

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION
Council Meeting

7.00pm, 24 Aug 2021 (Tue)

Zoom Meeting

Attending:		Apologies:
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 Rachel Bryant (RB) - Valley Mel Potigietter (MP) - DB	Sherryn Hancock (SH) - Ex Com Angela Chan (AC) - HKNA (observer)
		Absent:

Meeting commenced at 7pm

MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Review of July's minutes

- Minutes approved

2. President's Report (KE)

- Finals of mixed league were postponed due to rain and only division 2 was able to play on the rescheduled date. As for the other divisions, winners were decided on goal point difference.
- It had been a very intensive two weekends for our national team programmes as we had the U21's team simulation camp on 6-8 August and also Ladies/Men/U21 friendly matches on 14-15 August. These games were played in 4x15 minutes format to replicate international matches. On the 2nd day of the Ladies/Men/U21 friendly matches, we were able to set up a live stream and zoom call with Dion, HK National Head Coach, so that he could connect with our coaches and pass on instant feedback to the coaches. We thank all coaches, officials, umpires, physio from Prohealth Sports and Spinal, and support staffs for making these games happen.
- 300 netballs have arrived and are available for sale at \$130 each (or \$160 including delivery).
- Four Nations is confirmed for 13-16 January 2022 at Kowloon Park Sports Centre. We are sending out requests for indications of interest.
- Due to the recent announcement for stricter quarantine rules, it is unlikely that we can host an international team in November for the Challenge Cup. We will continue to look for options in early 2022

3. Treasurer

- No treasurer report for this meeting

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

- LCSD – Mid-year Review 2020-21
 - HKNA raised our concerns regarding mid-year review as the subvented programmes have been heavily affected by COVID-19 since the year 2019-20. LCSD said they were still deciding the best way to assess NSAs in view of the COVID19 situation.
 - LCSD had emailed for additional information required:
 - Preparation/Participation in Major International and National Sports Events/ Hosting of International Sports Events - what type of preparation work had been carried out and for what event (even if the event was eventually cancelled)?
 - Sponsorship obtained (Please provide the amount obtained, from what sponsor and for what event)
 - Additional measures/ efforts which have been taken by NSAs during the outbreak of COVID19
- LCSD – 2022-23 Annual Plan Submission
 - The application of LCSD for subvented programmes for year 2022-23 is now open
 - Deadline for submission via this online system is 30 September. If anyone would like to provide any ideas, please provide us by Monday 13th September so that Ex Com can review them
- HKNA Human Resources Plan was submitted to LCSD in July. LCSD will announce the result of the additional funding request by the end of September.
- World Netball
 - Gibraltar will host the World Youth Cup in 2025.
 - World Netball also declared its intention to work with Netball Australia to make a compelling case for Netball's inclusion in the Brisbane Olympic Games in the year 2032.

5. Elite and Coaching Updates

- U16's Academy coaches were confirmed and trials will be held soon
- HKNA Development Coaching Course A Development Coaching Course was conducted on 22nd August 2021 and 14 participants passed the practical sessions of the course.

6. Umpiring Convenor (MP)

- Badged umpires were invited to umpire national programmes' friendly matches and also men's league. They were all supported by our umpire support throughout the game and were given feedback on areas for improvement. We will continue to provide support to our umpire whenever possible.
- Foundation umpiring courses and development umpiring workshops are coming up.

7. Men's League (KK)

- Men's league 2021 was played over 8 weeks from June to August 2021 with six teams participating. Similar to previous years, the championship was won by a team that had no previous championship experience. A new team called "Join Our Team" defeated OMG in the final and claimed the championship title.

8. Ladies League (UH)

- We currently have three outdoor venues (Fa Hui, Wong Chuk Hang, Tai Wan Shan) available. There will be two weeks in which we won't have Fa Hui, but we should be able to cover all league games with the two remaining locations.
- For indoor venues, so far only Hong Kong Park has been confirmed and the rule of playing with masks is still required.
- All clubs indicated during the meeting that they prefer playing outdoors as playing with masks is difficult.
- RB raised that Valley received a huge number of registration with a majority on the lower divisions. One concern was whether Valley could register more teams in the league. UH noted that if we have enough teams, we will have Division 7 again. The goal is to try to accommodate everyone. Also, the league format is to be confirmed, but we will look to have 1st round and 2nd round again .
- UH noted that clubs should keep in mind that they might not get the division that they registered for. It really depends on the number of teams that registered
- Other clubs also reported that there is an influx in players for the middle divisions. Most are returning players (haven't played for years). This is good news as more people are getting involved in netball.

10. A.O.B.

- Netfest
 - Netfest preparation is on track with a lot of sections scheduled
 - Valley is preparing for an event on 4th September and Netfest is on the week after
 - Volunteers are needed. All clubs to get back to their clubs and help to invite volunteers to help out during Netfest.

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