

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting
730pm, 17th June 2021
Lecture Theatre, 2/F Olympic House,
So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
& via Zoom

Meeting commenced at 19.30

Sherryn Hancock (SH), President of the Association welcomed members and declared a quorum was present in accordance with Article 64 of the Memorandum and Articles. SH expressed the appreciation to all the attendees attending in person and via Zoom. Accordingly, the meeting was then commenced.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd June 2020 has been provided with the AGM notice.

Proposer: Melanie Potgieter (Life Member)

Seconder: Jenny Chadwick (Life Member)

There was no objection, the resolution was passed.

2. The report of the President was presented. SH thanked the netball community for the continuous support and patience through this highly unusual and unpredictable year. SH pointed out that she admired how the netball community has come together and overcome the unexpected obstacles of a stop start season with “Let’s Play” attitude. Even though we have cancelled many programmes, our community has been able to complete some of our normal programmes.

Updates:

Elite Programme – It has been an unusual year with Hong Kong Four Nations, Hong Kong Championship Cup and Asian Youth Netball Championship all cancelled, and the Asian Indoor Games being postponed. Nevertheless, we continued to organize training for elite and development teams whenever possible within the government guidelines. Elite and development programmes currently training includes Ladies Opens, Men’s Opens, Ladies Asian Indoor Games Squad, U21s and U16s squad.

Leagues – Thank you to each and every player, umpire, coach and their families who worked with the association during this season to enable us to finish it. We showed that as a community we can be flexible, and we managed to keep to our main commitment this season which was to play in a safe manner during this pandemic. Some things were changed so that we can continue our leagues which includes playing outdoors for all division in Ladies League and shorter round robin games for Junior League.

- Ladies League – Our League started off with 52 teams in 6 divisions. We are able to complete a full first round and congratulate Sonics to win division 1

final. Thank you Ursula Holloway for organizing and keeping the league running smoothly which is a big task.

- Junior League – We are able to complete a majority of Autumn and Spring Competitions. Spring competition ended later than normal. Highlight of the league is the mother, coach, friend and daughter matches at the end of the season. Thank you to Angela Chan and Veronica Arnold to organize the league and umpiring
- Mixed League – This was delayed and is currently running at the moment with 32 teams registered

The association rolled out our new sports management system, Sportslomo for registrations and waiver forms. This will be rolled out to Junior League and other tournaments registration in the near future.

Sponsors & Partners – Thank you to all the sponsors and partners supporting our elite programmes.

- Champion System – Elite Programmes Uniform Partner
- Joint Dynamics – Elite Programmes Strength & Conditioning Partner
- Prohealth Sports and Spinal Physiotherapy Centres – Elite Programmes Physiotherapy Partner

Programmes – Many programmes have been cancelled due to government restrictions, but we are able to complete some of them. Completed programmes are covered in the conveners' reports.

Umpiring – We were able to award 3 B badges and 4 C badges this year. This is a wonderful achievement considering the tough season we had. Thank you to Jenny Chadwick, Melanie Potgieter, and their team to provide umpiring support in all venues. Also thank you to Jenny Chadwick, Tracy Skipp, Melanie Potgieter and Veronica Arnold for all the support and effort on umpiring development.

Tournament & Events – Thank you to Rachel Bryant, the Valley team and everyone else who helped organize the Netfest 2020 held in Fa Hui. It was extremely hot but believed that everyone had tremendous amount of fun. Unfortunately, Beach Festival and Festival of Sport have been cancelled due to Covid-19.

Committee – Thank you to all the committee members who carried out their respective roles and contributed to the development of the association voluntarily and the development of netball in Hong Kong. Committee members: Sarah Grimmer (Vice President – League), Connie Wong (Vice President – Coaching & Elite), Christina Yue (Secretary), Krystle Cox (Treasurer), Tiffany Cheung, Ursula Holloway, Anna Wilson/Katharine Wood, Laura Denhold, Olivia Burgess, Funfun Cheng, KK Chan, Rachel Bryant, Carly Goodchild, Lorraine Pak, Jenny Chadwick, and Mel Potgieter.

Our association has continued to receive support from

- Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) – for all our Leagues, Elite Programme, School/Development Tournaments
- Hong Kong Coaching Committee (HKCC) – for our coaching programmes

- Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) by Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) – for our annual Tri Nations Event

Thank you and well done to office members: Lorraine, Haley, Tony and Angela for their hard work and achievement for the development of netball in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Netball is dedicated to continuing the development and growth in all areas of netball in Hong Kong with an open and transparent manner. The committee are always here to answer questions and with our Facebook & other media sources, we look forward to being in closer communication with all our members in the future.

SH will be stepping down from President due to family reasons. Thank you to the netball community for the support over the last 7 years. Everyone's love for the game and commitment to playing from grassroots to elite is one of the best highlights for SH. Thank you for all the wonderful memories. SH will still be around and taking up the position of Treasurer for at least another year.

It was proposed to accept the report of the President

Proposer: Cheng Lai Fun (Hantang Netball Club)

Secunder: Tessa Laue (Discovery Bay Pirates Netball Club)

There was no objection, the resolution was passed

3. The Auditors Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 was distributed

Highlights

SH noted that we made a surplus this year, mainly because of the sub-vented programmes that are partially completed, and expenses are not finalized on time. Eventually the money will need to be refunded to LCSD which can takes up to 18 months

Overall membership fees dropped 33% due to mainly the decrease in number of teams. Membership fees help subsidizes the running of office and programmes not funded by LCSD. We tried to get the maximum number of programmes funded, but unfortunately not all were funded by LCSD.

Expenses were lower due to cancellations of tournaments and events.

No question was raised. It was proposed to accept the Auditors Report and Audited Financial Statements.

Proposer: Emma Bibby (Hong Kong Cricket Club)

Secunder: Ceri Hill (Hong Kong Scottish) – joined online

There being no objections, the resolution was passed

4. The report of Conveners – All reports (League, Umpiring, Coaching, Elite Programmes) are provided through the QR code

Highlights

Proposed date for 2021/22 Ladies League season is included in the league report. League is scheduled to start on 27th September 2021 and will run through to 4th April 2022.

An abiding by-law for the current and all forth coming seasons was introduced in January. It includes update on team uniform requirement and requirement of Sportslomo registration before taking the court. Player taking the court without registration on Sportslomo will be deemed a defaulting player with a team penalty of 4 point loss and HK\$100 fine.

Jenny Chadwick (JC) will be stepping down from her administer role within the umpire committee, but she has promised to help out with umpire support and international tournaments so we will still be seeing her around on the courts. Thanks JC for all the support and contribution to the association and netball in Hong Kong.

Managing all the umpiring-related issues is never an easy job. The umpire committee will now be structured as follow

- Umpire administrator – Khan Murray
- Elite umpiring manager – Tracy Skipp
- Umpire convenor and youth netball umpire coordinator – Mel Potgieter
- Umpire support committee – compromised of badged umpires

We have currently 261 umpires named on HKNA record. The aim for the future is to have qualified umpires on each team. 98 new umpires are completing their foundation course with 16 umpires completed their Junior League practical and moved up to umpire Ladies League. We will be implementing a logbook for all umpires from next season. HKNA will be aiming to have more foundation courses and also start the school umpire program in order to develop more umpires.

JC noted that it is a difficult year where things have been changing and we continuously need to adjust to the situation. Thank you to all the umpires committee, umpires support and umpires. JC is incredibly proud with the amount of badged umpires this year.

Details regarding coaching, elite programmes and event is available in the respective conveners' report. With no further questions from the attendees, it was proposed to accept all the conveners' reports.

Proposer: Shirley Yuen (Hong Kong Football Club)

Seconder: Kate McNicholl (Hong Kong Cricket Club)

There was no objection, the resolution was passed

5. Council Members for 2021/22

We received 5 nomination for the 5 available executive council members, so we do not require additional votes. The executive council members were elected in one single resolution

Position: President

Nominee: Krystle Cox (Independent)

Position: Vice President

Nominees: Connie Wong (Life Member) and Sarah Grimmer (Hong Kong Cricket Club)

Position: Treasurer

Nominee: Sherryn Hancock (Discovery Bay Pirates Netball Club)

Position: Secretary

Nominee: Christina Yue (Hong Kong Cricket Club)

There being no objections to any candidate, the remaining council members were elected in one single resolution

Nominee:

Rachel Bryant (Valley Netball)

Pritty Pampapathi (Valley Netball)

Melanie Potgieter (Life Member)

Selina Fawdry (Hong Kong Scottish)

Chan Ka Keung (Men's representative)

Marie Farry (Hong Kong Football Club)

Cheng Lai Fun (Hantang Netball)

Adrian Raper (Sai Kung)

Ursula Holloway (Independent)

Laura Denholm (Kowloon Netball)

Lorraine Pak (Hong Kong Netball Association)

Proposer: Donna Baxter (Hong Kong Cricket Club)

Seconder: Jenny Chadwick (Life Member)

There was no objection, the resolution was passed

6. The Auditor – Bright Union Hong Kong CPA Limited for the coming financial year 2021/2022 was announced

It was proposed to accept the appointment of auditor for the coming financial year 2021/2022

Proposer: Melanie Potgieter (Life Member)
Secunder: Ursula Holloway (Sai Kung Stingray)

7. Life Membership

Sherryn Hancock is awarded life member of Hong Kong Netball Association. SH has been in the committee since 1997 and spent 8 years as President and Treasurer. During her tenure, SH continuously work on greater opportunities for national teams and the support on development of Men's netball. SH also seeks for sponsorship opportunities. In her tenure, the very first Badge A umpire in Hong Kong has been awarded. One of the most important achievements is in the administration work where SH has done huge amount of work to make HKNA a more professional and transparent organization. She made sure we make use of all available fundings and also managed to get additional head counts from LCSD. Finally, she has led the association in this challenging year to make the best possible decisions for the netball community. On behalf of the whole Hong Kong netball community, Krystle Cox thanked Sherryn for all her contribution to the association and netball development in Hong Kong.

8. A.O.B.

No other business given due notice

The meeting was declared closed at 20.06.

Signed as true copy,

Proposer:

Secunder: