

HONG KONG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting Minutes
7:30pm, 13th July 2010
VAs Residence

Present

Veronica Arnold (VA)
Jenny Chadwick (JC)
Iris Chan (IC)
Ellen Flaherty (EF)
Alison McEwen (on behalf of CW – Valley)
Lorraine Pak (LP)
Joanne O'Connor (JO)
Leesa Youl (LY)
Polly Yu (PY)
Shirley Yuen (SY)

Apologies

Jo Reed (JR)
Cara Wallace (CW)

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| 1. | Committee Meeting, Structure/Dates | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly committee meeting dates of the season confirmed: July 13th, 2010 August 10th, 2010 September 7th, 2010 October 5th, 2010 November 2nd, 2010 December 7th, 2010 All on a Tuesday (second on July and August, first thereafter), 7:30pm at HKNA Olympic House office • All committee members are required to notify the President and the Secretary the Friday before the Tuesday meeting for any items and reports to be added on the upcoming meeting's agenda, even if there is nothing to be reported • If a committee member is unable to attend the committee meeting, she needs to send a representative, preferably a convener, to ensure the member is involved and aware, and the information is taken back to the club • Committee members are highly recommended to read the agenda and all reports prior to the meeting, and be open to ask question and give suggestions during the meeting • Draft of the minute should be ready the Friday following the meeting, and get reviewed and approved by the President over the weekend | <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>PY/VA</p> |

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| 2. | Committee Roles/Proposed Roles and Expectations | VA |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact lists circulated and updated • As the job roles of the each committee members are unbalance, in order to even out the workload, some of the committee members will be assigned as an assistant to another • Committee roles confirmed: VA – President JC – Vice President JO – Treasurer PY – Secretary LY – League JR – Mixed League SY – Umpiring CW – Kit and Equipment LP – Development EF – Social Responsibility IC – School/University • Assistant roles confirmed: VA – assisting Umpiring and the National Team JC – assisting League, the President and Umpiring PY – assisting League JR – liaising with the person-in-charge for the men’s league IC – get onto the School Federation Committee; Sponsorship CW – assisting Sponsorship | <p>All All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> |
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| 3. | ANF Report | VA |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANF stands for Asian Netball Federation, consists of the Asian countries including AU • The calendar of the Asian nations was confirmed during the meeting: 2011 – World Netball Championships in SG (July 3rd to 11th) 2012 – Asian Championships for the Opens (TH was asked to host it) 2013 – Asian Youth Championships for the Youth 2014 – Asian Championships for the Opens 2015 – World Netball Championships (AU and UK have put in a bid to host) • WNC – every 4 years AC for Opens – every 2 years AYC – every 2 years | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011 World Netball Championships in SG, 16 teams from 5 regions (Oceania, Europe, Africa, Asia and America) will be qualified to participate, and the hosting country (i.e. SG for 2011 WNC) will always get a place • 2009 Asian Netball Championships held in KL, MY: Top 3s are Sri Lanka, Singapore and Malaysia, so they will be representing Asia to take part in the WNC in 2011 • ANF has adjusted their calendar to coincide within a year of the WNC so that the champions of the AC for Opens will be qualified to be representatives according to the WNC regulations • Championships are basically in June/July/August depending on the hosting country's calendar • AM asked did HK usually participate in these Championships, VA replied yes for the AC for Opens and AYC, and HK used to send teams to the WNC before they have changed to only 16 selected countries could participate • International Umpiring Camp was discussed in the ANF meeting as well, SG have been hosting it and they welcomed other countries to do so, Indian had shown interest in doing one in 2011, HK might do one too during the Tri-Nations which would be discussed further down the agenda • Amendment on the ANF Report: Report 2nd page 3rd paragraph – Manchester OCTOBER (not November) • HK can get support for the Tri-Nation from applying The Net Effect Application from ANF, previous approved funding was £150 each request | |
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| 4. | Ladies League | LY/JC |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tentative dates, will confirm next meeting Entries deadline: Sept 17th Captions' meeting: the week of Sept 27th at Football club Start date of the league: Oct 4th • Team accommodations and movements final decision will involve | |

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| | <p>the committee this year to be fair (just email discussion will be OK but subject to the issues, a meeting may be called upon to settle the matter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venues same as last year plus Western, should be able to accommodate more games, more teams in ample time • Plan to finish the league before Easter • Proposing to have 5 divisions, each with 8 or 9 teams in • LY suggested to discontinue the league during school holiday, maybe a social game could be held that week • VA suggested to start the mixed league earlier so that the mixed league can be lengthen in case we will get many wet weather cancellation like this year • LY/JC are looking into the by-laws and the committee members will review before the next meeting • Clubs preferences on number of teams have been collected during the AGM and the result of roughly 47 teams showed there is really a need to run 5 divisions this year • AM representing Valley was concerned about the frequency of umpiring might be increased but LY assured it would be the same as the number of teams in each division should stay more or less the same • VA suggested to hold the final on a Saturday in a venue which can accommodate lots of spectators as it could attract good publicity and showcasing netball for sponsorship and fundraising, LY said it could be feasible if the venue and clubs availabilities could be confirmed ASAP • EF pointed out this year the wet weather games have delayed the finals, LY replied that a plan would be executed in order to accommodate those situation • LY is going to send the email to the clubs about this idea and let them have a heads-up | <p>LY/JC</p> <p>LY</p> |
| 5. | Treasury Report | JO |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JO reported the AYC funding request to the government had been rejected, but we could still have the money and | |

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| | <p>allocate for other purposes like overseas tours or to the youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The working account cash flow had gone down at the interim • The treasurer needed to work on moving money from one account to another to solve the low cash flow issue in this 3 months period • JO suggested to move \$100k from the deposit accounts, in which we are earning a high interest rate, to the working account, and by September, after collecting around \$300k registration fees from the clubs, we could put the money back to the deposit account • JO assured the low cash flow thing is temporary in the time of the year and HKNA had paid a lot of things in advance • The committee have agreed JO's suggestions to move money from the time deposit account to the working account to solve the temporary cash flow issue | |
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| 6. | Tri Nations | VA |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chose Chinese Taipei and Thailand to form a TriNations because they are developing like HK and having a similar standard with us, and the logistics is more feasible • Both countries have expressed interest, may hold programs during October to December 2011 • Funding may be from the Net Effect from ANF or LCSD, need to keep an eye on the deadline dates for applications • International Umpire Camp could be held during that time, we could make our money back since we could charge the participants, Jacq and Chris are keen to come back and help HK to push the umpiring level to an international one. • Sub-committee consists of VA, LP, SY and PY was formed to take charge of the events, with JC volunteered to give a hand in the umpiring aspect • VA will look into the matter and update in October | |
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| 7. | LCSD | VA |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government body which subsidizes us • Requests have to be made within deadlines and in compliance with the criteria and funding will not always be 100% guaranteed • A report needs to be put out before end of September, which is a budget plan for the programs throughout the whole year in advance, LP will prepare the draft before beginning of September for VA, JC and JO's review • Money got from LCSD will partly be used to pay for the employees of HKNA who are Lorraine, Alice and Connie • VA emphasized the importance of getting funding and sponsorships • LP will talk more about her job duties as a paid employee in HKNA in the next meeting to let the committee know more about the daily operations of HKNA • VA raised the question of getting more than one sponsor for the Indian Youth, and LP replied yes as long as it is not a tobacco or alcohol-related sponsor | <p>LP</p> <p>LP</p> |
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| 8. | Umpiring Report | VA |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCSD subsidized \$50/game for the umpires for the ladies league, but the committee would only pay the badged umpires as it is a drive for the umpires to raise their standard and stated in the by-laws • The umpiring sign-up list for last season is still getting finalized, but once it is confirmed and all the calculations of payment are done, HKNA will write to those umpires and seek for their willingness to donate back the money for the National Team development usage • Cheques will still need to be written and cashed, but the umpires can give the money back to HKNA in cash | |
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| 9. | A.O.B. | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • League registration fee • Proposing: increase by \$50 for all categories | JO |

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| | <p>Whole year [\$550 → \$600] Half year [\$300 → \$350] Youth players [\$175 → \$200] \$25 for youth (under 21) Team deposit from the club [\$550 → \$600]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All these increases will bring approximately \$20k extra money • Last increase in registration fees was three years ago • JO said there could be room to lower the fee the following year if the financial situation got better • Everybody is OK for the increase | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting ended 9.15pm | |
| | <p>NEXT MEETING Tuesday, 10th August 2010 7.30pm Olympic House</p> | <p>ALL</p> |