

Hong Kong Water Sports Council

Minutes of the 17th Executive Committee held on 27th April 2018 at 8:30 am
in the Bistro, RHKYC

Present

Raymond Ma Siu Wing	(RM)	Chairman
Mike Tanner	(MT)	Vice-Chairman
Johnnie C K Chan	(JC)	Vice-Chairman
MK Lau	(MK)	Honorary Executive Director
Mike Arnold	(MA)	Board Secretary

Absent with apologies

Terence Wan	(TW)	Hon Treasurer
Ron Yeung	(RY)	Company Secretary
Chloe Lam	(CL)	Assistant to TW

Action

1.0 Confirmation of Agenda

1.1 The proposed agenda was confirmed without amendment.

2.0 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 16th Meeting held on 28th March 2018

2.1 The Minutes were confirmed without amendment.

3.0 Matters Arising from 16th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) and 15th meeting of the Board (BDM) held on 11th April 2018

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| 3.1 | <p>Para 3.3 of EC Meeting with Hon Ma Fung-kwok: The Committee agreed that in the proposed meeting with Hon Ma, priority should be given to the permanent water sports centre site at Kai Tak. The opportunity could also be taken, however, to update him on the other sites, such as the Kai Tak fire station site and the TKO Area 77 site. JC said that Hon Ma had indicated that he was currently busy with LegCo affairs and would not be free to meet until May. MT said that he might have the opportunity to talk to Hon Ma on 1 May at the HKCRA's 40th anniversary. MA was asked to contact Ian Brownlee to find out if there had yet been any decision made by the TPB on the rezoning of the Kai Tak site for the permanent water sports centre.</p> | MT
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| 3.2 | <p>Para 3.4 of EC and 3.7 of BDM Water Safety Day to be held on 1 May 2018: HKCRA had advised that in addition to their own activity booth, they would provide some display materials for the HKWSC booth. MK reported that he had asked the HKCU and HKCDBA to provide material</p> | MK |

to put into the HKWSC booth. The HKWSA had indicated that they could not provide anything. It was noted that although the dragon boat and canoe associations would have separate booths, they would be located side-by-side with that of the HKWSC. The HKCRA's booth would need to be separate, as it had to be located on a hard surface. JC said that he had not received any photos from Ng Kong Wan for use by Aaron Yu. MT then contacted Wan, who said that on 20 April he had emailed a web link to download the photos. Wan's email was forwarded to JC and MK, and MK was asked to inform Aaron Yu that he should choose which photos to use in the promotional materials.

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| 3.3 | Para 3.5 of EC and 3.7 of BDM Deloitte Consultancy Study on Provision of Sports Facilities in Hong Kong: MT reported that he had not yet approached Deloitte but would do so. | MT |
| 3.4 | Para 3.6 of EC and 3.6 of BDM Application to IRD for charitable status: The Committee noted that as result of a meeting with Vitus Leung on 25 April, the latter would be reviewing the amendments proposed to his original draft to produce what would hopefully be a final draft. Vitus had also indicated that his Company could submit the proposed trust document to IRD on behalf of the HKWSC once the Board had approved the final version. | MA
MK |
| 3.5 | Para 3.8 of EC and 3.2 of BDM Payment of annual subscriptions: The Committee noted the Board's agreement that the HK Amateur Swimming Association should be invited to become a Member for the 2018/19 financial year (i.e., w.e.f. 1 June). MT said that he would contact the HKASA's President, Ronnie Wong, about the arrangements. | MT |
| 3.6 | Para 3.2 and 3.9 of EC and 3.2 of BDM Update on Kai Tak Fire Station site – East Kai Tak Water Sports Centre (EKTWSC): MA tabled the draft STT plan prepared by Lands Department and said that he understood that the draft conditions for the STT were currently being circulated within Government. Given that the grant of the STT appeared imminent, RM suggested that he might arrange a meeting with the heads of those uniformed youth groups most likely to be interested in participating in water sports. In discussing the costs of developing and managing the site, it was agreed that a project proposal might be submitted to the HKJC using the plan to involve the uniformed groups based on both the development and operational budget then being prepared for HAB to obtain the latter's policy support for the grant of the STT and also that for the proposed HKWSC Secretariat. RM considered that a "hands on" Planning Committee, involving appropriate representatives of the relevant NSAs, would need to be set up to oversee the development of the site. MK agreed to be a member of that Committee. RM suggested that someone like Chung Chi Lok might | All |

represent the HKCDBA. Steven Li was suggested as a possible representative for the HKCU. JC said that he would speak to Apple Chan about a representative for the HKLSS. MT said that he would likewise find a representative for the HKCRA.

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| 3.7 | Para 3.5 HKWSC website: MA reported that he had sent an email to Bob Wilson about adding the Fragrant Harbour articles in PDF form to the website. However, Bob was not in Hong Kong at present and had not yet responded. | MA |
| 3.8 | Para 3.12 of EC Representation of HKWSC on LVAC: MA explained that in circulating the draft letter before he issued it, he had been strongly advised not to send it at this time. The reasons given were that the HKWSC had as yet no physical presence in the form of a site at Kai Tak to substantiate its interest in being represented on the LVAC and sending the letter might also cause difficulties as regards getting the STT for the fire station site. He had therefore not proceeded to issue the letter, but could do so later at a more suitable time should the Council so decide | |
| 3.9 | Para 3.13 of EC and 3.4 of BDM Update on Tseung Kwan O site: MT reported that following the letter having been sent to HAB requesting a meeting, Peter Weiley of Advisian had since spoken to Linda Law of HAB. He understood from Linda that HAB would be comfortable with one-third of the site being used by the HKSI and the remaining two-thirds by the HKWSC. HAB would be writing to reply to the Council's letter. The Committee noted the positive step forward. MT went on to say that Peter Weiley had drafted a letter indicating the fees that Advisian wished to charge should the project proceed or be terminated. He explained the terms set out in the letter and said that he would be drafting a proposed reply for comments by circulation. He considered that Vitus Leung's legal advice on the content of the draft might also be needed. | MT |
| 3.10 | Para 3.14 of EC Funding for Creation of HKWSC Secretariat: The Committee noted that this had already been discussed under the agenda item dealing with the Kai Tak fire station project (see para 3.6 above). | |
| 3.11 | Para 3.15 of EC and 3.9 of BDM Proposed STT for the Wanchai Basin: The Committee noted the positive reply, dated 14 April 2018, from the CE's Office stating that the HKWSC would be consulted in due course on the future planning of the Wanchai Basin. | |
| 3.12 | Para 3.16 of EC and 3.10 TOR of the Committee: The Committee noted that the circulation of a revised version of the proposed TOR, following the 11 April Board meeting, appeared to meet with the approval of members. The Committee agreed that while the revised TOR would | All |

need to be formally confirmed at the next Board meeting, the Committee would adopt the revised TOR with immediate effect.

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| 3.13 | Para 3.13 Celebration of the HKWSC's 5 th anniversary in 2018: The Committee discussed the issue and agreed that there was a need to set up a group comprising working level representatives from the NSAs to brain storm about what the NSAs might do and what the HKWSC might also want them to do. The aim should be to organise a joint event. RM suggested that a letter might be sent by him to the NSAs suggesting holding a general orientation meeting and a dinner, which he would be pleased to host. MA was asked to draft a letter for circulation to the Committee for comment. | MA |
| 3.14 | Para 3.18 of EC and 3.8 of BDM Submission to the Commission on Youth – Website Article: MA reported that the Article had been uploaded to the HKWSC's website under the subpage entitled "Viewpoint". | |
| 3.15 | Para 3.19 of EC and 4.1 of BDM Second STT Site at Kai Tak Runway: MA explained that he had not issued a reminder to EKEO/HAB about the latter owing the HKWSC a reply, because he was waiting for Ian Brownlee to prepare the STT application. The Committee asked MA to remind Ian Brownlee. | MA |
| 3.16 | Para 3.20 of EC and 4.2 of BDM Possible Affiliation of 14 Uniformed Youth Groups: The Committee noted that this item had been discussed earlier in the meeting under the Kai Tak fire station site (see para 3.6 above). | |
| 3.17 | Para 4.1 of EC and 4.3 of BDM Government's Review of Private Recreational Leases: The Committee noted the Board's decision that a proposed draft of the HKWSC's views should be prepared and circulated to Board members and NSAs for their comments | MA |
| 4.0 | STT for storage of surfboards and equipment at Big Wave Bay | |
| 4.1 | MA referred the Committee to the email exchanges with Paul Zimmerman that had been circulated with the Revised Agenda Committee. MT said that he would speak to Paul Zimmerman to find out if there was an official surfboard association and, if not, what the HKWSC could do. He would also check with the SF&OC. | MT |
| 5.0 | Any Other Business | |
| 5.1 | Attendance of Directors at Board meetings: MA referred to the HKWSC M&A and said that the Articles required that the office of a Director | JC |

shall be automatically vacated if the Director is absent for three consecutive Board meetings without the permission of the Board. He said that applying this Article in its strictest sense could mean that one of the current Directors might be regarded as having been absent for three consecutive meetings without obtaining the permission of the Board. JC said that he would raise the issue with the Director concerned.

7.0 Date of Next Meeting

- 7.1 The date for the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at 8:30am on Wednesday, 6 June 2018, in the Bistro of the RHYC.

Raymond Ma
Chairman