

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)
Rosanna Wong (RW)
Carol Chan (CC)
Karin Loram (KL)

Apologies

Brooke Menser (BM)
Maggie Leung (ML)
Ivy Wong (IW)

1. Last Meeting Minutes

2. Executive Council

- Opening of Treasurer position **VA**
VA will advertise the position of treasurer early next week.
- Representative from HKFC
Representative from HKFC will join the council as a sub-committee member, and assist for any ac hoc issue, but HKFC would not have a vote in the council.

3. Treasury Report (see report enclosed)

There was a loss in this month; because of no income in August. It will be better next month when the league registration fees are received. **VA**

4. U21 Squads / Coaching (see reports enclosed)

U21 squad

- VA will help CW to contact several ex-Asian youth champ players; Alex Holden, Anna Chadwick and Jessica Boyce, at the end of this week, to check their availability and interest in the squad. **VA**

5. Sponsorship / Publicity

Nil

6. Development

2nd International Youth Sports Challenge 2009

- Date : 28th Nov 2009 – 6th Dec 2009
- Venue : Singapore
- Deadline of application : 16th Oct 2009
- LP suggested to select 10 – 12 U16 players from U14 squad, U16 squad, YATS, and players under age 16 from the Youth Squad, and requested funding from HKNA.
- VA requested LP to submit a written proposal for next **LP**

meeting.

Junior League

- Deadline of application : 9th Oct 2009
- If courts are available, primary school players will be also invited to join the league.
- The junior league is proposed to run 2 separate competitions. 5 weeks in November 2009, and 6 weeks from January to April 2010.

7. Schools / Universities

Nil

8. Ladies League(see report enclosed)

JC/AL

League Updated

Captains' meeting will be held on either 28th, 29th or 30th Sep 2009. AL and KL will check the availability of meeting rooms in Olympic House and HKFC respectively.

Recommended changes to the By-Laws

- The recommended changes are accepted by the committee, except the issue about guesting down in Division 3 and 4. The committee suggested accepting guesting down **within a division** for Division 3 and 4 teams, if the lower team is unable to field **seven** players. Besides, independent team players remain able to guest **within** their division to other independent teams as described in the By-Laws.
- Score sheet should be amended in order to reflect the situation of players who are playing up.

AL

9. League Equipment Facilities

BM/LP

- LP collected the kit bags from Wong Chuk Hang, Aberdeen and Western, while BM collected the kit bag from HKFC.
- LP and BM will meet to sort out this.
- The kit bag in HKFC is mixed up with some stuff from HKFC. It is suggested to have a different bag with a huge tag to avoid mixed up.
- Aberdeen outdoor courts are still under renovation, so far only 4 courts are available. But 16 posts are confirmed.

10. Umpiring(see report enclosed)

RW

- First English course is started, but 2 attendees did not turn up.
- In the future, all applicants will be requested to pay before the start of the course with no refund.

11. Mixed League(see report enclosed)

- JD will check the availability of Aberdeen outdoor courts for the social tournament.

JD**12. Mens' League**

Nil

13. AOB**VA**IFNA Members' Congress

- Scotland has bid to host the next youth championship, and it is proposed to be held in August 2013.
- IFNA rules review – requesting it to be reviewed more frequently.
- IFNA established sub-committees of umpiring, coaching and game.
- Singapore presented the proposal of 2011 World Championship during that meeting.

ANF - Objective and 2-Year Plan

ANF plan was discussed, there would be a lot of focus on China and they are looking at re-establishing the AUTU.

Educational Opportunities

- Nations' CUP Workshops will be held in Singapore on 7th – 10th Dec 2009.
- Deadline of application is 18th Nov 2009.
- VA would like to subsidize 2 umpires, 2 umpiring presenters and 1-2 coaches for this workshop.
- For the coaching workshop, since CW has no interest in this. HKNA would consider to fully funding LP, if she is willing to attend.
- VA will draft a proposal for discussion in next meeting.

Handling of Convenors' contact information

Considering disturbance/confidentiality may be given to convenors, VA will contact all convenors to check what information that HKNA can post on the website.

Email from Sri Lanka

An email from Sri Lanka was received asking to play a HK team in the next 2 months, because they would like to increase their ranking by gaining points. But since HK is not ranked, LP wondered whether they can really gain points from us. VA will contact IFNA checking

for details, and Sri Lanka to make their meaning clear.

Next Meeting is on Tuesday 13th October 2009