

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting

7.00pm, 2 March 2021 (Tue)

Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting commenced at 7pm

MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Review of February's minutes

- Minutes approved

2. Ladies League (SG)

- Provision of 8 round of games starting on 22nd March
- Venues: Fa Hui Park and Tai Wan Shan
- Rescheduled games should be also outdoor and abide by Covid regulations
- KE - JNL courts are available to be used for rescheduling matches
- JC - Teams will have to sort out their own umpires for the games
- Attendance at games same as before. Urged teams to not have spectators, allow 2 officials per team. They also need to check in on the Leave-HomeSafe app
- All players to register on Sportslomo so they can sign the disclaimer as well
- Close contact - 15 mins without a surgical mask will be deemed as closed contact. It would be possible if there was a positive case if one player has a positive case, then the two teams involved may be submitted to a mandatory government quarantine. Urge the clubs to inform their players about the risk. If teams wish to withdraw, then submit that by next Wed at midnight
- If a team has been affected, the team has to submit a new team list by Wednesday (10th March) midnight
- No teams will be penalised for withdrawing
- Players can move to different teams if needed but approval must be given by Ursula if a player is moving down a division
- If a player's team is withdrawing, they can change club playing in the same or higher division. Approval must be given by both clubs involved
- Refund - teams withdrawing at this stage, are not entitled to a larger refund than those that do not. Any refunds will be calculated at the end of the season.
- HKNA also reserves the right to cancel / postponed games even if the government allow games to continue.
- KE - players have the option to wear a mask during the games to lower the risk of being

sent to quarantine

- SG - one of the reason games to move games outdoors is because masks are not mandatory outdoor
- UH - we can't enforce something if the government is enforcing it
- RB - people making choice every day going to gyms and restaurants are taking a risk, so people need to be kept well informed and they need to make their own decisions. People need to make the decision and teams and convenors will have to manage it.
- SG - Teams who forfeit on the night should have full penalties within 48Hours notice
- MP - captains of both teams to discuss and make decision with the team they will play if they want to play with/ without masks.
- To avoid penalties, teams must communicate with minimum 48 hours notice if they decide not to play due to people not wearing masks.
- JC - asked convenors to get message to all. If people who would like support for their umpiring in the remaining games, please re- email Jenny again. As the schedules have changed.
- UH - format of the finals. Top 4 teams will play semi-final - 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3rd. For the teams who have finished out of the top 4, 5th vs 6th and 7th vs 8th so they get an extra game. Umpires not provide. Teams to find own umpires or umpire their own game as they are more friendly games
- Players eligible for finals in this season - Changed to "Play minimum 3 games for the Team that will play in the final, if any club/team has an issue, they can ask HKNA for permission". SH - if teams have to re-organise their teams due to players withdrawing, they can write to HKNA and explain their situation.
- UH - By-laws indicated the conditions where permission may be given
- Once teams withdrawal are confirmed, UH and JC will work on the schedule and get it out ASAP
- SH - WCH is out due to Covid testing site. The court without the netball lines are available to train on but no lines. Liaise with the office staff from HKNA
- KW - asking if more courts are available as only been able to train once. KE - Sham Shui Po outdoor netball court can be used. LP - just received confirmation from SSP that 7 to 10pm on Wednesday and 6pm to 10pm on Thursday from April to June. LP will get a google form out for clubs to use.
- KW asked about the availability of the courts at FH and TWS on Monday, LP said we do not have any bookings.
- RB - netball posts can be taken out at WCH outdoor, and clubs use the court without the netball lines. Otherwise try to book online from 7am to book 10 days in advance

3. Junior Netball League (KE)

- The Covid risks will be sent to convenors of JNL to let them know of the warnings and for them to pass that to the players and parents
- Two days of the Autumn League will be played on the 28th March (U19s and U14s)
- Sign-ups for the Spring League have been sent out, registrations open
- All the information have gone out and teams have applied. Similar tournament to last time, shortened games and play more games each date
- Aim to start on 4th April 2021

4. Men's League (AC)

- Resume the league on 23rd March
- Games to be played at HK Park Sports Centre

5. Elite and Coaching Updates (CW & AC)

- Elite programmes will resume training soon with relaxed covid restrictions
 - Ladies Open - 12th March
 - Ladies Indoor - 26th March
 - National Men's - 9th March
 - U21s - 19th March
 - Regional U14s - 13th March
- U21s and Men's will have some pre-trial sessions before the tri
- U14s - eligibility for the 2021 U14s Programme is reduced to players born in 2009 and 2010 only. This is due to the disruption to the programme and also keeping social distancing restrictions for trials. As there were over 100 players registered, therefore we prioritise the players in the top 2 age groups (13 and 14 years old) to trial only.
- Foundation Coaching Course to be held at HK Cricket Club on 21st March. This is funded by the HK Coaching Committee and open to members with a minimum of 2 years of experience. Places are limited.
- The next FCC will most likely be in the Summer (August/ September)
- If clubs wish to host an FCC course, please contact Angela.
- KE - asked about the \$65AUD fee for the Netball Australia FCC course. AC & CW as the course now is hybrid so participants are expected to finish the NETball Australia online section first before doing the HKNA one. Hence the HKNA course is quite cheap as it also includes food during the session.

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

- LCSD venues reopened on Friday 19th February 2021
- Subvented programmes could resume on Monday 22nd March 2021
- SF& OC seminar for ICAC best-practice reference for the governance of National Sports Associations held on Wednesday 27th January 2021.
- Best practice PowerPoint is shown to committee members, only available in Chinese
- Completed the purchases and financial statement for the \$50,000 funding endorsed by SH/KE was sent to SF & OC on 24th February

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

- Financials sent
- Not a lot of difference to last month as no programmes was going on
- The first payment to umpires for leagues are going out soon, and the second payment will go out at the end of League
- NETFESTHK will be going ahead, need help on this from committee members

- Funding for business review of MOAs and employee's handout, tender advice will be advertised, need to be finalised by the end of March. KW will be involved once things are finalised
- CY - brief advert on social media (Facebook) on this tender, ask committee members to circulate to their members if any of their members are interested in sending HKNA a quotation
- A quotation will be finished by mid-March
- Asian Netball Champs to be held in Singapore in 2022 which is the World Cup qualifier
- KE - NETFESTHK is on 25th April at Fa Hui Park. A break in JNL for that week, asking for volunteers to help set that up and take the lead on this.
- SH - there will be no other special events this year, this will be the only one. So asking 2-3 people to take the lead on this
- CW - reiterate that we need someone to take the lead on it, and the office will help with the logistics. There will be support from the office.

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