

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting

7.00pm, 15 December 2020 (Tue)

Zoom Meeting

Attending:		Apologies:
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 Melaine Potgieter (MP) - Umpiring	Anna Wilson (AW) - Kowloon Fun Cheng (FC) - Hantang Tiffany Cheung (TC) - HKU Katharine Wood (KW) - HKS Ursula Holloway (UH) Chan Ka Keung (KK) - Men's Angela Chan (AC) - HKNA (observer)	
		Absent:

Meeting commenced at 7pm

MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Review of November's minutes

- Minutes approved

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

- Regarding the cancellation of Monday's League on 30th November, Excom had discussed extensively the weekend before and decided to cancel due to the safety of all the players and looking at the trends of the government restrictions. SH later disclosed that one player's father had a close contact with a positive tested person, and LCSD has urged for community to take precautions and not to have big unnecessary gatherings
- Netball Australia's new strategic development. Uniforms (dresses) was one of the issues as the short dresses/skirts were one of the deterrents for younger players to join. SH suggested to consider this for our leagues and make any necessary changes after further discussion.
 - The topic for using leggings and bike shorts was discussed as it was stated in the by-laws that it's not allowed. It was agreed that the by-laws for the league will be reviewed
- No financials to be shared
- SH thanked everyone for their contribution and support so far this year

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

- All LCSD venues are closed from 2 December
- All LCSD subvented programmes are suspended –
 - Elementary Class A - partly cancelled 3 sessions
- Corporate governance meeting – attended by HH and TT via zoom
 - Set-up a corporate governance team to review all the existing policies for all NSA. They will review the Olympic sports first in Phase One. Netball is in Phase Two. Review 3-4 NSA per month
- LCSD will host webinars
 - 1) Wed 23 Nov – all 4 office staff will be attending
- Attended the INF Webinar to explain the use of functions of the INFnetWorld system. Main features safe guard guidelines for umpires for international events. Submit post game report 2 weeks after the event
- Sports Federation & Olympic Committee Anti-epidemic support scheme. Maximum of \$50,000 is granted to all NSA for covid, online platforms, technology
- HKNA Online membership registration – Sportslomo. Thank you to AC for setting this up and hope to have all the team players to register by the end of January

4. Elite and Coaching Updates (AC)

- Elite training programme suspended.
- National Ladies Open and Indoor squad announced.
- National U21s and Men's trials have been postponed.
- List of U21s trialists through to trial 2 was shown to the committee
- Foundation Coaching Course confirmed for January. Registration form is uploaded and advertised on HKNA platforms. 10 participants is maximum for this course due to social distancing restrictions. Theory online form Netball Australia and practical session and assessment at HK Cricket Club

5. Sportslomo (AC)

- AC showed committee the process to register a player on Sportslomo by sharing her screen
- AC will send a registration process manual for players to follow

6. Ladies League (SG)

- Postponed until further notice
- Highly unlikely to resume in January. Most likely to start after CNY.
- Might be able to get through only one round. Remaining weeks will be used to get as much netball as we can
- Wong Chuk Hang outdoor court is now used as Covid-19 centre until January so we do not have that until February.
- Covid-19 policy – published on 27 Nov
 - Thanked KW for putting that together
 - Close contact with a person in quarantine – stand down for 14 days or unless negative tests.
 - Umpires – teams have responsibility to find umpires who meet the criteria and measures.
 - Training at the club/ team level – up to the clubs but HKNA's recommendation is to abide by government restrictions.
 - Excom reserves the right to postpone or cancel any fixtures even if LCSD has not suspended or forbid games. Excom overriding responsibilities to cancel games for NSA based on the safety measures and to control the spread of covid.
- RB asked about whether fees will be refunded if only one round is played and whether the league season be extended and used Mixed league courts?
 - SG – refunded policy is set in place, refunding on the portioned basis and based on HKNA's financial situation
 - SG & SH will look into it but emphasized that HKNA would like to host the Mixed League if possible. There might be an overlap for Ladies League finals and Mixed League
 - SH emphasised that HKNA still has expenses such as salaries and overheads that need to be considered. If clubs need extension on their fees payment, they can make a request to HKNA and it will be considered based on the current situation
 - CY asked LP if LCSD will still give the programme's fund if cancelled. LP said previously they have done so it should be happening again
- RB asked if there are courts left over at the end of the Ladies League cycle, to add in possibility of more games.
 - UH checked if all games from now on are scheduled for outdoor only. All agreed.
 - CW – relay the message that the finals format are confirmed. It will depend on how many weeks of games we have left. Therefore it may be only one week of finals then only 1st vs 2nd and 3rd and 4th will be played. If there are two weeks of finals, then semi-finals could be played

7. Junior Netball League (KE)

- U19s and U14/U12s – postponed.
- Sunday 7th Feb in WCH has been booked for make-up – fit all the games from the 3 divisions into that date apart from netta
- Hope to start Spring League on 21st February

8. Men's League (KC)

- Completed most of the games except the last 2 rounds of the game and finals
- Hope the games can be finished

9. Umpiring Convenor (MP)

- Courses – 58 responded. 34 umpires were being supported in JNL.
- 10 umpires missed out due to JNL postponement, they will be prioritised for next JNL
- 4 umpires through to qualify for Ladies League
- MP gave the breakdown of numbers from each club on who are pushing for umpires qualification. MP would like for the bigger clubs to push for more umpires qualification

9. A.O.B.

- AC - Collaboration between HKNA and Club (community service); HKCC contacted HKNA to establish a collaboration to promote netball to the local players. HKCC will offer scholarships for local students to join in the training sessions and for their leagues and uniform fees if they play in a HKCC team in the Junior Netball League. AC asked if any other clubs would be interested in joining this collaboration.

CY emphasized that this programme is not targeting those who already know netball and playing in clubs or academy programmes. It is targeting the ones who are new to netball or have no access to netball in their school and wants to learn about the sport. CW – target schools close to HKCC as they will need to travel to HKCC for training sessions

- AC – final Mascot design was shown to committee. The mascot will be announced to the community via social media platforms. The name of the mascots is to be confirmed
- UH – asked Kowloon, HKU, HKS and DB for their umpiring convenors details sent to HKNA

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