

# HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

## Council Meeting

7.00pm, 18 August 2020 (Tue)

Zoom Meeting

<u>Attending:</u>		<u>Apologies:</u>
Sherryn Hancock (SH) - Ex Com Sarah Grimmer (SG) - Ex Com Christina Yue (CY) - Ex Com Connie Wong (CW) - Ex Com Krystle Cox (KC) - Ex Com Lorraine Pak (LP) - HKNA Olivia Burgess (OB) - HKFC Rachel Bryant (RB) - Valley Carly Goodchild (CG) - Valley	Anna Wilson (AW) - Kowloon Fun Cheng (FC) - Hantang Tiffany Cheung (TC) - HKU Katharine Wood (KW) - HKS Ursula Holloway (UH) Melaine Potgieter (MP) - Umpiring Chan Ka Keung (KK) - Men's Angela Chan (AC) - HKNA (observer)	
		<u>Absent:</u>

Meeting commenced at 7pm

### MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

#### 1. Review of July's minutes

- UH asked about the forms that need to be signed by council members. SH clarified it's the policies that the council members need to read before signing the form. This has to be done annually to ensure members know what the policies are.
- CY reminds council members that nomination forms for council members need to be submitted for records purpose. The form needs to be signed by proposers and dated in June. Hard copy is needed back to HKNA.
- Minutes accepted

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

- ExCom are holding weekly calls with office staff as they have been working from home.
- Xero is up and working. 2019-20 financials are into Xero so that we have comparative analysis data. SH will look at uploading the 2018-19 so that we can start creating some new reports. Bank accounts are healthy but HKNA needs to be aware of the amount of money that needs to be returned to LCSD because of cancellation of subvented programmes.
- Upcoming budgets for 2021-22 are to be submitted at the end of December.
- All subvented programmes are still on hold. No funding given from LCSD during this period, even online programmes. SH asked members to reiterate this to their community.
- Change of directors of MoA have been updated and submitted

#### 3. Office & Events Manager's Report (LP)

- Four Nations 2021 - venue still TBC
- Accounting procedures being updated to reflect the online approval system
- LCSD court booking – no further updates. Email has been sent to the clubs.
- End of September – submit the Audited Report. Draft ready by early September
- LP and AC worked on the pros and cons for online training submitted to LCSD. Instructors will be paid at LCSD rate. SH suggested to include Category D (umpiring)

programme). LP needs to submit a proposal for the online programmes to be submitted.

- HKSSF – cancelled September and October and indicated that it will start 3 weeks after face to face class time. UH asked if HKNA will still be running a DSL competition. CW said it will depend on the situation but unlikely at the moment. More chance of having one day tournaments like HKNA tournaments.  
Original dates for HKNA Inter-school tournament:  
A grade – 24 Oct (reschedule to later)  
B grade - March

#### **4. Elite and Coaching Updates (CW)**

##### ELITE

- Elite Netball Programmes - Expression of Interest sent out to the community as trials were postponed. CW encouraged members to register so that they can be updated with trial information.
  1. National Ladies Open Programme. No. of registration so far: 23
  2. National Men's Open Programme. No. of registration so far: 15
  3. National U21s Training Programme. No. of registration so far: 21Expression of Interest Deadline: 30th August 2020 (Sunday)
- Regional U16 Netball Academy/ No. of registration: 76  
All pre-trial sessions (8, 15, 22 August) are cancelled due to government restriction. No U16's Tour this year so the squad training for both can be extended.
- Recruitment for Head Coach is in process. The announcement has been delayed until a clearer picture of the situation in HK is confirmed.

##### COACHING

- JD Coaching Workshop with Marcel - postponed. No. of registration: 13  
Registered participants will get the update later if a video online session can be arranged.
- Foundation Coaching Course - postponed. No. of registration: 30  
Registered participants will have priority in the coming course.
- Change of Coach Accreditation level structure to Level 1,2,3.  
Current structure:
  - 1) Foundation accredited
  - 2) Development accredited
  - 3) HK Level 2

CW will work with AC on the new structure and check with LP if able to do with the HK Coaching Committee

Reason for change:

- Level 1, 2, 3 - more recognised in the Coaching accreditation pathway.

- Uncertainty to host workshops face-to-face and venue availability. By switching to a new model and using the Netball Australia online resource more, less face-to-face hours are needed to finish the accreditation..
- Limited no. of facilitators to run the courses.

- NETFESTHK 2020 - postponed/cancelled  
Due to closure of LCSD venues, NETFESTHK 2020 has been postponed.  
Looking for dates in January, Chinese New Year period or Saturdays (different o JNL)

## **5. League & Umpiring**

### Ladies league

- Start date to be confirmed due to Covid-19 situation.
- 11th September team registration deadline - will have a better idea of number of teams and divisions and easier for scheduling and planning moving forward
- Current thinking from Excom regarding arrangements to help the clubs as some clubs cannot hold trials due to no venues available
  - Relax the by-laws regarding players movement in the first two rounds of matches. Clubs could 'trial' their players in those two weeks.
  - As many people haven't played netball for many months - possibly allow the clubs to run trials/ training using the league court booking. However this will delay the start date.
  - Structure of league - dependent on start dates as we need to fit games in within the constraints of venue availability. The most realistic situation is that we will have one full round of matches and then into semi-finals and finals.
  - More divisions with fewer teams in each division so that the teams can use less court/ less weeks to get through a full round
  - Shortened the duration of the games to fit more games in one night. However this will cause lots of logistics problems especially umpiring and general organisation
- SYMP is used for covid-19 testing
- Discussion on league
  - MP - Jenny Chadwick suggested that we should aim to start in January.
  - RB - If the league is to start in November - can't fit one full round in before Christmas. Teams can use the courts they are scheduled to play on and can use that court for friendly with the other team or share the court for training. The teams can then have a chance to train before the round robin commences. CG agrees as people have not trained and worried about injuries
  - UH - There is no by-laws to suggest that the first round has to finish by the end of December. Hence, the end of Round 1 can be pushed back and maybe still able to fit 2 full rounds in.
  - SH - 2-3 weeks over Christmas to allow time to re-do the draw for Round 2 and also for umpire allocations. Hence we normally finish Round 1 in December. UH - suggested could use the CNY break for re-doing the draw
  - RB - setting a date to make a decision; "cut-off date to make decision to go with 2 full rounds or 1 full round only
  - SG - need to get the teams in so we can do some calculations on how many weeks are needed. UH - she can do the schedules for different scenarios after the team registration deadline
  - AW - agreed to have courts being used for friendlies and agreed to set a date to make decisions.

- SG - asked council members to pass the message to the clubs and we will still stick to the 11th September deadline.
- MP - suggested for excom to write an email to all convenors to say relax by laws for players movement and uniforms.
- SH - Team fees will be asked for first from clubs, players fees wont be paid to HKNA until competition is starting
- OB - suggested HKFC may not be available for the League. Club is reluctant to allow non-members into the Club.
- SH - as SYSMP may not be available so players need to be prepared to play outdoor at Fa Hui Park or Wong Chuk Hang, including Division 1 and Premier
- CY - asked council members to explain to their members that when Sports Venues are opened does not necessarily mean that subvented programmes are allowed to use the venues.

**6. Umpiring (MP)**

- Have a backlog from last umpiring course who have not done their practical due to JNL cancelled. Jenny said they will not start a new course until JNL is confirmed.
- Refresher online course for the umpires who have started courses.
- Suggested members to do some online exams as refresher
- SH suggested for all lower division umpires to do a refresher course. MP agreed and could ask all non badge umpires to do the refresher course

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

- SG - proposal for Physio partnership with National Programmes will be sent out to practices this coming week
- KE - netballs for sale \$150 include deliver by courier to your door

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.**

**Prepared by**

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