

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting

7.00pm, 17 March 2020 (Tue)

Zoom Meeting

<u>Attending:</u>	<u>Apologies:</u>
Suzie Keady (SK) Emma Gregory (EG) Lorraine Pak (LP) Sherryn Hancock (SH) Rachel Bryant (RB) Christina Yue (CY) Connie Wong (CW) Ursula Holloway (UH) Anna Wilson (AW) Fun Cheng (FC) Sarah Grimmer (SG) Erika Makino (EM) Katharine Wood (KW)	
	<u>Absent:</u>
	Renee Howie (withdrew from Committee due to leaving HK) Notice given on 11 March

Meeting commenced at 7pm

MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous council meeting confirmed and approved.

2. President's Report (SH)

Hong Kong Men's Invitational Tri-Nations was held 17-19 January.

- Competing teams: Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Hong Kong Invitational
- HK Invitational Team was the mixture of players from the Men's League to give them a chance to play against International players and experience that type of competition and atmosphere. Feedback from the community regarding the Men's performance and overall men's standard of play was all positive. All three representative teams will also be competing in the 2020 Men's & Mixed Netball World Cup in Perth, October 2020.
- Results: Gold medal: Hong Kong, Silver medal: Malaysia, Bronze medal: Singapore

Ladies League Update (Please refer to League and Umpiring)

3. Treasurer Report (SH)

- SH will share the up-to-date financial reports to the committee.

4. Office & Events Manager's Report (LP)

Local International Events (LIE)

Hong Kong Men's Invitational Tri-Nations (please refer to President's report)

Hong Kong Four Nations Tournament (20-23 February 2020)

- Tournament was cancelled owing to the outspread of Covid 19
- Decision was made on 31st January and all participating teams, UAPs, Umpires and INF were informed.
- There are expenses already incurred and HKNA would be able to claim the actual expenses from LCSD/ASDF.

LCSD Sub-vented Programmes

- All programmes currently suspended until further notice as advised by LCSD due to Covid 19
- Some indoor sporting venues just re-opened on 11th March 2020 but not for competitions nor sub-vented programmes.

HK Coaching Committee

- Funding for 2019-20 & 2020-21 Communications were made with the HK Coaching Committee regarding the remaining balance of funding for the 2019-20 owing to the cancelled / postponed events resulting from Covid 19.

Penny Leung from HK Coaching had mentioned that a few of NSAs had similar situations. Although the funding would not be able to carry forward to the following financial year, HK Coaching would try their best to approve additional funding requests for programmes/events for 2020-21

HKSSF Announcement on 2019-20 Inter-school Competition

- An announcement was made on 3 March by the Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation that all Inter-secondary school sports competitions affected by the class suspension between 29 Jan to 19 April and the remaining competitions will be cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

USFHK Announcement on 2019-20 Inter-Tertiary Competition

- An announcement was made on 27 February by the University Sports Federation of Hong Kong that all competition for the 2019-20 year will be cancelled.

LCSD Subvention for 2020-21 & court bookings

- 2020-21 Programmes for LCSD Subvention has been submitted.
- Men's League venues request were not approved by LCSD. No Sundays available and only 2 Saturdays are available. EG & CW suggested to look for weeknights (Friday). Men's League needs to be a priority as this will prepare the Men's Team for the World Cup.
- For year 2020-21, as Fa Yuen Street Sports Centre will have renovations for 6 months, this would also heavily affect the YATS (Kowloon) programme

UK Nations Cup Visit

- HKNA has received additional subvention and LCSD sub-vented staff is entitled to observe at an overseas international competition taking place before 31st March 2020. HKNA has nominated LP to receive this subvention. SH has liaised with Netball England prior to the trip to allow LP to attend all the behind-the-scene access to Vitality Nations Cup held 19th-25th January 2020 at three different venues across England. LP was able to attend the event in Birmingham and London. A fruitful experience and a more detailed report was sent to the committee.

Translation of INF Rules into Traditional Chinese

- A request from INF had been received in early January regarding translation of the updated INF rules. LP is currently working on this and will send to INF once completed.

5. Elite and Coaching Updates (CW)

ELITE PROGRAMMES

Ladies

- Cancellation of the Four Nations Tournament (announced 5th Feb) - hence delayed announcement of team selection.
- Postponement of Asian Netball Champs - announced by ANF on 5th March. Notified the National squad by Robin on 12th March.
- Squad training has officially been suspended because the National programme is part of the sub-vented programmes.
- JD sessions will go ahead (once per week) – HKNA will cover the expense for this.
- Robin offered small group training at HKCC voluntarily.
- Veronica Arnold (current Assistant Coach) has indicated her interest to continue be as Assistant Coach moving forward. She proposed to be interim coach until the next Head Coach is announced.
- Since 2016, the coaching roles have been ongoing (verbally) and contract was signed last year which would be valid till Four Nations Tournament 2020 (cancelled). As from the last committee meeting, Robin was given the opportunity to finish off her term and continue to be Head Coach towards Asian Netball Championships. Veronica was asked and wanted to continue as Assistant Coach but she was not available to attend the Asian Netball Champs which was originally in June 2020.
- CW mentioned that the recruitment for positions has always been advertised to the community and should be as transparent as possible. This also falls in line with LCSD guidelines. CW perhaps suggested for next recruitment, we extend the contract to a time period, rather than to a particular tournament. However HKNA needs to see what the international netball calendar is like for our teams so that we can come up with the best way to recruit officials for these teams.
- Committee agreed with advertising for recruitment but verbally ask Veronica if she is interested and she will not need to submit a formal application

Men's

- Announced to the team that HKNA will be sending a team to the World Cup in Perth October 2020.
- Reports from the Team Manager (Yip Wai Kin) and Head Coach (Chan Wai Chung) of the National Men's Programme were shared with the committee.

U14s

- This programme is still suspended until further notice.

COACHING

Men's Head Coach Recruitment

- Recruitment for a part time overseas coach has been advertised. HKNA had one great potential applicant and have started communications with this candidate. Recruitment for other official positions have also been advertised and will promote more once Head Coach is confirmed.
- Part time role would mean that the overseas coach will visit HK once a month in the lead up (starting from June) and this coach may also run some coaching workshops or a possibility to lead/ support other Elite programmes.

Coaching Development

Originally we were looking at running courses in May, waiting for venues to confirm. This will depend on the covid 19 situation whether HKNA should be running these workshops.

6. League & Umpiring

Ladies league

- The committee discussed the different scenarios and options and decided the league will go ahead once the LCSD venues reopen again provided that the subvented programmes can resume and competitions are allowed. It was also concluded that HKNA shall wait until 20 April and if league cannot re-open on the 27 April, we will cancel the league.
- Refund of fees will be looked at if League is cancelled.

Junior League

- JNL Spring Season 2021 is cancelled. All team fees for this competition will be refunded. Players fee will only be refunded if they have not played in the JNL, i.e. they were only going to join the Spring Season only.

7. A.O.B.

- SH to follow up the revision of Articles of Association under the new Company Ordinance
- Attendance and fines from HKNA meeting will be implemented
- LP updated that HKNA website is ready, but the current server cannot host the new website efficiently. This issue will be solved and the website will go live ASAP

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Prepared by

Approved by
