

Hong Kong Water Sports CouncilMinutes of the 26th Executive Committee held on 10th April 2019 at 8:30 am
in the Bistro, RHKYCPresent

Raymond Ma Siu Wing	(RM)	Chairman
Johnnie C K Chan	(JC)	Vice-Chairman
Mike Tanner	(MT)	Vice-Chairman
Ron Yeung	(RY)	Company Secretary
Chloe Lam	(CL)	Assistant to TW
Mike Arnold	(MA)	Board Secretary

Absent with apologies

Terence Wan	(TW)	Hon Treasurer
MK Lau	(MK)	Honorary Executive Director

Action**1.0 Confirmation of Agenda**

- 1.1 The Committee agreed the revised draft agenda, which had been issued on Monday, 8 April 2019.

2.0 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 25th Meeting held on 4th March 2019

- 2.1 The Minutes were confirmed without amendment.

3.0 Matters Arising from 25th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) and the 19th Board of Directors meeting (BDM) held on 13th March 2019

- 3.1 Para 3.1 of EC Meeting with Hon Ma Fung-kwok: The Committee proposed two dates for the meeting with Hon Ma, namely, 8 May or 22 May. JC then contacted Hon Ma's Office and it was agreed with Hon Ma's PA that the meeting should be held at lunchtime on Wednesday, 8 May 2019. The Committee agreed that the topics to be raised with Hon Ma should be the permanent site proposed for the East Kowloon Water Sports Centre at the northern end of the Kai Tak Approach Channel, the Fire Station site, use of the Wanchai Cargo Handling Area, and the possible incorporation of a dinghy sailing and other water sports centre in the proposed dining cove area of the future Kai Tak Sports Park. All
- 3.2 Para 3.2 of EC and 4.4 of BDM Application to IRD for charitable status: The Committee noted that the Board had agreed to make the deletions to the Trust document suggested by the Hon Legal adviser, Vitus Leung, and that the latter had subsequently advised that because he was then busy with other matters, he would submit the revised document to IRD. MA
MK

as soon as practicable. The Committee agreed to kiy matters for the time being.

- 3.3 Para 3.4 of EC and 2.1 of BDM: RY reported that he had reported the change of Board Directors to the Companies Registry following the Board's decision to appoint Mr Raymond Lo to the Board to replace Dr Luk, who had tendered his resignation,
- 3.4 Para 3.3 of EC and 4.1 and 5.1 of BDM Update on Kai Tak Fire Station site – East Kai Tak Water Sports Centre (EKTWSC): MT reported that the Council had fulfilled all the technical requirements raised by the DLO and other government departments as regards the STT. The Committee agreed that Ian Brownlee could approach the DLO to say that the HKWSC was content with the draft conditions of grant, subject to the formal approval of the Board of Directors to the final grant conditions. (Note: the District Land Conference, where the STT is approved, can still require changes to the conditions in giving its approval). Ian Brownlee would also ask the DLO for the likely date of the District Land Conference where the grant of the STT would be considered. MT went on to advise that the draft grant conditions required certain site works to be completed within specific timeframes following the granting of the site. He proposed to raise these and other matters at the site meeting with the representatives of Hanison construction scheduled for Friday, 12 April.
[Post meeting note: The DLO has since indicated to Ian Brownlee that the possible timing for the DLC would be in May/June with the STT being granted in August/September.] MT
- 3.5 MT further reported that Ian Brownlee and he were due to have lunch with Andrew Wells of Lai Sun to raise the issue of a possible donation from the Lai Sun charity fund. MT went on to ask if an approach should again be made to Douglas Woo of Wheelock to see if Wheelock would be also willing to donate some money under its schools programme. JC advised that he had recently met Douglas Woo and the latter had indicated this his current focus was on youth programmes to help youth develop businesses. MT considered, and the Committee agreed, that there would still be no harm in again approaching Douglas Woo. MT
- 3.6 MT went on to say that when the Kai Tak site was granted, there would be a need to employ a financially qualified person to control the budget, income and expenditure of the new Centre, likely as a separate account under the overall umbrella of the central budgetary and financial statements of the Council. RM said that he would try to look for a suitable person. RM
- 3.7 MT finally reported that Sydney Wong and MK were working together to prepare the submission to the HKJC covering the estimated 5-year capital and annually recurrent costs of developing the Fire Station site MK

and operating water sports activities. The target for the submission to the HKJC was mid May.

- 3.8 Para 3.5 of EC and 4.2 of BDM Update on Tseung Kwan O site: The Committee agreed to kiv this matter. All
- 3.9 Para 3.6 Celebration of the HKWSC's 5th anniversary in 2018: MA reported that Aaron Yu had prepared and sent him the higher resolution image file for the 5th anniversary logo.
- 3.10 Para 3.7 of EC and 4.3 of BDM Possible Affiliation of 14 Uniformed Youth Groups: RM said that he would take up this matter once the DLO had indicated a date for the grant of the STT. RM
- 3.11 Para 3.8 of EC and 4.5 of BDM Water Safety Day Working Group: JC reported that two meetings of the working group had been held over the previous three weeks. The NSAs had agreed to participate in the sea parade and to help man a booth on the beach. A meeting had also been held with all the government departments the previous week and all had indicated their full support. FSD had said that they had purchased some new rescue jet skis and proposed to enter these in the sea parade. A full team rehearsal (minus GFS helicopter) was planned for 22 April. The Committee agreed to MA's suggestion that the HKWSC should arrange for a banner/flag to be displayed at the event on 1 May. JC agreed to speak to Aaron Yu about producing an official formal flag and banner for the HKWSC that could also be used at other events. JC went on to report that the programme on 1 May would comprise three parts. First would be a long-distance swimming event, starting around 9:00am. JC said that Alan Li, the ex-chairman of the Tung Wah Group had agreed that his boat might be used to watch the event. The second event would be the land parade, starting at about 10:30am, where Captain Michael Chan, the Controller of the GFS would be the reviewing officer. The third event would be the land/sea/air rescue demonstration, starting at about 12.30 pm, where Timothy Fok and an official from the Mainland Liaison Office would be officiating to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the PRC. Following the third event there would be a carnival held on the beach lasting until about 5:00pm. JC
- 3.12 Para 3.9 of EC Possible application to The Chinese Permanent Cemeteries Fund (CPC): MT reported that Steven Li had gone to the briefing arranged by the CPC and it was now too late this year to make any application. However, the CPC could be kept in mind as a source of programme funding in the next and subsequent years.

4.0 Appointment of Hon PR Adviser

- 4.1 MA referred to the CHM's WhatsApp message of 28 March 2019 circulated with the draft agenda and advised that the appointment of RM

Patrick LI Hon Yuen (ex TVB sports channel chief) as the HKWSC's Hon PR Adviser would need to be approved by the Board of Directors. RM suggested that before going to the Board to seek formal approval, it would be wise to first have a trial period to try him out informally. The Committee agreed.

5.0 Appointment of Insurance Broker and Insurances for the EKWSC

- 5.1 MT referred to the copies of the email circulated with the draft agenda and said that the person named in the emails as a possible broker had been referred to him by Chris Hanselman. He agreed to send RM details of the individual's background. RM said that he would approach a couple of people in or retired from the insurance business to see if they could offer help. RM
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6.0 Proposed Interim Use of Wan Chai Basin by HKWSC

- 6.1 MT referred to the Paper prepared by Ian Brownlee that had been circulated with the revised draft agenda and sought the Committee's agreement in principle with what was being proposed in the Paper. He said that subject to obtaining the Committee's agreement in principle, he then planned to arrange a meeting with the RHKYC to discuss how the HKWSC and the RHKYC might cooperate to enable use of the Basin for water sports. The RHKYC's cooperation was required because access to the water in the basin would need to be obtained via the steps located in the RHKYC's land. Also the steps would need repair, which again is where the RHKYC could help. The Committee gave its agreement in principle. MT advised that he would send a note to the RHKYC's General Manager, Mark Bovaird, raising this idea and suggesting a meeting. MT

7.0 Any Other Business

- 7.1 There was no other business to discuss.

8.0 Date of Next Meeting

- 8.1 The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at 8:30am on Wednesday, 22 May 2019, in the Bistro of the RHKYC.

Raymond Ma
Chairman