



香港草地滾球總會 Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association

Minutes of the Council Meeting

管理委員會會議記錄

Date 日期 : 8 March, 2021 二零二一年三月八日
Time 時間 : 7:00 p.m. 下午七時正
Venue 地點 : Hong Kong Football Club 香港足球會

Present Officers 出席執行委員

Vice President (Chairman) Claudius Lam
Vice President Cyril Leung
Vice President Cindy Robinson
Vice President Walter Kwok
Hon. Secretary David Tse
Asst. Hon. Secretary Sandy Sit

Apologies 缺席者

President Vincent Cheung
Vice President Heron Lau
Hon. Treasurer Mike Worth

Present Members 出席委員

ABC Ricky Leung
AWASG Ha Yung Kuen
AYFP Nancy Choi*
CCC Kevin Fung
CdeR William To
CLBC Connie Wong
CLP Szeto Chi
FC Benjamin Chan
GLBC William Wong
HKCC Teresa Yung
HKE Andy Lau
HKFC Terence Lee
HKJC Hanson Ng
HKPBC Charles Leung
HKSAP Alex Ng*
ILBC Patrick Kwok*
IRC Edwin Leung
KBGC Chan Ho Yin
KCC Sarwar Mohamed
KFLBC Stanley Wong*
LBTC Jacky Wong
LCN Steven Lee
PDLBC Simon Yau
SBI Robin Chok
SBSC Queenie Lai
STSA Chong Wai Ho*

TMSA Leo Ng*
USRC Liana Lee*
WISC Tommy Fung

Apologies 缺席者

CELBC Edward Pang
CSD Yau Yim Wai
FPLBA Wivi Kwan
FSLBC Benjamin So
GBLBC Ray Ng
TKOBC James Cheng
TPLBC Chris Tsang
VLBC Kevin Yu
WSC Freud Cheung
YLLBC Eddie Tang

Member In Attendance 列席委員

HKCC Cheung King Ho / Sam Chan
/ Victor Chow / HKYDT Coaching Director Rita Shek
/ Tsui Chuen Pun / HKYDT Coordinator Derek Lee

Official In Attendance 列席職員

Staff Cindy Lau
Staff Howard Poon

會長：張旭峯
President :
Vincent Cheung

副會長(發展)：劉曉昂
Vice President (Development) :
Heron Lau

副會長(聯賽)：梁卓雄
Vice President (National League) :
Cyril Leung

副會長(公開賽)：陳潔瑤
Vice President
(National Championship):
Cindy Robinson

副會長(國際)：郭德和
Vice President (International) :
Walter Kwok

副會長(技術)：林志堅
Vice President (Technical) :
Claudius Lam

義務秘書：謝紀發
Hon. Secretary :
David Tse

助理義務秘書：薛冠美
Asst. Hon. Secretary :
Sandy Sit

義務司庫：王銳富
Hon. Treasurer :
Mike Worth

名譽法律顧問：蔡克剛
Hon. Legal Advisor :
Herbert Tsai

1 ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Having been circulated to all members of the Council of Management, the minutes of the council meeting held on 19 October, 2020 were taken as read, confirmed, and approved.

2 MATTERS ARISING

Nil

3 CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 CCC submitted the CCC Open for sanction. The competition was scheduled for 1-7 November, 2021 at CCC. There being no objection from the floor, the Council of Management approved the application.
- 3.2 The applications for membership by The Veteran Lawn Bowlers Club and Elderly Lawn Bowls Club had been scrutinized by the Hon. Secretary and accepted by the Council of Management.

4 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 4.1 Summary of outstanding payments as at 19 October, 2020 was tabled. On behalf of the Treasurer, the Chairman reminded members to settle the outstanding amounts as soon as possible.

5 NATIONAL LEAGUE

5.1 Premier League 2021

A total of 153 entries had been received, including 99 Men's sides and 54 Women's sides, for the Premier League 2021. They would be grouped into 10 divisions for Men and 5 divisions for Women. The final fixture would be issued on 10 March, 2021 to facilitate members in reserving public greens. The Premier League would commence on 17 April, 2021.

5.2 Ap Lei Chau Sports Centre (ALC)

ALC was designated as one of the vaccination venues. It would not be able to provide bowling greens for at least six months as from February 2021. Thus, the Panel recommended the following special arrangements:

- i. The clubs which had designated ALC as their home green would need to apply for switching to other venues. As the demand for other public greens would be escalated, the Men and Women teams of the same club could even have separate home green. Application for switching to other greens would be on a first come first serve basis.
- ii. The validity period of rescheduled games would be extended if required.

53 **Home Green**

As two more new member clubs would join the Council, members were drawn to their attention on designation of home green in coming years. The League Panel recommended setting up of a mechanism to maximize utilization of each venue. A proposal would be circulated for comment and to be discussed in the next Council Meeting.

6 NATIONAL COMPETITION

- 61 As suggested by YLLBC in the last Council Meeting, the Association would try to centralize rink bookings for indoor competitions. It was agreed that the Association would help reserve in advance two rinks at IE and YCK from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for every Monday and Wednesday. VP (National Championships) remarked that the above administration would be taken as trial, subject to further review by the new panel.
- 62 Consequent upon the rebound of COVID-19 in late November, the Panel had decided to cancel the Knock-out Singles Competition 2020 and centralize the resources on completing the National Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours competitions in order to meet the Finals Day in February.
- 63 2021 National Championship Finals Day – Summer was scheduled for 1 July, 2021. We received four applications from CCC, HKFC, HKCC and KBGC to host the event, and HKCC was duly selected. We thanked CCC, HKFC and KBGC for their applications and continual supports.
- 64 We thanked CCC, FC, HKFC, KBGC, KCC and USRC for providing rinks for the Champion of Champions Championship 2020 to be held in early April 2021. The fixture of the competitions would be issued in due course. Some queries were raised as regards the incumbency of Singles Champion in a club. Consequent upon the impact of the COVID-19, some clubs were not able to organize their Club Champions in 2020. The meeting resolved that, under the circumstances, winners of the year before last should be taken as current champions.
- 65 The National Events Calendar 2021-2022 had been tabled for approval. There being no objection, the Council of Management approved the Calendar.
- 66 HKCC convenor raised their difficulties in compromising with some other member clubs for rescheduled games. The pledged for their cooperation to convince members to work more closely with HKCC competitors relating to selection of dates, times and venues on rescheduled games. VP (National Championships) agreed with HKCC convenor and advised that the subject would be further discussed with the new Panel accordingly.

7 DEVELOPMENT

- 71 Under-25 Age Group Lawn Bowls Championship 2020 & Under-25 Singles Championship 2020 were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 72 LCSD announced on 16 February, 2021 that Ap Lei Chau Sports Centre was closed until further notice. The venue was selected as a vaccination center. Moreover, the Youth Novice Competition 2021 would be postponed to 21 March, 2021 at Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre. A total of thirty-two players would participate and the fixture would be issued accordingly.

8 TECHNICAL

- 81 An umpire training course was rescheduled for April 2021 and the deadline for registration would be deferred to 21 March, 2021. VP (Technical) encouraged councilors to ask their club members to join the training course.
- 82 VP (Technical) updated members on progresses of the future bowling greens as follows:
- 8.2.1 The Hong Kong Buddha Association was still under tender.
- 8.2.2 The bowling green of new Police Officers' Club would open in June 2021.
- 8.2.3 A commercial green of SBI in Mei Foo was inaugurated. After inspection and trials, HKLBA approved it to be used for the competitions organized by HKLBA. As the green was constructed for commercial purposes, HKLBA would not involve in any negotiation between member clubs and SBI relating to change of home green etc.

9 INTERNATIONAL

- 91 VP (International) reported that High Performance Coach Les Carter had completed his second term in Hong Kong, which lasted for about two and a half months by February. His next trip to Hong Kong would depend on the travelling situation between Hong Kong and Australia. In the meantime, he had been keeping in touch with the National Coach Bernard Leung.
- 92 The selection process of Hong Kong, China Squad 2021-22 Recruitment had resumed on 6 March after the re-opening of greens. The selection process would be completed on 15 March, and the provisional players list would be submitted to the Council for sanction.
- 93 On behalf of Procurement Panel, the Hon. Secretary reported that a procurement exercise for Hong Kong, China Squad physical training had been sent out for tendering. As the amount of the services would likely exceed \$200,000, approval from the Council would be required once a tender was successfully selected. As timing might be tight for the new contract to immediately follow the expiry of existing contract, relevant documents would be circulated to members for their scrutiny if required, in order to facilitate members' sanction in next Council meeting. VP (International) supplemented that the regular training had been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Physical training could commence for the new Hong Kong, China Squad after a new contract was signed with a successful service provider, but it was not considered as urgent.
- 94 The Chairman reported that Lawn Bowls had been put into the China National Games as one of the competing sports. It was the good news for Hong Kong and we would compete with the Chinese bowlers with different provinces.

10 DISCIPLINARY PANEL

Nil

11 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL BOWLS CLASSIC & CLASSIC CARNIVAL 2021

- 11.1 The details would be updated in the next Council Meeting.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 121 Club de Recreio proposed to host a memorial cup for the late bowler Ms. Angela Chau. Since a Mixed Fours Competition had already been sponsored by another bowler, it was agreed with CdeR that the memorial cup would be arranged as a Mixed Triples Competition. There being no objection from members, the Council of Management approved the proposed memorial cup.
- 122 Enrolment of new members for six new Panels had been completed and proposed for sanction by members of the Council. There being no objection from the floor, these new Panels were duly approved to serve HKLBA in 2021-22.
- 123 As regards the participation of Youth Novice Competition, TMSA enquired whether the policy had been changed to allow members of the Hong Kong Youth Development Team (HKYDT) to take part this year while it was not so in the past. Some parents reflected that the disparity in performance between HKYDT players and other young novice players was too obvious to ensure compatibility and interest. As VP (Development) was absent, the Chairman undertook to pass the subject to him for further elaboration in the next meeting.
- 124 KCC convenor questioned if the mask wearing policy could be dispensed with during competition, especially for elderly players and players with health issues. The Chairman opined that it might not be the right time to uplift the requirement, as the pandemic had not been contained properly to date. Therefore, HKLBA would continue to comply with the requirements imposed by LCSD. The Hon. Secretary supplemented that private clubs would normally receive similar requirements directly from the Home Affair Bureau, and that they should follow them accordingly if they were different from HKLBA requirements or LCSD regulations.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 131 The next meeting of Council of Management would be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday 19 April, 2021 at CCC tentatively.
- 132 Forthcoming Meetings in 2021

Date	Venue
19 April, 2021	CCC (T.B.C.)
31 May, 2021	KCC
12 July, 2021	IRC (T.B.C.)
23 August, 2021	FC (T.B.C.)
4 October, 2021	USRC
8 November, 2021	HKFC
13 December, 2021	CdeR (T.B.C.)