

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting Minutes
7:30pm, 13th August 2009
Meeting Room 4, Olympic House, Causeway Bay

Present

Veronica Arnold (VA)
Jenny Chadwick (JC)
Joanne De vries (JD)
Prisca Lam (PL)
Alex Lynch (AL)
Lorraine Pak (LP)
Maggie Leung (ML)
Ivy Wong (IW)
Rosanna Wong (RW)
Brooke Menser (BM)
Carol Chan (CC)

Apologies

1. Last Meeting Minutes

2. Executive Council

- Positions of committee were finalised :

VA

President	Veronica Arnold
Vice President	Jenny Chadwick
Secretary/membership	Prisca Lam
Treasurer	VACANT
Umpiring convenor	Rosanna Wong
League convenor	Alex Lynch
Development convenor	Lorraine Pak
Schools/Universities convenor	Carol Chan
Mixed league convenor	Joanne De vries
Sponsorship/Publicity convenor	Ivy Wong
Equipment/Facilities/Venue convenor	Brooke Menser
Men's League convenor	Maggie Leung

- Opening of Treasurer position
Since Treasurer is still vacant. HKNA will advertise the position to all clubs, or approach a non-netballer to help for the position.
- Representative from HKFC
Representative from HKFC will join the council as a sub-committee member, but HKFC would not have a vote in the council.

3. Treasury Report (see report enclosed)

VA

P & L statement and Balance sheet is submitted and adopted.

4. National / U21 Squads / Coaching (see reports enclosed)

VA

7th Asian Netball Championships

- Reports from manager, coach and physiotherapist, fixture results, and a reply from ANF about umpiring are

submitted.

- VA has sent the ANF reply to Kirsty and waiting for her reply.
- VA will send a letters to congratulate the team.

U21 squad

- Report from the coach is received.
- Due to the concerns about overseas players, HKNA will review the policy about selection of overseas players in next time.
- The council suggested the coach to let the overseas players to join the practice whenever they are in Hong Kong.
- The council will fully support the coach's decision about the final selection about overseas players.

5. Sponsorship / Publicity (see report enclosed)

- Report and annual plan is submitted.
- About the idea of "Sponsorship Package" on the website, IW can ask for help from Connie Wong, who is in charge of the website.
- The council may considered to hire a PR company to do the "Sponsorship package", IW and LP will work together to look for a suitable PR company.
- Due to the budget, a paid position of a full time of "Business Manager" would not be possible for near future.
- Allied Pickford's confirmed to be "Junior League" named sponsor for 2009-2010. Sponsored amount will be around HK\$50-100K.
- IW approached ANZ to be the "Ladies League" named sponsor for 2009-2010. Target sponsored amount will be around \$100-200K. Discussion is in progress.
- Kukri is being negotiated for the Youth Squad's kit. IW will also try to negotiate for the discount of clubs and teams' uniforms.
- The council will train up Alice for the communication with the corporations.

IW

6. Development (see report enclosed)

- Report and annual plan is submitted.
- About the Junior Netball League, some of the council members did not receive information about this junior league. LP will re-send the email out after IW revised the flyer.
- VA suggested looping CC in all the emails that related to schools' matters, and send bilingual email to schools every time.
- LP will further request help from RW for the umpire arrangements in some school tournaments.
- About the annual plan, LP will work with IW to get a PR company, and checked whether HKNA is affordable to pay a PR company.

LP

7. Schools / Universities (see report enclosed)

- Annual plan is submitted.
- VA suggested requiring the players in the Joint University Netball Tournament to register as HKNA members. CC and LP

CC

will consider about this.

8. Ladies League

- A separate meeting will take place and proposal will be sent to council within the next two weeks. **AL/JC**
- LY, JC and AL will get entry forms out this week and any changes to by-laws will be circulated next week

9. League Equipment Facilities(see report enclosed)

JD

- Annual plan is submitted.
- Since LP has checked the kit in Western after the mixed league, JD will check the kit in Aberdeen and HKFC.

10. Umpiring(see report enclosed)

RW

- Report and annual plan is submitted.
- Due to no entry for the Cantonese course, one of the Cantonese courses has changed to English course. As a whole, 3 English courses and 1 Cantonese course will be held.
- About the theory test paper translation, the translated paper which will not be able to use in Sep/Oct courses. RW will communicate with IFNA, and get their approval about the paper translation. It is targeted to implement in next season.
- About the Rules/Umpiring discussion session, IW suggested to open a blog in HKNA website, so that members can share all the inquiries and answers.
- CC suggested setting a topic for each session.
- About umpiring sponsorship, since Allied Pickford's decided to sponsor the junior league, they will not sponsor the umpires this season. But IW will try to re-negotiate.

11. Mixed League(see report enclosed)

BM

- Annual plan is submitted.
- The suggestion of 2 mixed league seasons may need to re-consider, due the problems on venue and holidays.
- Ladies day-time league is proposed, and supported by council members. BM will check the possibility of venues, dates and time.

12. Mens' League

ML

- Annual goal for 2009-2010
Encourage more teams to join the league
Having good communication with the umpiring convenor

- VA suggest to approach the teams earlier because last year no mens' league was held.

13.AOB

Discussion of ANF's objective and 2-year plan will be deferred to next meeting.

Next Meeting is on Tuesday 1st September 2009 in Olympic House.