

# HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

## Council Meeting

7.00pm, 23 Aug (Tue)

Zoom Meeting

<u>Attending:</u>		<u>Apologies:</u>
Christina Yue (CY) - Ex Com Connie Wong (CW) - Ex Com Krystle Cox (KC) - Ex Com Lisa Martin (LM) – Ex Com Marie Farry (MF) - HKFC Pritty Pampapathi- Valley Shirley Yuen (SY) - JNL Cat Barber (CB) – Scottish	Fun Cheng (FC) - Hantang Ursula Holloway (UH) Khan Murray (KM) - Umpiring Rachel Bryant (RB) – Valley Boris Lai (BL) – Men’s Rep Eva Lam (EL) – Office’s Rep Sophie Li (SL) – Social Media Rep Hollie Collins (HC) - Kowloon	Katharine Wood (Scottish)
		<u>Absent:</u>

**Meeting commenced at 7 pm**

## MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

### 1. Review of December’s minutes

- August’s Minutes approved

### 2. President’s Report (KC)

#### **Employee update:**

- HKNA accepted Lorraine Pak’s resignation on the 10<sup>th</sup> August and due to annual leave her last day in the office will be Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August.
- Fanny Ho joined HKNA on 1st August replacing Haley Ho as the Administration Assistant. She can be contacted on the general address: [hkna@hkolympic.org](mailto:hkna@hkolympic.org)
- Eva Lam, our new CEO, joined HKNA on the 15<sup>th</sup> August. She is working hard to get up to speed ASAP so please do reach out and introduce yourselves. [ceo.hkna@netball.org.hk](mailto:ceo.hkna@netball.org.hk)
- Office structure – we will take this opportunity to review the roles and responsibilities of the office staff before we look to replace the SE role.

#### **World Netball – Maturity Model**

- Last meeting, KC informed you that HK had been selected as one of three nations to trial a World Netball maturity model. Its purpose is to help associations define a set of focus areas and capabilities, define what ‘good’ looks like, identify areas for improvement and ultimately decide on a strategy to get there.
- The report has been completed and is shared with everyone. Please let KC know if you have any questions

#### **Asian Championships Update**

- Lorraine resigned from her post as Assistant Coach and will no longer travel with the team.
- On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August we hosted a presentation evening for the players so that family and friends could attend. Thank you to Connie, Christina, Tony and Eva for coordinating the event and to Kate Jolly who kindly spoke and presented the bags to the team as a previous Captain
- We were informed last week that World Netball have updated their rules and 3 reserve

substitutions can be named before the tournament. If a player is injured or tests positive for Covid one of the substitutions can step into the team permanently. Given the short notice we are lucky that both Hami (Chan Pui Yau) and Joyce (Li Pui Yan Joyce) are interested and able to travel with the team.

#### **Netfest**

- KC asked for volunteers for organizing and coordinating Netfest. RB has volunteered herself with SL's help on social media promotion
- RB asked whether we would prefer one day or two days for Netfest and consulted BL's opinion from Men's teams perspective. BL noted that based on last year, it will be preferred to have Men's games on the same day with the Ladies and Junior's.
- It is agreed that Netfest in 2022 will only be for one day 17<sup>th</sup> Sep (Saturday), and HKNA will keep Sunday for wet weather back-up, Tony from the office will do the draw

#### **HKJC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event**

- The event has been rescheduled to November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and will take place at the Jockey Club HKFA Football Training Centre in TKO
- Eva, Lorraine and Tony completed a site visit last week and unfortunately the facilities aren't exactly netball friendly
- We will require volunteers closer to the date

#### **Community Sports Club Project**

- Hantang was previously registered under this scheme which allowed them access to funding of up to \$22k per year. However, the administrative requirements on the committee are high and they have no capacity to expand the club or undertake further community outreach so they requested to withdraw from the programme. FC added that Hantang will continue to support all the grassroots programmes and provide coaching to the wider netball community as a whole

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

#### **LCSD Venues – updates:**

The following venues with netball facilities are still closed for anti-epidemic purposes:

- Kowloon Park (Temporary Specimen Testing Lab)
- Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre (Vaccination Centre)
- Shek Kip Mei Park (Closed from 23 June)

These 3 venues (got the size of 3 netball/basketball courts) are the existing / potential venue for hosting of international events. With all three of them closed for epidemic purposes it would be very difficult for us to host any Local International Events (LIE) at LCSD venues.

#### **Compilation of HKNA Staff Administration Policy (SAP).**

The final version of the HKNA Staff Administration Policy was completed and endorsed by ExCom on 29th June 2022.

#### **Audit Report for 2021-22 LCSD programmes:**

The draft version of the 2021-22 LCSD Audit Report is completed by our Auditors. Figures have been checked and once the required document / information is forwarded to the auditors the report is ready to be signed by HKNA Directors. Submission deadline is 30 September 2022.

### **Audit Report for 2021-22 HK Coaching Committee subvented programmes:**

The draft audit report is ready, and the figures checked and in order. Will get the Directors to sign (together with the LCSD Audit Report) and will submit to HK Coaching Committee – deadline is 30 September 2022.

### **4. Elite and Coaching Updates (CW)**

#### **National Teams Training Programme:**

- National Team departs on 1<sup>st</sup> September for the Asian Netball Championships (Asian Region's World Cup Qualifiers)
- The top two ranking teams will qualify for the World Cup
- Live streaming is available on Netball Pass (free account)

#### **Social media:**

- "Zentre Court" on HKNA social media - introducing members of the National Ladies Team. Thank you to Zenia Wong for her time in creating the fun videos.
- Viutv - Local Television network interviewed Gessy Li and Grace Yuen on 8<sup>th</sup> August. Televising details TBC.
- SCMP interviewed Krystle Cox, Ann Lo and Mandy Tai on the 19th of August. Thanks to Sophie Li for liaising with the SCMP reporter. And thank you to Christina for liaising with ViuTV and SCMP

#### **Sponsorship:**

- Thank our elite program partners:
  - o Strength and Conditioning: Joint Dynamics
  - o Uniform apparel: Champion System
  - o Physiotherapy: Prohealth and Spinal Physiotherapy
  - o Flip Flops: EEGO
  - o Compression: 2XU
- Thank you to Fun, who has been liaising and communicating with the partners.

#### **National U21 Programme:**

- Two trials were conducted on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of August. The preliminary squad has been named and will train in September. The 3<sup>rd</sup> trial on 30th September (include players who were overseas during the first two trials)
- Selectors: Angela Chan (Head Coach), Connie Wong and Emma Gregory
- While Angela is away with the National Team, Connie and Emma will take the U21s Training. Good opportunity for CW and EG to assess the players more in a training environment.

#### **U14 and U16 Academy Programmes:**

- Pre-trials sessions underway.
  - 1) U14s Trial: Saturday 27 Aug @ Shun Lee Tsuen SC with 60 participants registered
  - 2) U16s Trial: Wednesday 31 August @ HK Park SC with 50 participants registered
  - 3) A key note on U14s and U16s: Since U14s has been cancelled for 3 years due to covid, therefore HKNA decided to go ahead to organise both U14s and U16s at the same time due to the court constraints and the players' continuity pathway. U14s will be on

Saturdays and U16s will be on Wednesdays, CW urged all the clubs to remind everyone for new arrangement.

### **Foundation Coaching Course**

- HKNA Foundation Course – CW has provided the guidelines and see if the clubs would like to host it.

### **5. Ladies League (UH)**

- UH asked the council for the advice on the court allocation for the upcoming ladies league
- Dates:
  - 26 September 2022
  - 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 October 2022
  - 7, 14, 21, 28 November 2022
  - 5, 12 December 2022
  - 9, 16, 30 January 2023
  - 6, 13, 20, 27 February 2023
  - 6, 13, 20, 27 March 2023
  - 3, 17, 24 April 2023
  - Grand Finals – Saturday 29th April 2023 (TBC)
- At the moment, HKNA has secured 8 courts at ABD, 2 courts at HKFC, 4 courts at Fa Hui and 4 courts at TWS for most weeks from October to December. UH emphasised that we do not have Fa Hui for 3 weeks in November. We have 8 courts at ABD, 2 courts at HKFC, 8 courts at Fa Hui and TWS for most of January to April. And we do not have Fa Hui at all in January, and we have not yet secured HKFC for April on Mondays.
- CW asked if the courts can be used to use the courts for Men's league.
- UH suggested to let Men's league to play alongside the ladies league
- HKNA has to release the courts by the end of August. CW and KC reminded that we should not cancel the indoor courts especially we are mending the relationship with different sports centres at the moment
- KC and CY suggested to make a balance between the Sports Centres' relationship management and the arrangement
- UH suggested to schedule 715 and 830, two games instead of 3 games for some venues and HKNA doesn't need to run all 8 courts for Aberdeen and Fa Hui courts
- CY asked if we can use the courts for 15 minutes per quarter for the higher divisions as we suggested before
- UH and KM will have a discussion and see how to cater all the suggestions and work for an optimised solution. Most likely, UH will revisit the 15 min per quarter in the second half of the season.
- UH urged everyone to register via sportslomo ASAP. MF reminded everyone that the confirmation email will be sent once the registration is successful as some people didn't register successfully via iphone and assumed they had finished.
- UH suggested the revision of the bylaws on guest players, cancellation and the blood policy.
- One of the proposed changes is - If a team receives a win due to a forfeit, they can submit a team list to HKNA for that match. The players on the team list is deemed to have played that match. For the details, please refer to the League Report of August 2022 prepared by UH.

### **8. Junior Netball League (SY)**

- SY updated the court availability and will share with the council on the final schedule and the court allocation soon

### **9. Men's League (BL)**

- BL asked for the cost of playing outdoor and the wet weather arrangement
- CY and CW emphasised that playing indoor and outdoor will not make any impact to cost structure which is same approach as ladies league
- KM reminded that the umpiring fees structure for Men's league is different from ladies, KC suggested FC to work with CW and BL on the final fees structure on this new merged league

### **10. Umpiring (KM & MP)**

- Tracy Skipp is reappointed on the umpiring panel internationally; KM reported that he was away for umpiring in Fiji; Tang and Regina are going to SG Asian Champs; Jennifer Wong went to SG for the umpiring camp. Though all of them paid the Quarantine hotel fees, they all enjoyed the experience and great opportunity.
- KM has just approved the umpiring list and asked everyone to check who is qualified for what division

### **9. A.O.B.**

- CY urged everyone to share all the key points discussed in the council not only for the league information but all the programmes shared so the wider netball community can understand how HKNA runs especially how we rely on the league income as HKNA's own source of fund to support all other activities
- CY also reminded everyone to support HKNA's social media and spread the words to the community
- HKNA will organise face to face meeting instead of zoom for everyone to get together when the covid restrictions further relax

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