

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting

7.00pm, 15 September 2020 (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	Anna Wilson (AW) - Kowloon Fun Cheng (FC) - Hantang Tiffany Cheung (TC) - HKU Katharine Wood (KW) - HKS Ursula Holloway (UH) Melanie Potgieter (MP) - Umpiring Chan Ka Keung (KK) - Men's Angela Chan (AC) - HKNA (observer)	
		<u>Absent:</u>

Meeting commenced at 7pm

MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. Review of August's minutes

- Minutes approved

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

- Regarding running of LCSD subvented programmes, it is confirmed that we cannot run online subvented programme - our PLI does not cover the home addresses. Our PLI only covers the designated venue stated on our policy, e.g. sports centre. Even if it is a course not involving any physical activities.
- Audit reports - currently reviewed by Ex Com. Soft copy has been sent to SH, SH will sign and courier it back to HKNA
- Application for next year's LCSD funding - deadline 15th October. LP will send a draft by the end of this month to circulate for comments.
- YATS and Summer Courses were cancelled due to the venue closure. HKNA is now collecting refund details from parents.
- Refund policy - revised the draft that is seen by the committee members. No further comments received and it is endorsed.

3. Elite and Coaching Updates (CW)

ELITE

Elite Netball Programmes - registration closed

- National Ladies Open Programme - 39
- National Men's Open Programme - 25
- National U21s Training Programme - 27

Registration may reopen for the U21s programme when students resume school in late September.

COACHING

Head Coach Announcement

- Mr Dion Te Whetu from New Zealand was appointed as head coach for the National Ladies Open and National Men's Open programme. He will be based in Wellington and will lead the programme from there and will travel to Hong Kong in regular intervals once travel restriction is lifted.
- The National U21s Training Programme will be coached by HKNA Elite and Coaching Development Manager, Ms Angela Chan. The announcement has been made to the netball community via email and on social media.
- Officials Recruitment in Elite Training programme is now open. CW asked council members to ask if anyone would like to be involved.

OTHER

NETFESTHK 2020 - postponed/cancelled

The court for Chinese New Year period is not available for booking. HKNA is now looking for the dates over the Easter

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

- Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games are still happening and they have limited to 8 teams. HKNA needs to confirm our participation by Friday.
- Positions for council members need to be filled especially the JNL convenor. LP has put out all the job descriptions to the members. RB said the JNL job description needs to be refined as it's quite a big job. SH will reduce the job descriptions. CW suggested that is more overseeing the JNL and HKNA admin will be doing the admin and logistics work regarding the JNL. CW is concerned about paying someone externally to be JNL convenor as things are uncertain and we don't know if JNL will go ahead, hence funding is uncertain.
- Beach netball - unsure if this is happening or whether there is interest in that. RB & KC says Beach netball is a big day on the netball calendar. KC to check with her contact to see whether Beach netball will go ahead
- Marketing and media - facebook promo about mascot competition.
- CY is still chasing the nomination forms from committee members
- SH asked Council member to read the policy and procedures which need to be signed off
- Treasurer report - SH has been working on it but have some issues so no report

5. League & Umpiring

Ladies league

- Team registrations - 49 teams.
- Planning takes into 4 main components:
 - 1) Divisions
 - 2) Dates
 - 3) Courts
 - 4) Allocation of umpires
- Excom, UH & Jenny Chadwick (JC) met and discussed the above. 5 takeaways from the meeting.
 - 1) Divisions - divide the teams to as close per number of teams as possible. 7 teams in 7 divisions or 5 divisions of 8 teams and 1 division of 9 teams.

- 2) How many teams in a division will determine how long the round robin will be:
8 teams – 23rd February - fit 1 round, 7th Dec - fit 2 rounds
7 teams – 4th Jan - fit 2 rounds, 1st march - fit 1 round
That's keeping one week for finals.
- 3) Courts - can assess how many courts we need for any given Monday night, depending on venue availability. Confident that we will have enough courts but almost certainly will be all outdoor courts. We may have 2 matches for one night as we may use the Kowloon courts for a later start. 7:15pm and 8:30pm.
- 4) Umpires - block out certain umpires for certain divisions for certain venues

5 Takeaways:

- 1) Rank the registered 49 teams and then split them depending on our decision of how many teams per division.
 - 2) Very likely we will not split the divisions if we can fit in 2 rounds. So 2nd round is the repeat of the first round.
 - 3) Highly likely the teams will play outdoors. Venues used: Aberdeen and Fa Hui Park. Outdoor venues will be better due to masks restrictions. SH added that this is worst case scenario as indoor venues may not be available, e.g HKFC. SG asked OB to check with HKFC to confirm their guidelines
 - 4) Finals format will be determined by the number of weeks left available. CW added that we could either have :
1 week of finals = every team will play. 1v2, 3v4, 5v6 etc
2 week of finals = semis and finals. Cup and Plate division. Cup 1v4, 2v3. Plate 5v8, 6v7. All teams will play additional 2 games.
 - 5) Fees - If games get cancelled and we cannot get the games played twice, we will go with the proportional refund based on the games we played. SH added that HKNA will not be asking for players fees until we know the games are starting. SG added that after the first 3 weeks of play. CY - chat to the clubs, we will try to refund and will be dependent on the LCSD support on the grants. Therefore not a guarantee in proportional to games but we will do our best.
- RB and CG asked how teams will be ranked. SH said mostly depending on the results and the players in the team. JC and UH will take the players movement and final results from previous years into consideration. UH said that divisions are smaller, so that possibly a team who was in Division 2 last year may drop to Division 4 as there are less teams in the divisions.
 - AW asked if the draft can be circulated to the committee members before it goes public. UH said that she will call convenors if they don't get the division they have asked for.
 - LP said that some teams only want to register if competition is confirmed. On if we have spare courts, we could include more teams.

Umpiring (MP) through SH

Asked all umpires to the Netball Singapore's online umpiring exam

- Online umpire courses were conducted for beginners

Men's League (KK)

HKNA asked Men's team for their availability on Tuesday if the court is available again. SH said we could use Tai Wan Shan Park (outdoor) for the League matches. LP said HKNA got the courts for Monday only, not Tuesday. LP will check if it can be available for Tuesday.

8. A.O.B.

- RB - umpiring opportunity to umpire games in the evening. Allow umpires to umpire 2 games in one night if the second game is a lower division game. UH said JC will not go for that.
- SG - received Physio partnerships submission. Fun will do her evaluation and submit to Ex Com. SH asked if Fun could respond to those who have submitted that it has been received.
- RB - asked if formal communication will come out from HKNA. SG will send through some notes but Excom will still need to make some final decisions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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