



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

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Minutes of the Council of Management Meeting 管理委員會會議記錄

Date: 25 April, 2022 日期: 二零二二年四月二十五日
Time: 7:00 p.m. 時間: 下午七時正
Venue: Jockey Club Lecture Theatre 地點: 賽馬會演講廳

Present Officers 出席執行委員

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

Apologies 缺席者

Vice President Heron Lau
Vice President Cindy Robinson
Hon. Treasurer Vacant

Present Members 出席委員

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CCC David Tso
CLBC Connie Wong
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FC Benjamin Chan
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HKFC Esmond Lee
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KBGC Alfred Pang
KCC Bob Mehta
SBSC Queenie Lai
STSA Eva Hui
TVLBC Victor Chow
USRC Annie Yeung
WISC Tommy Fung

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CdeR William To
CELBC Edward Pang
CLP Szeto Chi
CSD Yau Yim Wai
FPLBA Wivi Kwan
FSLBC Benjamin So
GBLBC Chung Kin Wah
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HKSAP Alice Lee
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LBTC Jacky Wong
LCN Steven Lee
PDLBC Simon Yau
SBI Robin Chok
TKOBC James Cheng
TMSA Leo Li
TPLBC Patrick Lo
VLBC Kevin Yu
WSC Freud Cheung
YLLBC Eddie Tang

Member In Attendance 列席委員

HKYD Coaching Director Rita Shek
LCN Tsui Chuen Pun

Official In Attendance 列席職員

Staff Cindy Lau
Staff Monzi Wong

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Vice President (International):
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Mike Worth

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Hon. Legal Advisor:
Herbert Tsoi

1 ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Having been circulated to all members of the Council of Management, the minutes of the council meeting held on 13 December, 2021 were taken as read, confirmed, and approved.

2 MATTERS ARISING

- 21 The Chairman reported that the production of the windbreaker was on going, and members of the Council would be kept posted of the progress accordingly.

3 CORRESPONDENCE

- 31 The Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled informed HKLBA that their Association would change their name to Hong Kong Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (HKSAPD) with effect from 1 April, 2022
- 32 Consequent upon the development of COVID-19 pandemic, YLLBC requested to postpone their VIATRIS Triple Lawn Bowls Invitational Tournament. The competition would be re-scheduled for 2 May, 9 May, 4 June and 5 June, 2022 at Filipino Club for grouping matches and then Yuen Chau Kok or Tai Po or Ap Lei Chau for Round of 16 to Final matches.
- 33 HKLBA received an invitation from Bowls Australia, requesting us to send Hong Kong, China Squad to participate in their 2023 Multi Nations Event. Details of the event were as follows:

Date: 25 – 31 March, 2023

Venue: Gold Coast, Australia

Discipline: Eight (Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours with Men's and Women's Team)

4 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 41 Upon the demise of Mr. Mike Worth, the post of Honorary Treasurer would become vacant. The President recommended that owing to the relatively short span of time, it would be more practical to leave the position vacate until the next Officers' Election in October, 2022. Meanwhile, all matters relating to our finance would be taken up by the President and the Vice-president (Technical). There being no objection from the floor, the councilors approved the above recommendation.
- 42 The summary of outstanding payments as at 25 April, 2022 was tabled to all councilors. The President noticed some overdue payment. He instructed those clubs whose payments were overdue for more than 120 days should settle their account as soon as possible.

5 NATIONAL LEAGUE

5.1 Triples League 2021

- 5.1.1 Owing to the pandemic situation and closure of bowling greens, the League panel recommended to cancel the Triples League 2021 and expunge the results thereof. No teams would be promoted or relegated, hence the allocation of teams in different divisions would be premised upon the results of Triples League 2018. Consequently, prizes would not be awarded but entry fees would be refunded to all clubs. Also, HKLBA office would assist to contact LCSD for the public venues' refund

arrangement. There being no further comment from councillors, the above recommendations would be taken effect immediately.

52 Premier League 2022

5.2.1 The final fixture in version 4 was issued and the Premier League commenced on 23 April 2022 as per scheduled. SBI had withdrawn one men's and one women's B sides, but the fixture would not be revised. The opponents who play against SBI – B side would get a bye. There were a few changes in the fixture this year, of which the games in public and private venues were fixed in advance; hence it was not necessary for self-arrangement by clubs.

53 Payment arrangement in LCSD venues

5.3.1 Owing to the enforcement of LCSD booking policy, HKLBA would settle the public greens payment at VP, TKO, SLY and YCK for the respective clubs and issue the debit notes to them accordingly.

5.3.2 All clubs were reminded to observe the Condition of Use of LCSD facilities and be present during the use of the assigned sessions in public green. Violation of the above rule twice would lead to cancellation of the continued booking or immediate termination of the hiring facilities. Furthermore, two defaulted cases in twelve months could result in suspension of the priority status for one year.

54 Amendment of Bye-laws

5.4.1 As most of the clubs did not support the "Preferred day for postponed games", the league panel recommended to remove this restriction in future rescheduling offers.

6 NATIONAL COMPETITION

As VP (National Championship) was out of town, VP (Technical) reported on her behalf the followings:

61 Knock-out Singles 2021, Champion of Champions Championship 2021 and Aitkenhead Fours 2022

6.1.1 The Knock-out Singles 2021, Champion of Champions Championship 2021 and Aitkenhead Fours 2022 were cancelled due to stringent social distancing measures and closures of all sports venues till 20 April.

62 Indoor Pairs Competition 2021

6.2.1 Outstanding games would be played at their soonest opportunities, whereas Semi-final & Final were rescheduled for 3 June, 2022.

63 Mixed Pairs Competition 2022 and Novice Singles Competition 2022

6.3.1 It would be resumed on Tuesday 3 May, 2022 and on Thursday 5 May, 2022 accordingly.

64 Indoor Singles Championship 2022

6.4.1 It would be resumed on Thursday 21 April, 2022.

65 National Championship Finals Day – Summer

6.5.1 It would be rescheduled for 7 August, 2022. Invitation to host the Finals Day would be sent to all private Clubs shortly.

66 National Singles and National Pairs 2022

6.6.1 To ensure that the National Singles could be completed in good time before any overseas events, the Panel decided to start the National Singles before the National Pairs.

67 The Golden Bowl Lawn Bowls Competition 2022

6.7.1 It would be rescheduled for November 2022 so as to release more time for the first half of the season.

68 Weekday Fours Competition 2022

6.8.1 Fixture would be issued shortly.

69 Drawing of Fixture

6.9.1 The National Championships Panel agreed to apply the random drawing method across all mid-week competitions in knock-out format. The full fixture would be randomly drawn (including semi-finals) before the start of each competition.

6.10 "Bowler of the Year" Award - System Review

6.10.1 With the decoupling of Hong Kong China, Squad selection from the Bowler of the Year (BOTY) system, the National Championships Panel conducted a review and recommended the inclusion of Knock-out Singles and 2-4-2 Pairs competition to the BOTY system with immediate effect. Email was sent on 23 March, 2022 for comment. It would be included in the bye-laws version 18.

7 **DEVELOPMENT**

VP (International) reported on behalf of VP (Development) on the followings:

7.1 Australian Open

7.1.1 High Performance Committee decided to send four Youth Development Team members to participate in the Australian Open (age of under 18 category) in June 2022, subject to final approval on Hong Kong Sports Institute funding.

7.2 Youth Development Team Training

7.2.1 The Youth Development Team was allowed to resume training after 10 May 2022, and the first training day would be on 11 May 2022.

8 **TECHNICAL**

8.1 VP (Technical) reported that programmes under LCSD subvention would be resumed from June. The Umpire Training Course would commence in June and application forms would send to clubs for their members to enroll.

82 Update for the Bowling Greens

- 8.2.1 The carpet surface in Victoria Park (VP) was bulged due to prolong period of closure. Repair would be necessary if the condition remained unchanged. Repair for rink 9 would commence from November, 2022. New cabinets for home green clubs were installed in the store room. Clubs were requested to remove their foldable tables from the store room if they were no longer in use.
- 8.2.2 The renovation of the Tai Po Waterfront Park would be completed in June. The home green clubs would reschedule their league games after June.
- 8.2.3 The completion of the Tai Po Sports Centre (Tung Cheong Street) would be deferred till end of this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 8.2.4 CLP was required to reschedule their league games to other venues, as the CLP bowling green was a critical infrastructure of the company under the epidemic.
- 8.2.5 The indoor green of the Hong Kong Buddhist Association was expected to be completed in 2023. Their Association had acquired grants from the Main Fund of Sir David Trench Fund.
- 8.2.6 As advised by the YLLBC convenor, Mr. Eddie Tang, the plan for building an indoor bowling green in Tin Shui Wan had been approved by the District Board.
- 8.2.7 The schedule for the bowling green in Kai Tak Sports Park remained unchanged. It was expected to be completed in 2024.
- 8.2.8 VP (Technical) would like to seek approval from councilors in respect of the amendment of bye-laws (Version 18). Mr. William Wong of GLBC expressed that it was difficult for councillors to identify the changes in this new edition. After further deliberation, VP (Technical) withdrew his motion and undertook to highlight all changes of the new edition for easy reference to the old edition. The subject would be carried forward to the next Council Meeting.

9 INTERNATIONAL

- 91 Regular training of the National Squad would resume after 11 May, 2022.
- 92 Current term of the National Squad members would be terminated by end of 2022. After checking the attendance rate of the Squad members, two warning letters had been issued and one Squad member was directed to quit the team due to poor attendance rate. Application for new members was launched in January for a term starting from 2022 to 2023. This two-year term was able to fit into the World Bowls Championships to be held in September 2023. Depending on their performance and intention, individual current Squad member would also be invited to remain in the Squad.
- 93 Mr. Arthur Lam (National Squad member) and Ms. Gloria Ha (Youth Development Team member) participated in the 2022 World Bowls Indoor Championships. VP (Technical) would share the link on Facebook for bowlers to follow with the event.
- 94 The contract for providing physical fitness training service to the National Squad was approved by the Council. The current service provider, Angus Aesthetics Company, had successfully acquired the contract and would continue to provide the service this year.

10 DISCIPLINARY PANEL

- 10.1 The investigation on the misconduct of Mr. Jacky Wong and LBTC was completed on 28 March, 2022 and the report with recommended disciplinary actions had been issued to all councilors for comment on 2 April, 2022. Nil comment was received on or before 14 April, 2022. Still, the issue was further deliberated in the meeting and subsequently the Council accepted the investigation report, together with its findings, conclusions and recommendations. Thus, the disciplinary actions against Mr. Jacky Wong and the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Training Centre would take immediate effective.
- 10.2 As regards the litigation filed by Ms. Vivian YIP of CCC against HKLBA and the President, we were advised that the plaintiff requested to amend her accusation statement. As per advised by our Counsel, we rejected the plaintiff's request. Besides, our counsel also advised us that including the pre-trial review and possible 6-8 days hearing at the High Court, the legal cost would be around \$660,000. Premised upon this calculation, the Chairman solicited approval from councilors an additional funding of \$750,000 for the litigation. It was unanimously approved by the Council of Management.

11 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL BOWLS CLASSIC & CLASSIC CARNIVAL 2022

- 11.1 The Hong Kong International Bowls Classic & Classic Carnival 2022 would most likely be cancelled this year.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1 Hon. Secretary reported that SF&OC Corporate Governance Team were conducting reviews on every National Sports Association in respect of their corporate governance. A report had been issued to us for improvement on this subject. He also advised the Council that we were required under the Law to convert the Memorandum and Articles of the Association into an Articles of Association, incorporating subjects on corporate governance, integrity management and internal controls. In view of the complexity in completing the subject, it would be outsourced to the professional service provider to complete the task.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 13.1 The next meeting of Council of Management would be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday 6 June, 2022 at KCC (To be confirmed).
- 13.2 Forthcoming Meetings in 2022-2023

Date	Venue
6 June, 2022	KCC
18 July, 2022	CCC (T.B.C.)
29 August, 2022	USRC
10 October, 2022	HKFC
21 November, 2022	FC
9 January, 2023	CdeR