

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION
Council Meeting
 7.00pm, 14th December, 2021 (Tuesday)
 Zoom Meeting

| <u>Attending:</u> | | <u>Apologies:</u> |
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| Christina Yue (CY) - Ex Com Krystle Cox (KC) - Ex Com Sherryn Hancock (SH) - Ex Com Lorraine Pak (LP) - HKNA Marie Farry (MF) – HKFC Rachel Bryant (RB) – Valley Sarah Grimmer (SG) - Ex Com Chan Ka Keung (KK) - Men's | Pritty Pampapathi (PP) - Valley Adrian Raper (AR) - JNL Laura Denholm (LD) - Kowloon Fun Cheng (FC) - Hantang Mel Potgieter (MP) – DB Selina Fawdry - HKS Ursula Holloway (UH) Angela Chan (AC) - HKNA (observer) | Khan Murray (KM) - Umpiring Connie Wong (CW) - Ex Com |
| | | <u>Absent:</u> |
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Meeting commenced at 7pm

MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Review of November's minutes

- Minutes approved

2. President's Report (KC)

President's report

- Congratulations for successful completion of JNL autumn league
- Will update JNL bylaw to consider guest eligibility, especially for final series (previously removed as there is no final series); Discussed having a Convenor/coaches meeting preseason to ensure everyone is clear on the handbook and processes.
- Umpiring convention held at HKFC on 12th December: Congratulations to Khan Murray for very well presented, informative and interactive event.
- WCH post – due to incidents of players running on to posts, The office have ordered padding for the WCH goal posts and we expect delivery in time for January games
- Sports helper – still looking for someone. Flexible on hours but we can't advertise it as it is government funding (still need to say full time hours)

3. Treasurer (SH)

- Financial report will be shared in January

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

- Recruiting Sports Organiser Helper (Job Creation Scheme 2.0) in process. Funding for a 12-month contract position of Sports Organiser Helper (SOH) had been approved by LCSD/Government and we are in the process of recruiting suitable person for this position.
- Sports Marketing Seminar organised by Sports Federation and Olympic Committee was held on Saturday 11th December and I have attended it myself. Speakers are from various sectors : former Sponsorship Officer from HK Jockey Club, Octopus HK, and Meta (Facebook) marketing department. It was good to have a different perspective for Sports Marketing and Sponsorship from the Donor(HKJC), Deriving and Evolving from a small local community event to a bigger and widely participated event(Octopus), and social media platform marketing team(Meta). LP has shared the decks for council's reference.
- As the HK Schools Sports Federation (HKSSF) are still holding on for the Team Sports with vaccination requirement, the office shall keep following any updates from HKSSF as to

when Team Sports would resume, and shall plan the HKNA event by following similar guidelines where necessary. (Tentative dates: 5 th March & 23rd April 2022)

- As the University Sports Federation of HK (USFHK) resumes all competition (including team sports), HKNA shall start liaising with various Universities and Tertiary Institutions regarding their participation of HKNA Joint University Netball Tournament 2022. Tentative Dates: (Late February to early April 2022[Saturdays])

5. Elite and Coaching Updates (AC)

- The U16 Wrap Up Tournament was successfully completed on 11th December 9am-12pm at Shun Lee Tsuen Sports Center. It is the conclusive event and the highlight of the Regional Netball Academy, where all 50 players from the program showcased their improvement through competing with top players of their age. The final ranking of the tournament is shown below: 1st: Green Cobras from Kowloon Squad 2nd: Dragons from Island Squad 3rd: Okoboji from Kowloon Squad 4th: Apple from Kowloon Squad 5th: Snow Leopards from Island Squad 6th: Snow Troopers from Island Squad Huge thank you to all the team coaches, Ann Lo, Boris Lai, Elderi Bennet-Horak, Heidi Sun, Koey Lo, Regan Wong, and Fun Cheung for their help and guidance to the players on the day. AC thanked all the umpires, officials, and helpers involved!
- Two systematic netball training courses for primary age local players have been organised by the Hong Kong Cricket Club with the aim to support the grassroots netball development in Hong Kong. A total of 30 children from U10s and U12s categories benefited from the programmes. These children will continue to join the netball training with the potential to play in the Junior Netball League in Spring 2022. AC thanked to HKCC Head Coach, Dawn Bishop and HKCC player, Koey Lo for their generous support and guidance given to the local players.

6. League & Umpiring

Umpiring (MP)

- JNL/League Review (1st Half)
 - 40+ Level 1 Course Attendees
 - 30+ Intro/Rule Discussion Course Attendees
 - 70+ active Trainee Umpires at JNL
 - 9 Umpires approved for Ladies League in December
 - 30+ successful Umpire Revalidations
 - 225+ Umpire Support/Mentor Hours
- The umpiring committee organised the first ever umpiring conference with sessions for both umpire mentors and all umpires.
 - The umpire mentor session was attended by 18 HKNA umpire supporters/mentors and included discussions on reviewing current procedures and processes, ensuring umpire mentors are clear about expectations of an umpire as they progress and a mentoring workshop on how we conduct and give feedback to developing umpires. Tracy Skipp was the leader helping the first session. The second session was open to all umpires led by Khan with over 30 umpires ranging from new umpires to premier division qualified umpires which allowed for great discussion and sharing.
 - The umpiring committee would like to thank HKNA and the executive committee for approving funding for the conference and Hong Kong Football Club for the venue arrangements and Lorraine Pak for organising and liaising with HKFC for this event.

- Mel thanked HKNA, the executive committee and Champion System for the new kit for Umpire Supporter/Mentors. The kit will help make umpire supporters easily identifiable at courts and help continue to build a community around umpiring. The top can be a good icon for the netball community and for anyone to seek help regarding umpiring on and off court.

Ladies League (UH)

- SYSMP release court from Feb onward. It would be nice to have indoor venue but the logistics and umpire administration side can be painful
 - Need to decide if we want to get back indoor – can play with mask off if vaccinated (Lorraine will check with LCSD if everyone needs to be vaccinated or only those who did can play without). Event's organizer will be responsible to check
 - Need to consider that if we cancel these courts, we won't be able to have any court bookings in the future (or very hard)
 - If we want to use the SYSMP, we need to push schedule release later as Ursula need some time, and there is also concern on whether teams can find umpires in time
 - Indoor court games are important for national players development as well – unfortunately Connie was not in the call to share opinion
 - Marie mentioned that HKFC top teams would love to play indoor
 - HKFC cancelled Monday night booking, but we can look into getting them back (1 day or two from Marie to get an idea about court availability of HKFC); Marie will check the court availability and also reminded everyone that HKFC requires the mandatory use of LeaveHomeSafe App
 - Another issue with using indoor court is umpiring and supports
 - Ursula mentioned that HKNA shouldn't just use indoor for prem and div1 and urged all the clubs come back on the indoor/outdoor preference before Christmas
 - Pending: HKNA also needs to know is how many people is vaccinated

Junior league (AR)

- Autumn League was completed with U12-U19 finals day on Dec 4. All clubs had some teams playing on the day. The league was split by age group then a set of round robin pools followed by semi-finals and finals. The semi-finals used a format that included the bottom teams in the pool so that everyone got at least one game in the semis or finals. AR has sent the council the JNL report with results and summary.
- Regarding Spring JNL, AR reported that we have a few slots at Tai Wan Shan before Lunar New Year, then the main season will run at Fa Hui Park in Feb and March. Finals day will be scheduled for 3 April. AR mentioned that the goal with the schedule will be to minimise clashes with rugby. CY reminded that the clubs can send in no play day request like before. CY also stressed that HKNA will not go out of the way to work around other league's schedule. The only time HKNA might consider that would be the times when we have big tournaments like Festivals of Sports, Beach Netball or Netfest. The most will be likely younger age-groups will go later and the older groups earlier in the day.

7. A.O.B.

- The January HKNA meeting will be held at HKCC face to face, details will be sent out soon.

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