

**NETBALL, HONG KONG CHINA**  
**Council Meeting**  
**7.00pm, 1 August (Tuesday)**  
**Zoom Meeting**

| <u>Attending:</u>  |  | <u>Apologies:</u> |
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| Connie Wong (CW) - Ex Com<br>Krystle Cox (KC) - Ex Com<br>Lisa Martin (LM) – Ex Com<br>Karen Loram – Ex Com<br>Christina Yue – Ex Com<br>Marie Farry (MF) - HKFC<br>Ursula Holloway (UH) – Ladies League | Fun Cheng (FC) - Hantang<br>Khan Murray (KM) - Umpiring<br>Boris Lai (BL) – Men’s Rep<br>Eva Lam (EL) – Office’s Rep<br>Hollie Collins (HC) - Kowloon<br>Cat Barber (CB) – Scottish<br>Pritty Pampapathi (PP)- Valley<br>Paula Kay (PK) – HKCC |                   |
|  |  | <u>Absent:</u>    |
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**Meeting commenced at 7pm**

**MINUTES OF MATTERS DISCUSSED**

**President's Report:**

- The Executive Committee members and Committee members for 2023-24 were introduced. List in the report.
  - Roles to be confirmed:
    - Sponsorship/marketing (Liaise with Eva)
    - Social media
    - Beach Netball Convenor (Nov 4)
- Expectations of Committee members were discussed, emphasizing active participation, representing their clubs' views, sharing relevant information, and supporting events.
- A WhatsApp group will be created for clubs not represented in the committee to provide regular updates.

**Executive Committee members 2023-24**

- President (Life Member): Connie Wong
- Secretary (Independent): Christina Yue
- Treasurer (Independent): Cheng Lai Fun
- Vice - President (Complianaces & Policies) (Sonics): Lisa Martin
- Vice - President (Leagues) (HK Football Club): Karin Loram
- Vice - President (Elite and Coaching) (DOGA): Polly Yu

## **Committee members 2023-24**

- Rachel Bryant (Valley) - Netfest Convenor
- Pritty Pampapathi (Valley)
- Marie Farry (HK Football Club)
- Shirley Yuen (SKS) - JNL convenor
- Ursula Holloway (Independent) - Ladies League Convenor
- Hollie Collins (Kowloon)
- Cat Barter (HK Scottish)
- Boris Lai (Mens rep) - Mens League Convenor
- Mel Potgieter (DB Pirates) - Umpiring Convenor (supported by Khan Murray)
- Belle Chan (Shimmer) - Mixed league Convenor
- Paula Kay (HK Cricket Club)

### Roles to be confirmed:

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### Expectations of Committee members

- Attend the meetings, preferred with cameras on, be proactive in discussions, ready to pitch in. We are all volunteers, spread the workload
- You are representing your club's view, share and pass relevant information to your clubs, any concerns, please voice out at the meeting
- Pass on the relevant information to your community - juniors and seniors
- Reach out to your community to support the events, volunteers, sponsorships, logistics support
- Whatsapp group develop for clubs not represented in the committee, Connie will update them after each committee meeting

### **Office Report**

- The Netball Director subvention was approved.
- The LCSD subvention for individual program budgets was secured.
- A stock check was conducted, and supplies were replenished at major venues.
- Venue updates were provided, including information about renovations and availability.
- Progress was made in developing a new website, which will feature club logos, fixtures, results, and upcoming events.

### Grassroots:

- The committee discussed participation in the SportEXPLORE event, aimed at promoting community sports for youth.
- Collaboration with Yew Chung College of Early Education was discussed, with plans to establish a netball club to promote inclusiveness and cross-cultural communications.
- The formation of Love21 teams, which promote inclusiveness and raise awareness of the Down syndrome and autistic communities, was announced.

#### School Programs:

- The committee received the first school request for the HKJC Active School Program.
- There was an increase in inquiries regarding LCSD school programs.
- A development tournament for local schools is scheduled for February 2024.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Netfest is scheduled for September 2 at ABD.
- The Beach Netball Festival (Gay Games - Exhibition) will take place on November 4 at South Beach.
- The committee discussed the Men's Tournament in Singapore, scheduled from November 27 to December 3.
- The HK Four Nations Netball Tournament (women's) is planned for January 10-13, 2024.
- The Challenge Cup is scheduled for January 12-14, 2024.
- A development tournament for local schools is planned for February 2024.
- The Asian Indoor Martial Arts & Games will take place from February 24 to March 5, 2024.
- The committee received an invitation to the Asian Men's Netball Championship (AMNC 3.0) in Malaysia in December 2024.

#### Sponsorships:

- The committee announced sponsorship agreements with Gilbert, 2XU, Pocari, Pro-Health, and Joint-dynamics, which will provide products, prizes, and discounted services.
- Discussions were underway with Mizuno and Brighten Foundation regarding potential sponsorships.
- The committee expressed the need for title sponsors for Netfest, Beach Netball Festival, and Four Nations and requested interested parties to contact Eva.

## **Elite & Coaching Report**

### National Ladies' Squad:

- Regular training sessions were held in July, with an average attendance of 20-24 out of 33 sign-ups.
- The training squad has been opened to non HKSAR-passport holders and will serve as the regular training squad for upcoming international tournaments.
- The Asian Indoor Games have been postponed to February 2024, and the Four Nations tournament will be held in Hong Kong in January 2024.
- Squad trials will be held on August 14, and a fitness test was conducted on August 11.
- The selection panel, consisting of the head coach, President Connie Wong, and an independent selector, Zanna Pienaar, will narrow down the squad to 20-24 players.

### National Men's Squad:

- In preparation for the Singapore Nation's Series in December 2023.
- Squad trials were held on August 5, and a fitness test was conducted on July 29.
- The selection panel, consisting of the head coach, President Connie Wong, and an independent selector, Zane Pienaar, will narrow down the squad to 20-24 players.

### U23:

- Phase 1 of the U23 program will be completed on August 3, with a total of 12 sessions and 2 friendly matches.
- Head coach: Dawn Bishop, assistant coach: Shirley Yuen.

### U21 Youth Team:

- The team participated in the Asian Youth Netball Championships held in South Korea from June 10-17 and secured fourth place out of 11 teams.
- The team was guided by head coach Angela Chan, assistant coach Iris Chan, and team manager Fanny Ho and primary care Hazel Tam.
- Team list provided in the report

### U16 Regional Academy Program:

- Registration for the Island and Kowloon squads closed on July 28, with a total of 126 registrations received (40 Kowloon and 86 Island).
- Pre-trial training sessions will be held on August 5 for Kowloon and August 9 for Island.
- A touring team will be selected from the squad to participate in the International Youth Challenge in Singapore from November 21-28, 2023.

### Coaching:

- Grahame onboard as the Director of Coaching.
- Assistant coaches confirmed for the national squads and U16 program.
- Recruitment for coaching positions resulted in 8 applications.
- Coaching clinic scheduled for August 20, targeting up to 20 participants, including club and team coaches, assistant coaches, and team managers.

### Men's Fast 5 Summer League 2023:

- Four teams of 8-9 male players registered: 9jai, FiveGuys, HKU, SING YIN NETBALL.
- Two rounds of round-robin games have been played in July, and the final will be held on August 20, 10am - 2pm at Shek Kip Mei Park Sports Centre.

### League Convenor Report

- The call for entries for the new season for Ladies League and Mens League will be made on August 2.
- The deadline for entries is August 30.
- It was announced that the Mens' League will be played alongside the Ladies League, with the Mens Division 1 Final scheduled between the LL Division 1 Final and the Premier Final.
- The committee secured HKFC (2 courts), ABD (8 courts), and FH (4 courts) as venues for the league, with some availability limitations.
- The league is set to commence on September 25, and the finals date will be determined once all entries are received.
- The committee discussed new by-laws, including changes in references from HKNA to NHKC and guidelines for defaulting players, transfers, and uniforms.

### A.O.B.

- UH shared the Bylaw updates for the representatives to discuss with their clubs
- CY to share the action items in the group

**Prepared by**

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