

# THE HONG KONG HOCKEY ASSOCIATION WOMEN'S SECTION (HKHAWs)

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Date : 11 June 2018 (Monday)  
 Time : 7:30 p.m.  
 Venue : King's Park Conference Room

**Attendance :**

Rhona Barr	(RB)	Chairwoman
Noel Chau	(NC)	Vice Chairwoman
Snowy Yii	(SY)	Hon. Treasurer
Leela Patel	(LP)	Grounds & Fixtures Secretary
Heather Galbraith	(HG)	Committee Member
Lindsay Lyons	(LL)	Hon. Secretary
Lynsey Edgar	(LE)	Registrar
Kitty Yau	(KY)	Umpires Secretary

**Absent with apologies :**

Kathy Chan	(KC)	Committee Member
Kay Bayliss	(KB)	Committee Member
Jane Farrelly	(JF)	Committee Member
Mari Chow	(MC)	Committee Member
Moka Mok	(MM)	Committee Member
Christine Wood	(CW)	Committee Member
Eunice Tong	(ET)	Committee Member

**In attendance :** Bonnie Yeung

Item	Discussion	Action
<b>1</b>	<b><u>Attendance and apologies</u></b>	
<b>1.1</b>	Antlers Pauline Yip CDR Joyce Lam CDR Tiffany Au-Yeung Coyotez Jasper Chan DHC Liesbeth Van Der Zee Elite Mok Tsz Oon Ewis Yanice Wong HKCC Gen Rowe HKCC Sophie Lau HKFC Sophie Lindsay HKFC Xinyao Liu HKFC Leigh Cummings HKFC Ashley Man HKFC Heather Deayton HKFC Lynsey Edgar HKFC Rhona Barr HKU Karina Lam KCC Heather Galbraith KCC Eva Thometz Shaheen Kitty Yau Shaheen Noel Chau Valley Leela Patel	

	<p>Valley Lindsay Lyons  Vets Catriona Gourlay  Vets Julie Hoare</p> <p>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 1940hrs.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Minutes of Previous AGM</u></b>	
<b>2.1</b>	Minutes of the HKHAWS AGM held on 19 June 2017 were proposed by Leela Patel (LP) and seconded by Snowy Yui, Sui Suet (SY).	
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Chairwoman's Report</u></b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<p>RB noted that her report had been circulated prior to the AGM and confirmed that she was to step down as Chairwoman after three years, however was sure that LP would do a great job. RB noted that much of her report was the presentation of ideas and stated that feedback was welcome.</p> <p>HKHAWS had tried to shorten the season, apart from the Knockout Cup, which had to tie in with the Men's Section schedule. Regarding promotion and relegation, RB noted that the Committee had looked at the results in detail and had noted a clear split in most divisions. HKHAWS was looking at divisions of 10 teams and getting rid of division 5, as it made sense to condense the leagues and have teams of similar standards playing in the same divisions.</p> <p>Regarding 5-aside tournaments, HKHA has the proper boards, however was looking at the logistics of moving them around Hong Kong for tournaments. Youth teams attended the Youth Olympic Games qualifiers, therefore needed practice games and HKHA has discussed whether funding might be available from SF&amp;OC to run a 5's tournament from March to June.</p> <p>The Women's National Squad won the Asian Challenge and qualified for the Asian Games, coming runners up in the Asian Games Qualifiers with some really good results. The Squad is being sent overseas for tournaments, while Women's Section has been trying to send the youth teams overseas for experience and now has some players promoted to playing or training with the senior squad. RB thanked Arif Ali and Amy Lip for their efforts with the Squad on and off the pitch.</p> <p>RB noted that HKHAWS was restructuring, with many administrative roles moving online, and the Committee would be slimmed down from 15 to 12 members. RB recommended that the WS and MS committees align and noted that the office staff was being restructured to take responsibility for League or National Squad rather than MS / WS. Funding would be centralized under HKHA Council rather than split between MS and WS. Separate committees for MS, WS, P&amp;D and Vets would be scrapped, with Council in overall charge and mixed subcommittees being appointed for League and Squads etc. RB felt that this move should make HKHA more efficient, but noted that feedback was welcome.</p> <p>RB thanked the office staff for their help in running the HKHAWS league and Squads during the year.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Grounds and Fixtures</u></b>	

<p>4.1</p>	<p>LP noted that her report had been circulated prior to the AGM. LP noted that more teams had registered than ever and more matches had been scheduled. LP noted that WS had done its best to keep the season compact and feedback would be kept in mind when scheduling 2018-2019. The only 1-day tournament included in the schedule was the 5-aside. LP thanked HKFC for the loan of equipment for the 5-aside tournaments.</p>	
<p>4.2</p>	<p>LP recommended that the full fixtures for 2018-2019 be issued before the start of the season, aiming for a consistency of standard and number of matches across all divisions. LP thanked everyone for their patience and cooperation, stressing that it was very difficult to entertain individual requests for schedule changes.</p>	
<p>5 5.1</p>	<p><b><u>Umpires</u></b>  KY noted that her report had been circulated prior to the AGM. KY noted that HKHAWS had set up a requirement for a set number of umpires per team, however some teams were unable to comply and KY expressed her hope that this would improve. There had been an increase in the number of registered umpires, however some were not satisfying the Umpires' Section requirement of a minimum number of games. The requirement to provide female umpires had been extended to Division 2 and KY noted that it would be up to the new Committee to decide whether this requirement should be extended to Division 3.</p> <p>KY thanked the office staff, especially Janice, for their help and also thanked the male and female umpires who carried out many of the appointed duties.</p> <p>LE queried if both beginner courses would be open to every one (male and female??)  RB explained that all umpiring courses were run by HKHAUS.</p>	
<p>6 6.1</p>	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b>  SY noted that her report had been circulated prior to the AGM. In general, SY noted that with 50 teams in the league, cash flow had been quite positive, which meant HKHAWS had sufficient funding to send the senior squad to training camps and overseas competitions. Coaching costs and pitch fees were funded by Government, while the Government's team only sports fund was very helpful additional monthly funding for players. SY noted that HKHAWS had also subsidized female candidates to attend FIH Coaching and Umpiring courses during the season. RB noted that HKHAWS had agreed to send one umpire and one coach per year to FIH training and also noted that Government would increase funding if the squad performs well at the Asian Games.</p>	
<p>7 7.1</p>	<p><b><u>Bye-Laws</u></b>  LP asked if there were any queries on the proposed Bye Law changes, which were intended to align WS with MS and also slim down the number of Committee members. There were no objections from the floor.</p>	
<p>8 8.1</p>	<p><b><u>HKHAWS Committee 2018-2019</u></b>  RB noted that as the Bye-Law changes had been approved, the Committee was full, given the valid nominations received by the deadline.</p> <p>There were two new members coming on to committee, Eva Thometz rejoining and Matilda Zarrella as secretary.</p>	

<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>9.1</b></p> <p><b>9.2</b></p> <p><b>9.3</b></p> <p><b>9.4</b></p> <p><b>9.5</b></p> <p><b>9.6</b></p> <p><b>9.7</b></p>	<p><b><u>Questions from the Floor</u></b></p> <p>Dutch asked how they could raise comments – RB suggested that during the season, queries be raised over a coffee as easier to resolve that way.</p> <p>Dutch noted that queries especially related to fines being raised for requests to reschedule, even when the reschedule had not been granted. LE noted that a cheque should be received before a request to reschedule is even considered.</p> <p>Dutch queried whether HKHAWS would consider making online financial transactions available. RB responded that she had requested this numerous times. Dutch stated that MS was already using online transactions.</p> <p>Bonnie noted that the HKHA treasurer did not recommend online payments as the office has to keep a close eye on P&amp;D payments. KL noted that HKHA was working on using PayPal, but still working out how to do the financial reporting. Until a SHROFF number was in place, this was proving difficult to do.</p> <p>HKCC queried why fines were different for MS and WS, particularly for late submission of the match card. RB stated that this matter should be resolved when MS and WS were operating under a combined committee.</p> <p>Heather Deayton noted that the 5-aside tournament was great, although the timing could have been better, and that the tournaments were much better run this season. She suggested that HKHAWS look at a ‘man with van’ solution to move the boards around so that they can be used regularly and taken into schools etc.</p> <p>RB suggested that for 2018-2019, the number of teams should be submitted by the end of June, with registration required by end of July – this represented a month earlier than previous seasons to allow time to review divisions and get feedback.</p> <p>HD suggested that 8 to 10 ball girls would be ideal for Holland Cup final. RB noted that in the past the junior squads had been asked to do this, but this year they were short of numbers. HD also commented on the fact that female umpires had been used and noted the professional looking prize table.</p>	
<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>10.1</b></p>	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>KL proposed a vote of thanks to RB, particularly for the year just gone when there were new staff to train and additional pressures due to Asian Games preparation. KL also thanked LL for her contributions, noting that she would be leaving Hong Kong.</p>	
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b><u>Awards</u></b></p>	
	<p><b><u>League</u></b></p> <p>Premier League - Winners Premier Championship - Kitty Yau Trophy HKFC A  Premier - Runners Up Brenda Smith Trophy Valley A  R1 1st Division - Winners Esra Abraham Cup HKFC C  R1 1st Division - Runners Up Southorn Cup Dutch A  R2 1st Division - Winners Chris Fraser Memorial Cup HKFC C  R2 1st Division - Runners Up Association Cup HKFC D  2nd Division - Winners Luddington Trophy Antlers A</p>	

	<p>2nd Division - Runners Up Conway Cup HKCC B  3rd Division - Winners Carter Cup Phoenix A  3rd Division - Runners Up Averil Waters Trophy Skyers B  4th Division - Winners Hughes Cup Ewis A  4th Division - Runners Up Deayton Cup HKU  5th Division - Winners Shaheen Cup HKFC H  5th Division - Runners Up Arissa Cup HKCC C</p> <p><b><u>Knock-out Tournaments</u></b>  Holland Cup Holland Cup HKFC A  Knockout Cup Gremlins Cup HKFC C  Knockout Plate Gremlins Plate Shaheen A  Knockout Bowl Chairman's Bowl Ewis A  Knockout Saucer Chairman's Saucer HKCC C</p> <p><b><u>5 a-side Tournament</u></b>  Premier Division - Winners Glancy Cup HKFC A  1st Division - Winners E M Gray Cup HKFC C  2nd Division - Winners Littlefair Cup Recreio A  3rd Division - Winners The Jean Field Cup Skyers B  4th Division - Winners Therese Thomas Cup Valley D  5th Division - Winners Amanda Lowe Memorial Cup HKFC H</p> <p><b><u>Player Awards</u></b>  Premier Player's Choice Award Sophie Lindsay  Premier Top Scorer Leigh Francis Cumings  Most Improved GoalKeeper Liu Xinyao  Most Promising Junior Player Anna Francis Chiu Aiello  Most Outstanding Player Chan Ching Nam  Service to Hockey Rhona Barr  Top Scorer Outside the Premier Man Lai Ching Ashley</p>	

**Date:**

*Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting:*