

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting

7.00pm, 16th November, 2021 (Monday)

Zoom Meeting

<u>Attending:</u>		<u>Apologies:</u>
Christina Yue (CY) - Ex Com Connie Wong (CW) - 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	Pritty Pampapathi (PP) - Valley Adrian Raper (AR) - JNL Laura Denholm (LD) - Kowloon Fun Cheng (FC) - Hantang Mel Potigietter (MP) – DB Selina Fawdry - HKS Ursula Holloway (UH) Angela Chan (AC) - HKNA (observer)	Khan Murray (KM) - Umpiring Chan Ka Keung (KK) - Men's
		<u>Absent:</u>

Meeting commenced at 7pm

MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Review of October's minutes

- Minutes approved

2. President's Report (KC)

Background and timeline to Penny's Bay Quarantine event:

- For historical records sake, 5 teams (Valley Pumas, DB Black Pearls, HKS Pipers, HKFC Hurricanes, Giants), 8 umpires and some coaches (Tang, Ronnie) were required to spend up to 3 days/2 nights at Penny's Bay as a contact of a close contact to a positive case. (depending on pick up many only spent 1 night and 2 full days)
- Firstly, KC would like to thank the office staff and this committee for your support in what was a stressful period for many of our members.
- It is important to be as transparent and factual as possible, while protecting the identities and privacy of those at the centre of this. Equally, keeping any political or personal views aside and without criticizing the government who ultimately provide us with the funds and support to run our programs.
- The first message received was about the mandatory covid test which included the period that HKNA's Monday league in WCH.
- RB had been working closely with KC and HKNA on the communications.
- As soon as the office received requests from CHP they informed EXCOM where we agreed we had no choice but to comply, but the official stance was provide as little information as possible and give a heads up call to those involved. Due to the time of day, the Captains received calls from Rachel Bryant and umpires from Lorraine or myself.
- PP had heard about people speculating that the concerned player was tested positive. KC confirmed that all the test results among the netball community due to this incident are all negative.
- KC reminded the council that players have to decide to play at their own risk. CY also comment everything so far is on case by case basis. SH added that CHP might make their call differently each time so it is up to the players to make their risk assessment.
- UH commented that a lot of positive comments were received from the community on the good work from KC, RB, LP, SG and office
- A full timeline of events was attached on the President Report

Clarity from CHP:

- After receiving multiple comments that HKNA “miss-informed” players that they would only be quarantined if there was a positive case on court, as well as requests on what steps HKNA will take to protect players moving forward and/or wanting clarity from CHP on how cases are handled the office has found out the following from a call with CHP:
 - Who is making the decisions and what is the procedure:
 - CHP is doing the quarantine procedure on a case-by-case basis
 - Decision is made by CHP doctor allocated to the case
 - They decided to consider the close contact of the close contact to do the quarantine in September. The consideration depends on the actual circumstances such as contagious and CT value. I have asked them to provide the related document. They are looking for it and try get back to metonight.
 - Would those players still have been taken to PB for 3 days if they had worn masks?
 - In this case, considering the variant virus and the physical contact in sport, doctor will decide the related players to go the PB for 3 days.
 - Mask on ≠ no need to do the quarantine
 - Do spectators make any difference? (I.e., Should we ban spectators)
 - In this case, assuming spectators have enough distance and wear mask atmost of the time. CHP doctor decided no quarantine is required for the spectators.
- KC has confirmed HKNA can delete data from Sportslomowe have collected directly from the system

3. Treasurer (SH)

- Financial report shared. SH explained, and the Council had no issue

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

Cancellation of Hong Kong Four Nations 2022 and Hong Kong Challenge Cup 2021/22

- Owing to the strict quarantine rules (14-21 days upon arrival) by the HKSAR Government on overseas visitors, HKNA has decided to cancel the upcoming Hong Kong Four Nations and Hong Kong Challenge Cup. We have officially informed LCSD and have returned the fundingcheque to LCSD/ASDF.

65th Festival of Sport – Proposal for Events

- Application for funding had been submitted to SF&OC for consideration. A fun day type of event, targeting on local secondary and primary school Students is proposed to be held in the first/second week in May (Friday and Saturday). A venue booking request had also beensent to “Vessel” (Kwun Tong harbourfront multi-purpose venue) to see if it is available for theevent. Backup venue would be Fa Hui Recreation Ground.

Recruiting Sports Organiser Helper (Job Creation Scheme 2.0)

- 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.

Postponement of the 6th Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games (AIMAG)

- The Olympic Council of Asia had decided on 20 October to postpone the 6th AIMAG from March 2022 to 17 to 26 November 2023.

5. Elite and Coaching Updates (CW)

Ladies and Men's National Squads

- National players continue to have regular team training on Friday evening every two weeks. More internal friendly matches between ladies and mens teams are organised with the aim to provide more pressured competition-like situations to both teams.
- It is confirmed by the Hong Kong Olympic Committee that the Asian Indoor Games will be postponed to November 2023. The national team will focus on the preparation for the next international tournament, which is the Asian Netball Championship in September in Singapore.

U16's Academy

- The U16's academy teams have continued to train on regular Wednesday for Island Squad and Friday for Kowloon Squad. The girls have worked hard for the preparation of the upcoming end of programme tournament on 11th December. CW thanked Valley Netball Club for sharing one of the netball training courts with the Island Squad on the 1st December at the Aberdeen Outdoor Court.

Foundation Coaching Course

- A private foundation coaching course was hosted at Kellett School (Kowloon Bay Campus) on 26th October 9:30am-4:30pm. 8 participants have successfully completed their course and passed the practical test on the day. Congratulations to Lottie Myrans, Chan Hoi Yan, Ellie Micklewright, Meara Johnson, Gayle Scoular, Emily Hill, Cara Goulston and Megan Lui.
- Special thanks to two head instructors Karin Loooram and Iris Chan for delivering the course to the participants.

6. League & Umpiring

- Umpiring (MP)
 - A few incidents regarding the umpiring but all sorted so far
 - Moved a few umpiring who are doing great, HKNA needs continuous support from the netball community
 - Another course will be held in the beginning of January
- Ladies League (UH)
 - UH reminded everyone that if any team wants to pull out, they need to inform HKNA ASAP
 - A few teams are having issues with players leaving or injured and they do not have enough non-playing members for their teams. Teams from lower ranked teams can guest, but this doesn't always help.
 - UH reminded that HKNA discussed last year or the year before that perhaps in the lower divisions, we could relax a bit and let higher ranked players play for lower ranked teams in their division (same as independent team). The council agreed that HKNA can implement the new rules in the second half and it was agreed that the change will only apply on division 5 or below. UH will send out the exact wording for everyone to review before finalising it.
 - UH proposed a few options for how to group the teams into different divisions and the council agreed - A Premier League Division will be created for the second round and

all other divisions will be reallocated according to standing after 29 November.

First Round	Second Round
	Prem = Top 6 division 1
Division 1	Bottom 2 division 1 + top 7 div 2
Division 2	Bottom 3 division 2 + top 6 division 3
Division 3	Bottom 4 division 3 + top 5 division 4
Division 4	Bottom 5 division 4 + top 4 division 5
Division 5	Bottom 6 division 5 + top 2 division 6
Division 6	Rest of division 6

- Junior League (AR)
 - 27thNov – new format of semi format so everyone can get a game
 - 4th Dec – the office has secured the courts so we can have a full day game for the final
 - AR has emphasised the JNL would not be that successful without KM and MP's great support in umpiring support and development

7. A.O.B.

- CW and KC reminded the Council to communicate with their clubs on the latest the theft incident in Fa Hui Park. An umpire has lost a bag with lots of valuables being taken, and the game video couldn't capture the incident so this should have happened between games. Police report was filed.
- HKNA will also send a note to remind the community on this incident.

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