring (EG)

League:

The 2nd half of the season has started. This is the 1st time we have done the split for all the divisions. It has kept teams happy who didn't like where they were placed in the beginning of the season. The dates are set for semis and finals. There were rained off games last Monday, and if they want to reschedule, they can play it using the free courts in Aberdeen or else get us to help them book courts if we can. The teams would need to find their own umpires for the rescheduled games. If they decide not to play, the game would be considered a draw.

Umpiring:

The umpiring courses coming up are full. People keep complaining that they don't know it is advertised. But all this information is put out on our website and Facebook. Clubs are wanting to put up their own umpiring courses, but those people aren't helping HKNA.

There is a massive backlog in JNL, as we can't get enough supporters. We are going around in circles since we can't get through the people fast enough. Now that JNL is on Sunday, it is even harder for umpires to get support.

LP: Clubs and people need to understand that those who have gone through courses cannot just become an umpire.

JNL doesn't start till the 4th, so we are still getting entries.

Support at Ladies' League is good. The people who need to be watched are usually supported. Jenny planned it all out.

The live Google Docs has been a really good system. In JNL, the umpiring Google Docs saves a lot of work. The Facebook "Find an Umpire" page has also been really good. We notice that increasing the umpiring fee to \$300 has helped fill up the umpiring spots a lot faster.

Technically, umpires only qualified for Division 7 cannot umpire, since Division 7 has now become Division 6. But they are allowed to be watched. They just need to let Jenny know.

CC: Question with regards to uniform: when one player is wearing tights to play, does everyone have to wear tights?

LP/EG: No, it does not have to be the whole team, it can just be one individual wearing leggings

SH: has to be wearing uniform, a player cannot not wear a skirt

DT: Anything that goes to captains/conveners probably need to go to counsel as well

7. A.O.B

Sponsors at Four Nations (CC):

We want to have a place where the sponsors can gather and have a drink.

LP: People cannot eat or drink in the venue – no bar

DT: We discussed having pre-drinks at the 'warmup'/table tennis room where we can invite the sponsors and VIPs

CY: Teams would be occupying that room

DT: Perhaps we can have an area to invite sponsors to meet and greet, because every year they look like they're just wondering around, don't know what they are doing. Perhaps have it 20 minutes before the Finals game on Sunday.

We can send out announcement saying at 12:30, come along to have some drinks, which we will pay for, in a VIP area. We can see how many respond and then work out the budget.

LP: Sure, can send to DT to have a read, before sending it out. We will have national anthems before all the games, so probably 12:30-12:50

DT: Is there a VIP area where they can sit? Section them off?

LP: Just let me know where, we can set it up.

Four Nations, Miscs:

LP: This year, seating is on the same side as last year. But they are not the same seating. We will move seating from the right-hand side to the other side, these new seating were just installed, completely new. There are 7 tiers, each about 7-8 seats, times 3. So approximately 150 seats. Including chairs set out in between, there will be approximately 200 seats. For marketing, we need to say limited seats available. We

can't charge for entry, because we would need to produce receipts, too complicated. So it has to be donation. We also need people to be in charge of donation box. Currently not enough bodies.

CY: Yes, we would have donation box. The MC can do lucky draws during intervals. We are currently asking different sponsors to supply products for draw. We can also ask the different teams to sign balls for the draw. Each person gets a number ticket if they donate, which will be used for the draw. If they want more better chances, they can donate more!

GJ: I will also be LO and in charge of arranging for LOs during the tournament.

CY: There has been no updates from CIS regarding volunteers. There are some Cricket Club players who can do donation desk. Cricket Club is also currently promoting for ball girls.

LP: We have enough ball girls, more than 20, we just need someone looking after them

LP: Have list of duties ready, will send to SH.

Four Nations Publicity (GJ):

We have now designed a Snapchat Geofilter. I will send it to Snapchat for approval, which will take about 1-2 weeks. At least one of them will be up when the tournament starts. Now that we have the new logo, I will incorporate the new logo into it. Can we take photos of players playing in Four Nations and get them to change their profile pictures?

CY: The coaches might not want the Singaporean players to know who our players are

DT: Robin is delaying our ability to promote this tournament, please ask her exactly what she wants

CY: We will give specific date where different things can be announced. JD has also agreed to provide free physio service to all national teams during games at the venue, so we will need to interview both Mitch and David from business side, need to fix date for this. Once they have confirmed date, then SH/GJ can take over.

GJ: We want to take photos at trainings and have 14 days countdown where we give random netball facts, photos, etc.

Beach 5s (CC):

Want to confirm that we are only proceeding with one day on the Saturday, March 17th?

EG: Won't have any umpires if do it on Sunday because there is JNL. There are also semis on Monday for Ladies' League, so many would choose not to play.

LP: There's also the joint university tournament happening on 17th

SH: Yes, confirmed just one day

The office is willing to send out all the information. Registration will go out end of this month. It will be in the form of a Google Doc, which will be timestamped so teams can't argue. And registration this time will include putting down your team's approved umpire

SH: Also, we need to make sure umpires can be allocated in semis and finals. We will keep the same number of teams as last year, 24 teams. I will get a committee together soon. This year we want to start slightly earlier because when it gets so late, no one wants to hang around. This year there will not be time to do any Minis Netball in the morning. And the kids will have JNL on Sunday anyways, so they likely won't mind. I am in contact with the office and how to get them to the beach.

LP: We will need some time to gather the posts, as they are all out. None in the office. We need at least 2 weeks prior notification.

Then to book them now, we need 3 posts back at the office on Thursday March 15th before the tournament

LP: There is one broken post, we need to take it to get fixed

SH: If getting it fixed is more than \$600, buy new one.

Ladies' League Prize Giving (CC):

It will be \$20 more expensive than last year, which we can deal with. Again, student packages will be half price. Will send SH, CY, and DT the pricing, as we need to see and confirm if HKNA cover rest. This needs to be set up as soon as possible. Payment will go to the same bank account as last year, details the same. There is a \$15,000 minimum spending, with maximum capacity at 70. The people will need wristbands with different colors for different packages because we cannot let them go out and buy their own drinks. We need to double check whether HKNA or HKFC will sign the contract.

LP: It will be easiest if we can get HKFC to sign and then invoice us
By March 1st, we need the full invited guests

SH: We don't have the umpire names by then

For awards, we want to make sure that those who won in the first half of the season are recognized for their efforts in that first half.

SH: The other option to do this is at AGM. Last year we did it at AGM because we didn't do it in these awards ceremony

DT: We should do it at this awards ceremony because it is netball related. But umpiring awards can be done at AGM

EG: It also depends on who decides to go

CC: Just a small token of recognition. CY will get back to us on the budget of the trophies.

CY: Next year, we need to let the teams know earlier about these round 1 prizes. Because some teams might have rescheduled games or made other strategic decisions knowing they will be moving up 2nd half of season.

CY: Have we approached JD about sponsoring the MVP trophies?

EG: We should get them to sponsor the Finals MVPs. Different sponsors can sponsor different MVP trophies.

CY: We'll have feedback from Four Nations to see how to approach this. We need to first see how the sponsors respond to our requests.

Warming up in HKFC (SL):

Reminder that there is no warming up in the hallways at HKFC, and no balls in the carpark. Warm up can only be outside.

LP: Please send a draft email to HKNA with this reminder not to warm up in hallway, and HKNA will send out the reminder

DT: The Restaurant/Bar has not been allowing any other club members to eat there, no reciprocal rights

SL: This may be due to renovations. It is a problem, I will check up on that.

LCSD Funding (SH):

There is \$50,000 allowance for the purchase of comps, hardware software, office equipment and web services. What do we need?

LP: Haley put in request for new computer, and Adobe illustrator pack. LP and Haley need to go take a course to learn how to use the program.

SH: Yes, Adobe professional pack, which includes Photoshop.

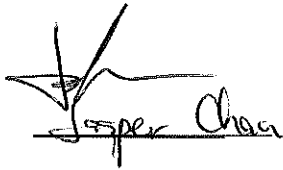
LP: The chairs are new, but the sharing chairs are old, can replace. We don't need to upgrade printer. We could use a new projector for courses. We need a big one. Can also look into a new laptop.

We need to put in request by 19th. It requires no contribution from us.

SH: Next meeting will be in February after Four Nations

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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