

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting

7.00pm, 18 Jan 2022 (Tue)

Zoom Meeting

| Attending: | | Apologies: |
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| 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 Marie Farry (MF) - HKFC Pritty Pampapathi- Valley Adrian Raper (AR)- JNL | Fun Cheng (FC) - Hantang Selina Fawdry (SF) - HKS Ursula Holloway (UH) Khan Murray (KM) - Umpiring Chan Ka Keung (KK) - Men's Angela Chan (AC) - HKNA (observer) Rachel Bryant (RB) - Valley Mel Potigietter (MP) - Umpiring Iris Chan - Kowloon | Laura Denholm- Kowloon |
| | | Absent: |
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Meeting commenced at 7pm

MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Review of December's minutes

- Minutes approved

2. President's Report (KE)

- Face to face programme suspended, umpiring programme went online
- Last year, we requested for the additional staff member from LCSD – Senior Sports Executive has been approved which will commence on 1st July 2022.
 - Title - General Manager
 - Focus on :
 - Develop and manage strategy of HKNA development
 - Expand netball to new areas of HK (e.g., Grassroot programme)
 - Committee members to share the job description (when ready) with people around them
 - Sports background not essential as the role is more on management and leadership – but netball knowledge preferable
- Angela Chan has resigned her position at HKNA. We wish her well in her new role as full time PE teacher Angela will continue to be Coach with the Academy Programme and Youth U21s.
- Sports Helper position is confirmed. Valerian has an interest in sports with a sports background and will commence on Thursday. He will help with JNL desk duties
- Vaccine status. From 24th February, everyone who enters a LCSD venue must have one dose of vaccination. Not sure if this is required for outdoor court, office will check
 - HKNA is prepared to manage the vaccination record through Sportslomo. Once checked by HKNA, the information will be deleted off the record. The office is still checking whether it would be HKNA's responsibility to check vaccination of their members who enter LCSD venue

3. Treasurer (SH)

- Majority of the programmes have started however holding up due to social distancing measures
- From the P&L - we're making a small profit at this point, but it will not be as high at the end of March as we have to refund back at LCSD
- Balance sheet is in line with what we expect. We'll need to refund some of our funds to LCSD as programmes are being cancelled
- With Four Nations tournament is not happening, we have some savings again this year
- SH showed the current HKNA financials
- SH gave a brief summary of how LCSD funding works and can be used
- CY added that the eligibility of the funding may be varied and there are limitations on certain categories. Some categories are flexible, some are not.

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

- Post paddings for WCH posts to be delivered and installed next week
Will also be fixing posts that are out of order at WCH
- Joint Uni Netball tournament- 4 teams for ladies, 3 teams for men's section.
- The vaccination bubble scheme may start earlier than 24th (likely to start after things reopen – at the moment its set to be on 4th Feb) – from the news

5. Elite and Coaching Updates (CW & AC)

- National training has been suspended due to closure of LCSD venues
- U14s Academy – 100+ registered. Although 1st and 2nd trial is before the vaccine bubble scheme, we require all players signing up to be either vaccinated/exempted due to being underage so that they can continue their participation in the programme when it starts
- Coaches have also being asked about their vaccination status
- Foundation Coaching Course Theory changed to an online session which was successful. 9 participants. Online session was successful, keep in mind for future courses. Practical session to be confirmed
AC officially resigned from HKNA and expressed her gratitude to everyone in the committee for helping her.

6. Umpiring Convenor (KM)

- Level 1 umpiring course – English theory completed, and Cantonese course is coming up
 - Practical will need to wait until venue reopen
- MP: First school umpiring course was to be held – but on hold now
 - If anyone know any school is interested to participate in program like this, let Mel & Khan know
- CW suggest using the U14s trial to train umpires: Mel will send out the dates to the umpire to get a show of hand on interested umpires

7. Men's League (KK)

- Nothing to update

8. Junior Netball League (AR)

- Spring competition schedule has been sent out
- Lost couple of warm up tournament that was scheduled for January due to the social distancing measures
- Full packed league is expected starting to U8s to U19s

- French International School expressed interest to participate (add a couple of teams) – but not confirmed yet
- Vaccine bubble will be tough if it's implemented to outdoor courts, especially with the participants of U12s. Sportslomo would be handy to be used to show their vaccination status
- After AC posted about vaccination requirements on U14s – more players are getting vaccinated

9. Ladies League (UH)

- Due to venue closure, we will be on a tight schedule (no extra courts for friendly and playoffs). If resume on 7th February – no semis or play-offs
- Indoor venues discussed last meeting – yet to be confirmed. SYS is booked for finals (but we know that we're not going to have it as it just announced to be a vaccination center) but we also have HKFC and a backup outdoor venue ready for 9th April (final decision to be decided as we have mixed feedback regarding using indoor/outdoor).
- MF asked if HKFC venue is still needed for 9th April. KE replied that SYS is not available but some teams were not comfortable to play indoors. Need to check with UH regarding how many teams can play. Will need to reconfirm with MF after discussing with UH
- RB asked about the courts beyond 9th April in case the league needs to be extended, LP said 9th April is the last day courts are booked. LP: Not many courts beyond March, especially with WCH renovation in April.
- KM made a feedback on SYS (discussed last meeting): more venues we have, it will be more difficult it is to allocate umpires. If we have more venues, we may need to drop the responsibility on allocating umpires to Division 1 and leave this to the team.
 - KE: As SYS is out of the picture, we have less to consider as we don't need to use the venue to keep it available for us in the future. We can comfortably say that for round games, we will be using outdoors (no issue with schedule if it doesn't rain too much)
- CW raised concern over clubs not having training and getting back to games right away (previously cause high injury rate). SG to send out email to remind all clubs to keep active so that they're ready to come back on Feb 7th

10. A.O.B.

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