

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting

7.00pm, 17 October 2017 (Tue)

Meeting Room No. 1, 1/F

Olympic House

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

Meeting commenced at 7:03pm

MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes from the previous council meeting confirmed.

2. President's Report (SH)

Nations Cup in December will go ahead as planned. This is the first time for Hong Kong to be invited to this ranking game. 12 players were approved but one withdrew so final tryout will be on Friday, 20 October 2017. The process of team selection started with email sent to 15 existing squad members inviting them to trials. Trial invitations were also sent to players observed by selectors in the previous season and also registered division 1 players from ladies league season 2017-18.

Hong Kong Four Nations Tournament will be held from February 8th to 11th 2018 at Kowloon Park. Participating countries are Grenada, Ireland, Singapore and host Hong Kong. LP noted that cost will be increased because there will be four teams which means that there will be increased accommodation and meals expense. In addition, live streaming over the internet will cost around HKD46,000. SH will provide a detailed budget form for LP to list full budget of the event.

Hong Kong-Singapore Cup 2018 would be held as a part of the Four Nations. There will be no additional matches. SH will discuss further with Cyrus and provide more details to LP.

HKNA had a meeting with LCSD in June regarding HKNA's plan for the next four years. Matters discussed in the meeting include extra subvented staff, expansion of grass root program and Annual Netball Festival. The extra subvented staff had been approved by LCSD which would partly subsidize the new employment role. The vacancy has been advertised on the Labor Department's Website. The selection among the candidates will be finalized by the end of this month. Cost saved from this will be more focused on expanding our grass root program.

It is decided that to host the HK Netball League Grand Finals at HKFC, SH will send formal letter to HKFC to make formal request. The agreement is that we will have the court from 1PM to 10PM, having cash bar on court side and the End of Season Function to be held at HKFC. Rough estimation of participant in the function would be around 100 people.

MP has withdrew from the council. The council will need to find someone to take up the vacancy, looking at either HKFC or Valley.

For Council roles allocation, SL will take Elite Development, SH will talk to KW about taking Coach Development, GJ will take on Media and Marketing. LP will give GJ login access for HKNA's social media platforms. Policy and IT role is still vacant, may consider to post it in our social media platforms for consideration.

3. Treasurer's Report (SH&CY)

Council has approved sending the National Men's Team to participate in the Asian Men's Netball Championship (AMNC) to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 13th to 17th December 2017. The preliminary budget for this is around 120K budget with 35K from the income from HK Netball League - Men's Section. As this is still a pilot program, the players will need to contribute around a total of 30K. Will seek to pay the remainder by LCSD funds through the realignment of funding as we only partially spent funds for the National U21s and no further spending until the next financial year. The remaining cost not covered by any source mentioned above will be covered by HKNA. It is important to have the men's program go ahead as we would like to show LCSD that HK Netball is inclusive to men, which also implies that there is more space to grow and develop the sport. With the additional staff role partially subvented by LCSD, we would likely to have a much healthier financial status, hence, this program is still affordable.

CC suggest on getting a gentleman on the council as there has been increasing matters regarding the men's netball development to be discussed. However, LP noted that men players are not members of HKNA, they will need to use Form C to be a non-playing member. CC also suggested to give the men an option to be included as a member by paying a membership fee. As it has never been done before, this needs to be further looked into.

As mentioned, with the additional LCSD subvented staff, HKNA have a much healthier financial. HKNA is looking to hire university student to work max 10 hours per week to work on the accounting side. This is to implement accrued accounting and to lift of some workload from Haley as she is overwhelmed with book keeping. Maximum cost from this part-time accountant will be 3500HKD. FC and GJ will look into this.

4. Office Manager's Report (LP)

As ever since we hold Tri-Nations, this is first time all participating countries confirmed this early ahead of the tournament. Umpires request have been sent to INF and waiting for confirmation of appointment. Hotel accommodation at BPIH have also been reserved. LP is currently liaising with LCSD on training venues for the teams, as match venue would not be available for trainings until around 2pm on 8th February.

2016-17 Audit Report for LCSD and HK Coaching Committee has been submitted on 29th September. 2018-19 Yearly Plan has been completed and submitted to LCSD on 30th September.

INF rules in Chinses is now available to be downloaded from the INF website.

The National U21 Team has been awarded the Sports for Hope Foundation Outstanding Junior Athlete award. Our youth team attended the presentation on 14th September and did a sports demo. LP noted that the atmosphere of the demonstration is the best one that she has ever attended.

With the help of CUHK and HKU, netball will be featured in the 2018 intervarsity game. The first two years Netball will be featured as a demonstration sport. LP requested that HKNA to support for umpiring fee and other cost that may incur, and Council has agreed unanimously.

For LCSD subvented tournaments to be held in 2017-18, venues are yet still to be confirmed. Please refer to Office Manager report for more detail.

Regarding the current sports management system that we're using, the MyNetball registration, LP noted that there are duplicates and also problems of clashing with members accessing Netball Australia's Online Theory Exam. LP suggests using a locally developed system when the contract with MyNetball expires. SH believes the system is a very powerful system and we have not utilized it properly as not everyone is using it. Apart from registration, other functions include generating fixtures, score tables, results, etc. CC suggested that if HKNA implies a deadline for registration in MyNetball and players should not be allowed to take the court if they are not registered. SH said that half the league participating teams didn't properly register, so if we're strictly applying the rule, the competition won't be able to run properly. CC also suggests that the system should enable club conveners and HKNA to trace whether the players have updated their data in the system. ES suggest that there should be an alignment

and make it clear that registration must be done through the system with no other ways to do it. SH stated that she has used the system with ES for the draws for mixed league and it is functioning properly. CC wants a clarity on the purpose of the system and the functionality that we should be using the system. Umpiring list/database is also developing in the current system. Main problem is that emailing could not be done easily as bandwidth is not sufficient to support the mailing of email to 700+ registered players, with some duplications – currently we need to download the emails list and manually send emails. In addition, we might need a designated person to focus on handling the system. For now, as the most important feature used in the system is the disclaimer form, HKNA need to send out email, with a deadline, for everyone to register in the system. Meanwhile, LP will look into local options of similar system.

5. Head of Coaching and Development Report (CW)

Please refer to Head of Coaching and Development Report for details

6. League & Umpiring (SH)

We will be sending out emails to everyone who had attended the umpiring course last year and this year, to complete JNL practical and hoping to qualify to umpire the HK Netball League. HKNA should develop a protocol to circulate among the Umpiring Supports on comments and suggestions they could give to the developing umpires. Supports will need to send KPI to Jenny Chadwick and the recommendations for that umpire which division they could umpire or if they need more practice at JNL. CY noted that some people are not aware of the need to provide KPI to new umpires, so it is necessary to make it clear to all the supporters. It is suggested that the guideline setup by CChan last year should be sent to the supporters again. As there is a designated timeslots in JNL where umpires can get support, CY suggests that HKNA should let everyone know that there is a channel for them to improve their umpiring skills.

Ladies league is going fairly smoothly.

SL had discussion with Jenny about the umpiring. Some close games are expected, but umpires are not up to speed. Jenny will set up C Badge courses and all clubs to encourage their umpires with C badges to attend.

7. A.O.B

HKFC Ladies International Invitational Tournament – November
The tournament is going as planned.

Social event dates for the Ladies League season 2017-18
24th March in HKFC

AIA Carnival

AIA Carnival had approached HKNA to discuss on the possibility to include netball in the event. Connie and Angela had a meeting with the organizer. There are not much time commitment, but the organizer would like HKNA to attract more students to go to the event. CY suggested that for AIA Carnival to support some free coupons for games at the event. It is decided that we should discuss with AIA to seek additional contributions from them for students involved with netball at the carnival.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

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