

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting

7.00pm, 23 May 2017 (Tue)

Meeting at Olympic House

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

Asian Youth Netball Cup – Jeonju Korea

- HK came 2nd in the pool with Sri Lanka & Thailand and met Malaysia in the Semi Final (Finished top of the other Pool). HK lost that game, and met Sri Lanka in 3rd / 4th Playoff. HK beat Sri Lanka by 9 despite losing by 15 in the Pool Matches.
- HK won the Bronze and came 3rd, which is the highest ranking since 1994.
- SH thanked Anita, Angela, Justine and Jackie for their coaching & support throughout the tournament.
- Next Asian Youth Champs to be held in 2019, venue to be confirmed. This will be the qualifier for the Netball World Youth Cup to be held in Fiji in 2020.

Asian Netball Championships – Singapore

- Now moved to the 1st week in December 2018. This is the qualifier for the Netball World Cup 2019 to be held in Liverpool, England.

HK Singapore Cup

- Singapore proposed dates in February 2018 for this to be held. This will clash with Four Nations. SH suggested inviting Singapore to HK and hold the HK Singapore Cup as the Pool Match. No objection from attendees.

Audit

- Audit is underway. Financials have been finalised. Copies were distributed to attendees.

Changes to Audit Requirement

- 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.

Upcoming NWYC - Botswana

- To be held in Garborne, Botswana in July. Singapore, Sri Lanka & Malaysia will be representing Asia at the tournament. INF conference 2 days prior to the

tournament starting. SH will be attending to represent HK and will receive Singapore's proxy. Gaby from Singapore is in attendance but cannot vote due to being on INF board.

Annual General Meeting

- To be held on 21 June 2017 at Lecture Theatre at 2/F of Olympic House. This give sufficient time to finalise the audit reports. SH and CY will complete a business review report as well.
- Attendees agreed to put forward a proposal at the AGM that the business review is not required in future years. If this is required, will need to pay someone to do it properly.
- SH reminded KI to send out via the office the notices for the meeting 22 days in advance (taking Public Holiday into consideration). All correspondence, proxies should go back to Secretary, cc the Office. SH thinks some items were sent to the office only last year and reminded that KI must be the main person to receive the correspondence.

Life Member Nominations

- Life Membership criteria has been updated and will be sent out soon. Nominations closing on the second last Tue prior to AGM. Currently there are 6 life members: Veronica Arnold, Jenny Chadwick, Anna Wong (2008), Hilary Rowark, Maggie Brownlee & Anne Tinlin.

3. Head of Coaching and Development Report (CW)

Regional Netball 14's Academy

- The program was wrapped with the annual 14's Regional Netball Academy Tournament Day on 20 May 2017. 2 teams from Singapore Sports School and Fengshan School also joined the tournament.

Collaboration with THEi

- Sports Therapist students provided services such as pre-game strapping, massaging and stretching to participants of Festival of Sport (7 & 21 May 2017) and 14's Regional Netball Academy Tournament Day.
- Possible future collaborations include netballers to train with THEi at their campus once a week working on their strength and conditioning; drawing up netball lines in THEi to providing netball to their students.

HKNA Promotion Program

- All promotion classes finished in May.
- 7 schools, including 2 primary and 5 secondary schools, have participated in the in the 2nd half of the academy year.
- The 2nd development tournament will be held on 27 May 2017 at Hong Kong Park Sports Center. In addition to division for 13-18 yrs old, a new division for 8-12 will be included. 13 teams will participate in the tournament.

National Men's Program

- The squad will train once a week starting in Aug 2017 and will aim to participate in the 2017 Asian Men's Netball Championships in Dec 2017.
- Applicants will also be viewed at the Men's League which starts in June.

Men's League

- Registrations are open. Deadline 2 Jun 2017.
- 7 weeks in total; will commence on 18 Jun 2017 and finish on 20 Aug 2017.
- Teams which cannot provide a qualified umpire to do their umpiring duties will have to pay an umpiring fee \$600.

National Emerging Program Proposal

- With CY's help, HKNA has applied for funding support under the "Funding Scheme for youth Sports Exchange".

- The program in Jul – Sep 2017 will help bridge the gap between the U21s and Open's and also to target players who previously have been in the HKNA player's pathway and assist them to get back to netball at a higher level.
- One court session a week. Also looking at training with THEi once a week to assist players in improving and developing their strength and conditioning aspects.
- If funding approved, a group of players will do an exchange program with Bukit Jalil Sports School, the top netball school in Malaysia, during 1-5 Oct 2017.
- If funding not approved, the Program can still go ahead with the strength and conditioning side plus court training. This will help players get ready for next netball season.

Proposal of the Development School League (DSL) & Year 7/8 Competition

- HKSSF meeting was held on 27 April 2017. Guidelines of DSL for 2nd tier of HKSSF A, B and C Grade were discussed and agreed by members who attended the meeting.
- Purpose of the DSL is to provide matches for the 2nd or 3rd team of the school and also for schools where netball is still a developing sport. Schools can also use DSL to prepare them for the HKSSF competition.
- HKNA will coordinate the DSL and will work together with HKSSF in terms of timing, scheduling and use of venue.
- Year 7/8 Competition will be put under the DSL and run during the HKSSF C Grade competition period. Will be done in mini round robin games tournament style, same as last year.

4. Office Manager's Report (LP)

Four-Nations 2018

- Estimated Budget for 2018 has been submitted and if approved, will be inviting 3 overseas teams to make it Four-Nations. Dates confirmed for Kowloon Park is now
- Confirmed dates: 8 – 11 February 2018
- Invitations will be sent to Singapore, PNG and Cook Islands; Grenada, St Lucia as back up.

Samsung 59th Festival of Sports – Netball Tournament

- Girls' U15, U17, U21 was held on 7 May 2017 at Harbour Road Sports Centre in Wan Chai (0800 – 1900). Winner of U15/U17/U21 are Ballers, SPS Avengers and Monster respectively.
- Girls' U13, Men's and Ladies' Open was held on 21 May 2017 at HK Park Sports Centre (0800 – 1900). Results will be in the AGM report in June.

Inter-school C Grade Tournament

- Was held on 6 May 2017 at Tai Kok Tsui Sports Centre.
- A total of 9 teams participated.

Joint University Netball Tournament 2017

- Champion of Ladies' Section: University of Hong Kong
- Champion of Mens' Section: Education University of Hong Kong

5. Finance (CY)

Accounts Report

- All have been finalised. Not much change from last month.
- Surplus from Asian Youth Netball Championship will be coming in shortly. Will explore options to utilise it.

6. League & Umpiring

Mixed Netball League

- 40 teams registered; 1 team dropped out recently.
- Commenced on 8 May 2017, 1 game cancelled due to rain. 1st round of pool games finished and teams will be allocated to 5 divisions according to 1st round results. 3 pool games in 2nd round before semi-final & final. ES will send out the

schedule shortly. Suggested starting the league earlier to allow buffer for wet weather make up.

- CY shared her observation at Mixed League that some players had no clue of game rules. Suggested posting video on Facebook to demonstrate some basic netball rules.

Ladies League

- 1st season to commence on 25 Sep 2017; 2nd season to start on 8 Jan 2018.
- Grand Final to be held on 24 Mar 2018. CG will check the availability of HKFC.

Umpiring Development

- Currently there are ~150 qualified umpires.
- EG/ CChan currently working on course dates, will usually do in Aug/ Sep to get ready for the Oct season. Will hold 2 beginner courses and 2-3 development courses for potential B/C-badge umpires in the coming year.
- Teams joining the league in 2017-18 will have to provide at least 1 qualified umpire; will mention this in the league guideline. In 2019-20, will have B-badge umpires to umpire in Premier League and C-badge umpires to do D1 & 2. Tracy Skipp and Chris Pennington will help badging umpires. Jenny Chadwick will talk about the arrangement in AGM. She will also give a league report in AGM.
- Review on By-law/ payment for umpires will be done.
- Instead of hiring a part-time umpiring officer, CY suggested expanding Angela's role to help the umpiring administrative issues and data management. Angela will report to Connie, who will assume a monitoring role. No objection from attendees.

7. A.O.B

Meeting with National sports Associations (NSAs) on "Review on Developmental Strategy of National Sports Association"

- LCSD has secured additional funding for NSAs to organize more international sports events in HK. Extra funding will be disbursed as "project based" in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/2020.
- The Sports Development Unit of LCSD would like to schedule a meeting with HKNA to discuss and review the current situation and the possibility of acquire this funding. SH, CY, EG and Connie will attend the meeting. LP to liaise the meeting date with LCSD.

Part-time Finance Assistant

- CY reported that Funfun will help doing the book entries. No payment is required for her.

National Squads - Sponsorship follow-up

- CY suggested adding a position of sponsorship convenor, who is not necessarily a committee member.

MyNetball/ HKNA Website

- This will be discussed in a separate meeting in Jun 2017.

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).
- Will advertise on Facebook soon.
- Connie, together with CY, CChan, MP, CG and EG on sub-committee of this festival. Expertise on management and photo-taking are welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 9.45pm.

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