

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Board of Directors held on 4th October 2017
at the Pat Loseby Room, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club at 1:10pm

Present:

Raymond Ma Sui Wing	(RM)	Chairman
Johnnie C K Chan	(JC)	Vice-Chairman
Luk Wai Hung	(LWH)	Director
Hans Joachim Isler	(HJI)	Director
Ng Kong Wan	(NKW)	Director
Peter Lam Kwok Leung	(PL)	Director
Ron Yeung	(RY)	Company Secretary
MK Lau	(MK)	Hon Executive Director
Mike Arnold	(MA)	Board Secretary

In Attendance

Chloe Lam	(CL)	Representing TW
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Apologies for Absence:

Mike Tanner	(MT)	Vice-Chairman
Anthony Chan Wai Lun	(AC)	Director
Li Hong Man	(LHM)	Director
Kevin Lewis	(KL)	Director
Terence HY Wan	(TW)	Hon Treasurer
Robert L Wilson	(RLW)	Hon Adviser
Ian Brownlee	(IB)	Hon Adviser and Technical Consultant

The meeting commenced at 1:10pm.

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 12th Meeting

- 3.1 HJI proposed and JC seconded that the minutes of the 12th meeting be confirmed. The Board UNANIMOUSLY AGREED. RM then signed the minutes.

3. Matters Arising from the 12th Board Meeting

- 3.1 Para 3.1 Change of bank signatories at HSBC: CL reported that all the necessary documents had been passed to the bank and action now rested with HSBC. She further advised that she would contact the bank in the week following to try to find out progress. TW
CL
- 3.2 Para 3.2 Invoicing of membership fees: CL reported that the membership fees due from the HK Triathlon Association for 2016/7 and 2017/18 remained unpaid. JC advised that the President of TriHK had recently resigned and thus no longer could assist in resolving this matter. HJI proposed and the Board AGREED that MA should prepare a suitable draft of a letter to be sent to TriHK. The letter would remind the NSA that their membership of the Council would have to be suspended until such time as they paid the overdue subscription fees and that if after three years the outstanding fees still remained unpaid, the MA

NSA's membership would be terminated.

- 3.3 Para 3.3 Update on Kai Tak Runway Fire Station Site- EKTWSC: MA reported that no response had yet been received from the Government as regards the revised Marine Traffic Impact Assessment and the grant of the STT. He added that a further regular three monthly submission would have to be made to the SDTF reporting no progress on being able to draw down on the \$3 million sum approved by the Fund. The Board NOTED the situation. MA
- 3.4 Para 3.4 Update on Tseung Kwan O Site: MA reported that in respect of the letter sent to HAB (attn: Linda Law) on 15 September 2017, providing details of the estimated revenue and expenditure, etc., for the water sports centre (a copy of which had been circulated to all Board Members), no response had yet been received. He advised that he would send a reminder to HAB if a reply was not received within the next few days. MA
- 3.5 Para 3.5 Funding for HKWSC Secretariat: MK reported that the HKJC had advised that the Council's request could not be pursued further because it was not project based. He further advised that a working group of MT, MA and he would meet shortly to look at drawing up list of project based activities so as to revise the funding request to comply with the HKJC's requirements. MT
MA
MK
- 3.6 Para 3.6 Application to IRD for charitable status for the HKWSC: MA reported that following the meeting with the Hon Legal Adviser, Vitus Leung, on 4 September, MT and he had attempted to produce a set of objects that would satisfy IRD's requirements for setting up a charitable trust. These were passed to Vitus on 15 September, who had responded the same day, saying that the objects still appeared to promote water sports. MA thought that Vitus was perhaps being a little too conservative given that Sarah Garner had obtained charitable status for her company even though direct reference to water sports formed part of the objects. RM said that he had met with Vitus and had asked him to make a proposal, which when received could be discussed at the Executive Committee. RM
- 3.7 Para 3.7 Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 May 2016: The Board NOTED that in respect of the Council's explanation for the late submission of the Directors' Report for 2015/2016, the Companies Registry by way of its letter dated 7 August had informed the Council that it had decided not to take prosecution action on this occasion. The Board FURTHER NOTED that the same problem should not arise with the Directors' Report for 2016/17, with the AGM having just approved the audited accounts.
- 3.8 Para 3.8 HKSAR 20th Anniversary Celebration water sports event to be organised by HKWSC: MA and NKW referred to the email received from Orna Theboul of Mayo and Calder, which had been circulated to Board Members the previous day, and asked whether the Council would be prepared to participate in the Volvo event that was to be held at Kai Tak from 17 to 31 January 2018, provided that funding could be found to cover the Council's and the NSAs' costs. HJI expressed disappointment that the HKSF had not been consulted before the meeting with Orna Theboul on Tuesday, 3 October. He explained that the Federation was responsible for organising the activities surrounding the Hong Kong leg of the Volvo Ocean Race, and Mayo and Calde had been appointed as the HKSF's agent. He further advised that funding for the event was very limited. MA advised that the time and place of the meeting with Orna Theboul had only been arranged at very short notice over the long weekend. However, an attempt would be made in future to keep the HKSF in the loop.

- 3.9 RM considered and Members AGREED that a budget could be prepared covering the estimated costs of the Council and its NSAs participating in the event. It was FURTHER AGREED that participation would be contingent on funding being forthcoming. NKW agreed to be the Project Coordinator of a working group, comprising representatives of the relevant NSAs, which would be tasked to draw up the budget. NKW
- 3.10 Para 3.9 Water Safety Day to be held in 2018: MA advised that he had retained this item under matters arising because it was important that the Council not lose sight of the 2018 event so as to provide adequate time for preparations to be made, such as arranging for the HKWSC to have a booth and/or banners, etc. at the event. JC said that on behalf of the HKLSS, he appreciated the support given by the HKWSC and he agreed to coordinate matters on behalf of the Council. JC
- 3.11 Para 3.10 East Kowloon Permanent Water Sports Centre: MA reported that a letter setting out the Council's thoughts on the provision of a permanent water sports centre had been sent to HAB on 31 July 2017. HAB's reply on 24 August stated that while *"the water quality of the southern portion of the Kai Tak Approach Channel (KTAC) has shown improvement, the northern portion of the KTAC (leading from the Kai Tak River) remains to be monitored. The concerned Government departments will continue to pursue projects to further improve quality in the whole of KTAC."* As it would take some time for any permanent site to be developed, and the water quality of the KTAC was comparable to that of the Shing Mun River, MT had proposed that a letter be drafted responding to HAB's comments. MA advised that this would be done after MT returned to Hong Kong from his overseas duties on behalf of FISA. The Board AGREED to this approach. MT
MA
- 3.12 Para 3.11 HKWSC website: MA reported that the English version of the HKWSC's website was up and running and he would be working on the Chinese version based on MK's translation. The Board expressed its thanks to MA and MK. MA further asked if the Directors' Report and the Report of the Board as considered earlier in the 2017 AGM could be uploaded to the public section of the website. The Board AGREED to this. MA
- 3.13 Para 3.12 Proposed STT for Wanchai Basin: MA reported that a letter setting out the Council's thoughts on the future use of the Wanchai Basin to support water sports activities had been sent to the CE on 15 September 2017. The letter had been copied to all Board members. No response had yet been received from the Government. HJI noted that as the letter had been copied to the Harbourfront Commission, he expected that the issue would be raised at the meeting later in the week of the Task Force looking at this area of the waterfront. MT
HJI
IB
MA
- 4. Financial Performance Report for the period ended 31 August 2017**
- 4.1 RY referred to the Financial Performance Report for the period ended 31 August 2017, which had been circulated before the meeting, and said that he wished to highlight the Seiko donation of \$200,000, as this sum would probably need to be reclassified as it had been in the accounts for one year. He would inform the Auditor that the money might still not be used next year and discuss how to address this in the accounts. RM noted that the important issue for the Council was that the donation not be subject to tax. RY
- 5. Proposed Dates of Board meetings and AGM in 2018**
- 5.1 MA referred to the list of proposed dates of the Board meetings and AGM in 2018, details of which had been included in the draft agenda, and asked for the Board's agreement. HJI noted that while transparency had been improved for Board members with the confirmed MA

minutes of the Executive Committee being uploaded to the Council's website, he was slightly concerned that the Executive Committee could be dealing with policy matters which it would be more appropriate for the Board of Directors to consider. He queried whether it would be beneficial to hold more frequent Board meetings. He proposed and the Board AGREED that this matter be brought up for discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting. The Board NOTED that if any additional meetings were to be held in 2018, they could be slotted into the list of dates already proposed. The Board then AGREED that the existing proposed list of dates be approved so that Officers and Directors could mark their diaries appropriately.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 NKW advised that the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's 2017 Around Hong Kong Island NKW Outrigger Canoe and Coastal Rowing Race would be held on 26 November 2017, and that this year there would be a number of world-class class rowers and paddlers coming from overseas to participate. He asked if the HKWSC would agree to endorse the event. The Board AGREED to do so and asked NKW to provide details, which could also be uploaded to the Council's website.

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, 10 January 2018.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1:55 p.m.



Michael Tanner
Acting Chairman
10 January 2018