

1 ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Having been circulated to all members of the Council of Management, the minutes of the council meeting held on 21st November, 2022 were taken as read, confirmed, and approved.

2 MATTERS ARISING

NIL

3 CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 HKLBA received tournament invitation from Yuen Long Lawn Bowling Club (YLLBC). The tournament would be held at the Filipino Club on 21st March. Semi-finals and finals would be held at Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre.
- 3.2 SF&OC required all national sports association to add the word “China” into the name of their associations by 28th December, 2023. The Hon. Secretary reported that the subject would be discussed in Officers Meeting.
- 3.3 The Hon. Secretary reported that the Articles of the Association (AoA) would likely be held up due to changing of the Association’s name. We would coordinate with the Hong Kong Institute of Directors to ensure that the two issues would be handled properly. LCN enquired about the roles of members under the new AoA. The Hon. Secretary addressed that the roles of members would not be changed apart from the administration of the Council. The President pointed out that members should review AoA again after return from our consultant.

4 TREASURER’S REPORT

- 4.1 The summary of outstanding payments was tabled to all councilors. The Treasurer reported that although improvement was noted, there were still some overdue payments borne by our members. He reminded those clubs whose payments were overdue for more than 120 days had to settle their account as soon as possible.
- 4.2 As requested by LCSD, we had to set up a discrete bank account for administration of LCSD reserves. The Hon. Treasurer hoped the new bank account could be set up as soon as possible.
- 4.3 The Treasurer reported that we needed to purchase a new accounting software to replace Excel for the next financial year. The procurement of new software would undergo standard procurement procedures.

5 NATIONAL LEAGUE

5.1 Premier League 2023

The final fixture for Premier League 2023 would tentatively be issued this week. Those clubs with home green on public green had to submit their green bookings and pay the green fees directly to LCSD.

5.2 League Panel Review

The CoM had conducted a discussion on the format of league games in 2013. Thereafter, the current format had been adopted for over 10 years. The League panel proposed to conduct another review. Findings and recommendations would be circulated to councilors for comments, then to decide if a change would be required. VP (National League) reported that the bowling greens in Kai Tak Sports Park which was expected to be open in 2023.

6 NATIONAL COMPETITION

VP (National Championship) reported the followings:

6.1 Provision of Rinks

We would like to thank the following Clubs for hosting the semi-finals between November and December 2022:

FC	(Men's National Triples)
USRC	(Women's National Triples)
CCC	(Men's 242 Pairs)
KBGC	(Women's 242 Pairs)

We would like to thank the following Clubs for hosting Women's Knock-out Single Competition 2022:

CCC
CdeR
FC
HKFC
KBGC
KCC (Head quarter)

We would hold Men's Knock-out Single this month.

6.2 National Championship Calendar 2023-2024

National Championship Calendar 2023-2024 was tabled for approval. VP (National Championships) reported that some foreign teams would participate our events as COVID-19 situation was improving. The highlight was 2023 Hong Kong International Bowls Classic Singles Qualifying which was in half-way during the League. VP (National Championships) hoped that 2023 Hong Kong International Bowls Classic Carnival and 2023 Hong Kong International Bowls Classic would be held as scheduled.

LCN expressed their concern that semi-finals and finals were always held at private clubs. It would be unfair to public clubs because of home advantage. He suggested that these games should also be held at public greens. The subject would be kept in view by the National Championships Panel.

7 DEVELOPMENT

7.1 Youth novice competition 2023 would be held at Ap Lei Chau Sports Centre on 26th March (Day 1) and Yuen Chau Kok Sports Center on 2nd April 2023 (Day 2). The entry would start this week and deadline on 6th February, 2023.

8 TECHNICAL

NIL

9 INTERNATIONAL

- 9.1 According to athletes' performance of development and training programs in Japan and Malaysia, the High Performance Committee had decided the players lists for Asia Lawn Bowls Championships and the 2023 Multi Nations. The Council agreed and sanctioned the above lists accordingly.
- 9.2 The current Hong Kong Squad comprised 17 Male and 18 Female players. Recruitment for replacement may be arranged.
- 9.3 Lawn Bowls was under Tier B funding of Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI). HKSI would review their elite vote support system again for allocating fund up to 2025. They would consider the results obtained between 2021 and 2024. Two silver medals (World Bowls Indoor Championships and Junior World Championships) would probably be an advantage for us to stay in Tier B.

10 DISCIPLINARY PANEL

- 10.1 Reference discharge of the legal case of Vivian Yip vs HKLBA & the President, we would update members about our claims in March 2023.

11 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL BOWLS CLASSIC & CLASSIC CARNIVAL 2023

- 11.1 The Hong Kong International Bowls Classic & Classic Carnival 2023 would be held this year. This would help us to arrange the 2025 World Bowls Championships.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NIL

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 13.1 The next meeting of Council of Management would be held on Monday, 13th March, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at IRC.
- 13.2 Forthcoming Meetings in 2023

Date	Venue
13th March, 2023	IRC
8th May, 2023	USRC
19th June, 2023	HKCC
31st July, 2023	KCC
18th September, 2023	CCC
30th October, 2023	IRC
27th November, 2023	HKFC