

Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Board of Directors held on 11th July 2018
in the Pat Loseby Room, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club at 1:00pm

Present:

Raymond Ma Sui Wing	(RM)	Chairman
Mike Tanner	(MT)	Vice-Chairman
Hans Joachim Isler	(HJI)	Director
Anthony Chan Wai Lun	(AC)	Director
Luk Wai Hung	(LWH)	Director
Peter Lam Kwok Leung	(PL)	Director
MK Lau	(MK)	Hon Executive Director
Ron Yeung	(RY)	Company Secretary
Mike Arnold	(MA)	Board Secretary

Apologies for Absence:

Johnnie C K Chan	(JC)	Vice-Chairman
Li Hong Man	(LHM)	Director
Kevin Lewis	(KL)	Director
Ng Kong Wan	(NKW)	Director
Terence HY Wan	(TW)	Hon Treasurer
Robert L Wilson	(RLW)	Hon Adviser
Ian Brownlee	(IB)	Hon Adviser and Technical Consultant

In Attendance

Chloe Lam	(CL)	Assistant to TW
Apple Chan Wai Ping	(CWP)	Executive Director, HKLSS

Action

1. Confirmation of Agenda

- 1.1 The Board AGREED that the draft agenda for the meeting be confirmed without amendment.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 15th Meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the 15th meeting were CONFIRMED without amendment.

3. Matters Arising from the 15th Board Meeting – Paper IP 18/2

- 3.1 Para 3.2 Payment of annual subscriptions by Associations: The Board NOTED that the Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association had applied to become to become a Member with effect from the start of the new financial year, i.e. 1 June 2018 and APPROVED acceptance of their Membership. TW
CL
- 3.2 Para 3.3 Update on Kai Tak Runway Fire Station Site- EKTWSC: The Board NOTED that all the technical requirements for the grant of an STT for the site appeared have been met, save for a submission to the Harbourfront Commission. The Kwun Tong District Council had also unanimously agreed to a proposal from LCSD that vehicular access be permitted to the site over that section of the road fronting the site where the land is currently allocated to LCSD. The only remaining major step appeared to be to obtain HAB's formal policy support for the grant of the site by providing an updated Operational MA

Plan and financial viability assessment to show that the project is financially “sustainable”. This Board further NOTED that this work was in hand and an Operational Planning Committee had been set up to coordinate the updating of the operational plan and financial assessment, developing the site into a water sports centre, and setting in place arrangements for the centre’s future management, maintenance and operation. The first meeting of the Committee had been held on 4 July, where it had been agreed that its first task would be to finalise the required work and responsibilities of the Committee and draft its proposed Terms of Reference for subsequent approval by the Board. AC proposed and the Board AGREED that in making the updated submission to HAB, a copy of the submission should also be provided to Hon MA Fung Kwok and the Kowloon City District Council.

- 3.3 Para 3.4 Update on Tseung Kwan O Site: The Board NOTED the current situation in respect of the TKO site as set out in Paper IP 18/2. MT
- 3.4 Para 3.5 Funding for HKWSC Secretariat: The Board NOTED that a project-based proposal might be drawn up based on providing facilities and activities at the Kai Tak site for the 14 Uniformed Youth Groups. RM briefed the Board on his contact with Cdr Sam Lau, the Senior Staff Officer of the HK Sea Cadet Corps. Sam Lau had agreed to coordinate with the uniformed groups to seek their participation. RM hoped that later in the month it might be possible to get the groups together to discuss the proposal. RM
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MK
- 3.5 Para 3.6 Application to IRD for charitable status for the HKWSC: The Board NOTED that this matter was addressed later in the agenda under Paper BD 18/3.
- 3.6 Para 3.7 Water Safety Day: The Board NOTED the Executive Committee’s proposals for the HKWSC’s involvement in the 2019 Water Safety Day, these being that that the HKLSS should continue to coordinate arrangements with the NSAs as regards the actual 1 May event, and that a small working group, including new members like the HKASA, should be set up by the HKWSC towards the end of 2018 to draw up and coordinate proposals for the NSAs to hold water safety focussed activities to follow on after the 1 May event, say lasting one month. MT asked if Directors considered that there would be any interest from the NSAs to hold a month of water safety related activities. HJI considered it worth trying. RM thought that such activities could not only promote water safety but also help to promote and raise the profile of water sports in general in Hong Kong. The Board AGREED that the Executive Committee should follow up on its proposals. MT
RM
JC
MK
- 3.7 Para 3.8 HKWSC website: The Board and each of the Directors NOTED the Executive Committee’s request that Members be reminded to ask their respective NSAs to cooperate in providing quarterly updates to the HKWSC’s website calendar showing the events planned by each of the NSAs in the next quarter. All
- 3.8 Para 3.10 Proposed TOR for the Executive Committee. The Board considered the proposed TOR amended and circulated to Directors following the previous board meeting, as annexed to Paper IP 18/2, and NOTED that Directors had given no adverse comments. The Board then APPROVED the TOR as set out at the Annex to Paper IP 18/2 for adoption by the Executive Committee. All
- 3.9 Para 4.1 HAB’s offer of a possible second site at Kai Tak: The Board NOTED that HAB had decided to offer the small second site to the HKCU because the HKWSC already had made an application for the Fire Station site and HAB did not want to see more sites being offered to the HKWSC at this time. The Board FURTHER NOTED that the HKCU

planned to develop the second site as an extension or a satellite of the fire station site, and to allocate more resources to both sites as-a-whole and their involvement in the fire station project would therefore not be reduced.

- 3.10 Para 4.2 Possible Affiliation of 14 Uniformed Youth Groups: The Board NOTED that Executive Committee under its delegated authority had started to approach some of the 14 uniformed groups with particular focus on inviting their participation in the Kai Tak fire station project. RM proposed and the Board AGREED that each of the groups could be invited to nominate a representative to sit on the operational Planning Committee (see para 3.2 above). RM
MT
- 3.11 Para 4.3 Review of Private Recreational Leases: MT considered that the HKWSC and the NSAs should each make a submission to HAB expressing support for the PRLs to be allowed to continue. He noted that the end date for submissions to HAB was 19 September 2018, and he would work with MA to draft something for consideration by the Board. MT
MA
- 3.12 Para 4.4 Deloitte Consultancy Study on Provision of Sports Facilities in Hong Kong: The Board NOTED that representatives of the HKWSC and NSAs had met with Deloitte on 23 May 2018. At the meeting, the HKWSC's and NSAs' participants had given their views on the adequacy of water sports facilities in Hong Kong. MA had subsequently provided Deloitte with details of the HKWSC's proposed water sport centre projects. There had since been no further contact or feedback from Deloitte.
- 4. Matters to be reported to the Board arising from meetings of the Executive Committee**
- 4.1 Application to IRD for charitable status - Paper BD 18/3: MA spoke to Paper BD 18/3 which had been circulated to Directors seven days before the meeting with the draft agenda. Directors indicated that they had no comments or questions in respect of the contents of the Paper or the proposed draft charitable trust document annexed to the Paper. Following MT proposing and LWH seconding, the Board then unanimously RESOLVED that - MA
- (a) the Council establish a charitable trust to be called "Hong Kong Water Sports Charitable Trust" in English and "香港水上運動慈善信託基金" in Chinese;
 - (b) the terms of the trust be as set out in the draft trust document at Annex to Paper BD 18/3;
 - (c) the initial trustees of the charitable trust be Dr MA Siu Wing, Raymond, Mr Michael Scott TANNER, Mr CHAN Chi Kau, Johnnie Casire and Mr WAN Ho Yuen, Terence; and
 - (d) the Executive Committee, with the advice of the Hon Legal Adviser, be delegated the authority to agree any necessary detailed amendments to the draft trust document to enable the Inland Revenue Department to grant tax exemption to the trust under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (IRO).
- 4.2 Tung Chung East Water Sports Centre: MA reported that a meeting with AECOM and CEDD to discuss the Government's proposals for developing a water sports centre at Tung Chung East had been arranged for 25 July 2018. The HKWSC and the NSAs would be represented at the meeting.

5. Management Accounts for month ending 31 May 2018

- 5.1 The Board NOTED without comment or questions the management accounts for the month ending 31 May 2018, which had been circulated seven days before the meeting with the draft agenda. MA advised that 31 May was the Council's financial year-end and that the annual accounts would now need to be prepared. He further said that at the AGM in 2017, approval had been given to re-appoint the existing auditors to carry out the annual audit, with the authority to agree the auditor's fee delegated to the Executive Committee. MK advised that the auditor had previously indicated no change in his fee of HK\$8,000. TW

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 Kai Tak Sports Park: HJI asked if there had been any feedback after the meeting with the focus group at Fosters' Offices to discuss the proposals for the Dining Cove Area. MT advised that there had not been any. He considered that this was due to the consortia bidding for the Kai Tak Sport Project having to submit conforming bids to the government. Only after one of the groups had been selected would that group then have more freedom to look at alternative ideas to enhance the attractiveness of the Sports Park. In reply to HJI's question as to when this might happen, MT agreed to find out the timeline for the bidding exercise and would let HJI have this information. MT

7. Date of Next Board Meeting

- 7.1 The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Pat Loseby Room on Wednesday, 12 September 2018. (This will be the last scheduled Board meeting before the AGM on 10 October.)

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1:30 p.m.



Raymond Ma
Chairman