

# HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

## Council Meeting

7.00pm, 27 July 2021 (Tue)

Zoom Meeting

<b><u>Attending:</u></b>		<b><u>Apologies:</u></b>
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 Marie Farry (MF) - HKFC Pritty Pampapathi (PP)- Valley Adrian Raper (AR)- JNL	Laura Denholm- Kowloon Fun Cheng (FC) - Hantang Katharine Wood (KW) - HKS Ursula Holloway (UH) Khan Murray (KM) - Umpiring Chan Ka Keung (KK) - Men's Angela Chan (AC) - HKNA (observer)	Rachel Bryant Mel Potgieter
		<b><u>Absent:</u></b>

**Meeting commenced at 7pm**

### **MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED**

#### **1. Review of June's minutes**

- Minutes approved

#### **2. President's Report (KE)**

- Welcome new committee members!
- INF Congress Meeting – 10th July 2021
  - Global meeting every 2 years, held online for the first time, with over 130 delegates in attendance from across the world
  - INF renamed as World Netball
  - Philippine Netball Federation applied to become a full member of World Netball
  - Sue Taylor, the Vice-President, stepped down as she reached her maximum term. Shirley Hooper from NZ has been elected as the new Vice-President for a 4 year term
  - Netball 2020 Strategic Plan reflecting feedback from members and regions. The plan is designed around 3 core strategies to GROW, PLAY & INSPIRE, together with 7 essential ETHICAL values of Excellence, Teamwork, Heart, Integrity, Courage, Athletes & Leadership.
  - World Netball vision: "A sport that is open to all and inspires netballers to embrace opportunities and achieve their potential."
  - Push for inclusion in Brisbane Olympics 2032. Continue to increase Men's participation and global expansion before then
- ANF AGM and General Meeting – 15 th July 2021
  - 17 member countries in Asia with 15 present at the meeting
  - Asian Netball Federation has been renamed "Asia Netball" in line with World Netballs' rebranding
  - The term of office bearers has been extended from 2 years to 4 years, and they have

removed the requirement that the President of ANF (Asia Netball) must have held the highest office in their own country for at least 2 years. These changes are effective from the next election in 2023.

- Brief update on the preparations for the Asian Indoor & Martial Arts which are going ahead in March 2022.
  - Asian Netball Championships in 2022 will be held 3rd to 10th September 2022 at OCBC Arena. Netball Singapore had asked if it could be delayed till December to allow more time to prepare but World Netball declined as it would be too close to World Champs. It is very likely that the authorities will require all teams to be fully vaccinated and to have a PCR test before and after arrival in Singapore.
  - The first meeting with the Voice of the Athlete Working Group has taken place with 2 representatives from Asia. Liz Watson from Australia and Aqilah Andin from Singapore.
- LCSD Meeting – 16th July 2021
    - Review on developmental strategy and annual budget estimation meeting attended by Connie Wong, Christina Yue and Lorraine Pak
  - Asian Youth Championships 2023
    - Request for hosting bids – we have declined as we would like to bid to host an Asian Opens Championship, potentially 2026 which will be the World Cup Qualified

### **3. Treasurer (SH)**

- SH showed the current HKNA financials
- SH gave a brief summary of how LCSD funding works and can be used
- CY added that the eligibility of the funding may be varied and there are limitations on certain categories. Some categories are flexible, some are not.

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

- LCSD venues remain open for our programmes. Mask on policy still applies for indoor. The only recent change is that group photos (more than 4) are allowed as long as masks are on!
- If venue staff and players and umpires are fully vaccinated, they do not need to have masks on during the matches. LP has asked for more clarity of this rule from LCSD
- LP asked MF regarding HKFC. MF said that HKFC will follow the government guidelines
- CW has added the point that because the HKNA programmes are funded by LCSD, we must follow the guidelines. Other sports such as basketball competitions have been playing without masks but the competition organisers are not NSA and not funded by LCSD
- SF&OC– NSA Corporate Governance Team: Corporate Governance Review – Outreach Visit
  - SF&OC made initial contact but will contact again in August to arrange a visit due to our AGM in June and hence, changeover of committee members
- Review of Sports Subvention Scheme by LCSD – Increase amount of funding. Proposal will be submitted to LCSD for new headcount
- Meeting with LCSD – Review on Developmental Strategy and Annual Budget Estimation
  - Friday 16th July – LP, CW and CY attended the meeting. We have also expressed our concerns on the biggest constraint – venues with regards to expanding current programmes.

- Hong Kong Four Nations 2022
  - Kowloon Park from 13th to 16th January 2022 – waiting on written confirmation from the venue
  - “expression of interest” will be sent out once we have confirmation
- Hong Kong Challenge Cup
  - Venue to be confirmed. No LCSD venue is available

### **5. Elite and Coaching Updates (CW & AC)**

- CW gave an overview of the structure of the Elite Programmes currently happening and the junior elite pathway programmes
- The overview can be found in her report
- Coaching course
  - This year we have also opened up the option for clubs and schools to host Private Foundation Coaching Courses with HKNA support.
  - Two clubs (HKCC and HKFC) have already confirmed their applications. Please find Angela at [ecdm.hkna@netball.org.hk](mailto:ecdm.hkna@netball.org.hk) if you would like to have more information on private coaching courses.
  - HKNA Development Coaching Course (Level 1)
  - 22nd August 2021 (SUNDAY)
  - Theory & Practical: 10 AM - 6 PM Hong Kong Park Sports Center
  - Application Fee: HKD\$500 which includes Netball Australia's Development Coaching Manual and notes.

### **6. Umpiring Convenor (KM)**

- Develop an umpiring committee and continue the good work that Jenny Chadwick has done over the years
- New courses:
- 1) Introduction to netball rules and discussion.
  - 2 hr theory and rules discussion from a player's and umpire perspective + 1 hr practical
  - After this course, participants are urged to practice at school training sessions and once they are competent they can apply for Level 1/Foundation Umpires Course and Junior League.
  - For clubs that wish to host the Introduction to Netball Rules, contact Mel Potigietier.
- 2) Youth umpire development program for clubs and schools - develop more umpires for JNL
  - To develop umpires with the help of school and clubs in a mentorship programme
  - Successful applicants will have a mentor in their club or school.
  - They will do theory once a week through zoom sessions and practical exams.
  - Need to log 10 hours of umpiring at school training or school matches. They will then have a mentor from HKNA.
  - They will be invited to umpire at JNL
  - Cost \$500 per participant
  - MF has mentioned that some students need to do compulsory hours to complete their CASS.

- Foundation umpire/ level 1 course
  - Same as before but update to give 3 dates of availability on either Saturday or Sunday Junior League to qualify for the course
  - 3 is the minimum and participants needs to show competency at JNL before moving to Ladies league
- Development umpiring workshops
  - Funded by LCSD
  - Aspiring C & B badge umpire can apply
  - Umpires may be identified during the season as well
- Elite programme umpiring attendance
  - Work with AC and CW to attend National training. Not just matches but to umpire the players during drills and activities and answer any umpire relate rules
- Other
  - Game management workshops - controlling the match due to some complaints about player's behaviour in Men's and Mixed League
  - Mixed league umpiring - suggestions for 2022 season
    - A paid Umpire Supporter/HKNA Member to be present each week to monitor courts and speak to captains, players and umpires when necessary.
    - A detailed Code of Conduct for players to be signed and submitted upon registration.
    - Umpire - Game Management Workshop to be hosted prior to the commencement of the Mixed League.
    - A captains meeting reminding teams of their responsibility and expected conduct prior to the commencement of the Mixed League.

### **7. Men's League (KK)**

- brief introduction of Men's League format to new committee members
- Currently semi-finals and the grand final on 14th August
- Introduced friendly matches during Men's league for people to come try in an non-competitive way

### **8. Junior Netball League (AR)**

- Questioned whether schools will be allowed to enter JNL
- In line with the Olympics inclusion, try to promote more boys playing in the JNL
- KE - adjusted some rules to include boys in the previous years
- CW - plan to build a boy player's pathway, suggestion to have friendly match times during the JNL (similar to Men's league). MR suggested targeting them when they are young (primary) UH said there's a mixed tournament in primary schools (ESF & international schools)
- CY suggest tying this to the grassroots programme as HKNA will be able to be more inclusive and will score points with LCSD
- CY to set up a Whatsapp group to create a task force to develop the boy's netball

## **9. Ladies League (UH)**

- Registration starts next week
- Each team must have a nominated umpire
- Uniform - shorts can be included
- UH bought up that HKFC will only allow people who uses the “LeaveHomeApp”
- UH suggest playing all the games outdoor again
- SH said that we need to hold the indoor court booking otherwise we will never get it back
- KE to ask members to check with their own members about the use of the “LeaveHomeApp” and playing with masks indoors
- 25 weeks of competition confirmed
- MR to check with HKFC in September about their guidelines for using the venue
- KM from umpiring perspective if we use HKP, we are to use different teams/ divisions

## **10. A.O.B.**

- CY message to the new committee members to convey all the messages from the meetings, not just the ladies league
- PP - Special events - was checking the expectation on NETFESTHK organisation. SH has a good template on how the event is run. End of season - organising numbers, getting the tickets and event logistics
- LP- NETFESTHK coming up 11th & 12th September at Fa Hui Park

**Prepared by**

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