

Hong Kong Water Sports Council

Minutes of the 16th Executive Committee held on 28th March 2018 at 8:30 am
in the Bistro, RHKYC

Present

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| Mike Tanner | (MT) | Vice-Chairman (Acting Chairman) |
| Johnnie C K Chan | (JC) | Vice-Chairman |
| MK Lau | (MK) | Honorary Executive Director |
| Mike Arnold | (MA) | Board Secretary |
| Ron Yeung | (RY) | Company Secretary |
| Chloe Lam | (CL) | Assistant to TW |

Absent with apologies

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| Terence Wan | (TW) | Hon Treasurer |
| Raymond Ma Siu Wing | (RM) | Chairman |

Action

1.0 Confirmation of Agenda

- 1.1 MT took the chair in the absence of RM, who had been unexpectedly called away at short notice. The proposed agenda was then confirmed without amendment.

2.0 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 15th Meeting held on 28th February 2018

- 2.1 The Minutes were confirmed without amendment.

3.0 Matters Arising from 15th Meeting of the Executive Committee

- 3.1 JC explained that he would need to leave the meeting early by 9:15am to attend another urgent meeting. The Committee agreed to accord priority to his reports on matters in the agenda and under any other business.

- 3.2 Consultation with Kowloon City District Council (KCDC) on Road Access to the Kai Tak Fire Station site: JC reported that a meeting with Mr Pun Kwok-wah, Chairman of Kowloon City Council, and Ir Cheung Yan-hon, the chairman of the DC's Leisure and District Facilities Management Committee had been held on 21 March 2018. Chairman Pun had advised that while he and Ir Cheung were both fully supportive of the HKWSC's proposal, the HKWSC could not submit a paper to the DC, because only government departments and statutory bodies were given that right. It was suggested that LCSD, which had been allocated the road area concerned and had indicated that they had no object to releasing the land, should submit the paper to the KCDC. The Committee noted that Steven Li was endeavouring
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to persuade LCSD to take up this responsibility. JC reported that he had spoken to the DO/KC, who had also indicated his support for the proposed release of the LCSD land. JC added that he had also spoken to the DO/Kwun Tong about the matter.

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| 3.3 | Proposed Meeting with Hon Ma Fung-kwok: JC reported that he had recently spoken with Hon Ma, who had indicated that he would be happy to meet with the HKWSC's representatives to review the current situation as regards the HKWSC's proposals at Kai Tak and elsewhere. The Committee agreed that such a meeting would be useful and that thought should be given to the proposed agenda for the meeting. | JC MT |
| 3.4 | Para 3.14 Water Safety Day to be held on 1 May 2018: JC reported that at the HKLSS's Council meeting held two weeks previously, it had been agreed to allocate the HKWSC two booths, and to name the HKWSC as one of the sponsors of the event. MK advised that he had already approached the NSAs with the request that they provide photos and other items for the booths. In the case of the HKSF, the senior executive responsible (Mr Chang) had asked that the request be cleared with Joachim Isler. MT agreed to speak to Joachim. JC further advised that he had approached Aaron Yu, who was now starting to prepare draft promotional materials for the HKWSC's approval. | JC MT MK |
| 3.5 | Deloitte Consultancy Study on Provision of Sports Facilities in Hong Kong: JC indicated that he wished to raise a matter under AOB. He reported that as the Hon Sec of the HKLSS, he had recently been invited to attend a focus group discussion organised by Deloitte. Deloitte had been commissioned by HAB to conduct a study on the demand and supply of sports facilities in Hong Kong and to make recommendations on future provision of sports facilities to serve Government's policy objectives on sports development. As part of the study, NSAs and others were being invited to attend a series of focus group meetings to express their views on the provision of sports facilities in Hong Kong. Representatives of the HKLSS and one other NSA attended the group discussion where he was present. JC said that during the discussion, he took the opportunity to mention the HKWSC and its proposals for developing water sports sites at Kai Tak and Tseung Kwan O. From the reaction of Deloitte, it appeared that they were unaware of the HKWSC and its proposals. Moreover, plans produced by Deloitte indicated that the site in TKO, currently being proposed by the HKWSC to be developed as a community water sports centre, had been marked as being allocated to the HKSI. MT said that he would follow up with Deloitte. JC provided MT with the details of the contact names in Deloitte. | MT |
| 3.6 | Para 3.1 Application to IRD for charitable status: MK reported that MA's comments had been passed to Vitus Leung for his consideration. | MA MK |

However, Vitus had been away from Hong Kong and had only just returned. The Committee agreed to await Vitus's response.

- 3.7 Para 3.2 Change of bank signatories: The Committee noted that the necessary changes in bank signatories had been completed and thanked CL for her efforts.
- 3.8 Para 3.3 Payment of annual subscriptions: CL reported that TriHK had paid their subscription for 2016/17. Upon the Committee being reminded that the HK Amateur Swimming Association had earlier indicated its willingness to become a Member, MT considered that the Association could apply to join for the 2018/19 financial year. MT said that he would contact the HKASA's President, Ronnie Wong, about the arrangements. MT
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- 3.9 Para 3.4 Update on Kai Tak Fire Station site – East Kai Tak Water Sports Centre (EKTWSC): MA referred to the latest layout plan for the site circulated to members with the agenda and said that it would be necessary for the HKWSC to appoint an AP for the works to satisfy the requirements of the Sir David Trench Fund. MA further said that the works were such that he considered that professional support in preparing the tender documents and overseeing the works would be required. JC agreed to speak to an AP with an architectural background to see if he could provide any help. JC then left the meeting at 9:15am. JC
- 3.10 Para 3.5 HKWSC website: MA reported that he had begun the practice of uploading the draft minutes of the Executive Committee to the website. Further, with the assistance of MK, he had now added a calendar showing the proposed events of the NSAs in the coming three months. MK said that he would contact the NSAs once every quarter to provide necessary information to enable MA to update the calendar. MT said that Bob Wilson had spoken to him again about adding the Fragrant Harbour articles to the website. MA said that it might not be possible to add the articles directly, but that it might be possible to add an appropriate link to the Fragrant Harbour website. He agreed to look into what was the best arrangement. MA
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- 3.11 Para 3.6 Strategy for involving the Government in the Project Steering Committee for the permanent Kai Tak Water Sports Park: The Committee noted that it had not been possible to develop a focussed approach on this and that a more practical approach was to deal with issues on an individual basis as they arose. The Committee agreed that this item would be deleted from the agenda of future meetings. MA referred to Steven Li's paper to be submitted to the KCDC on the release of land by LCSD to allow road access to the Kai Tak Fire Station site and said that Steven had asked who would attend the DC meeting when the paper was discussed (likely in May). The MA

Committee agreed the JC, MK and Steven should attend.

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| 3.12 | Para 3.7 Representation of HKWSC on LVAC: The Committee noted that the letter had yet to be sent to the Marine Department. MA agreed to do so during MT's coming absence from Hong Kong. | MA |
| 3.13 | Para 3.8 Update on Tseung Kwan O site: The Committee noted that neither the HKSI nor the Windsurfing Association seemed willing to enter into meaningful discussions on the HKWSC's proposal of making provision within the TKO site for elite windsurfing. MT proposed and the Committee agreed that a further letter be sent to HAB requesting a meeting in an effort to see some action being started to develop the site. MT agreed to produce a draft of the letter for clearance by circulation. | MT |
| 3.14 | Para 3.9 Funding for Creation of HKWSC Secretariat: MT, MA and MK agreed to meet to discuss this matter in the second half of April. | MT MA MK |
| 3.15 | Para 3.10 Proposed STT for the Wanchai Basin: MA advised that following a "reminder email" sent to the CE's Office, he had been advised on 12 March 2018 that the HKWSC's letter to the CE of 15 September 2017 and the HKCRA's application to Lands Department on 6 March 2018 for an STT of the Basin area in November 2019 for the 2019 World Rowing Coastal Championships had both been passed to Development Bureau for a reply to be given in due course. | All |
| 3.16 | Para 3.12 TOR of the Committee: The Committee noted that the proposed TOR for the Committee would be submitted to the Board meeting on 11 April 2018. | MA |
| 3.17 | Para 3.13 Celebration of the HKWSC's 5 th anniversary in 2018: The Committee agreed that in bringing this matter to the Board meeting, MA, when issuing the draft agenda, should ask the various NSAs to think about possible proposals so that these could be discussed at the Board meeting. | MA |
| 3.18 | Para 3.15 Submission to the Commission on Youth – Website Article: The Committee noted that not all the NSAs had been able to offer inspirational examples of where their respective water sport had benefitted youth. The Committee agreed, however, that the draft with such examples as were available should be uploaded to the website. | MA |
| 3.19 | Para 4.1 Second STT Site at Kai Tak Runway: MA reported that a site meeting had been held with representatives of HAB, EKEO, CEDD and DevB (Harbour Unit) on 8 March 2018, with the HKWSC's attendees being MA, Dr Luk, Henry Lee, Steven Li and Ho Kim-fai. | All |

The site had been identified as suitable for canoeing and coastal rowing. Further action as regards submitting an STT for the site now awaited the green light from EKEO/HAB.

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| 3.20 | Para 4.1 Possible Affiliation of 14 Uniformed Youth Groups: The Committee discussed the draft paper for the Board that MK had drafted and had circulated before the Committee meeting. The Committee considered that given the large number of members of the uniformed youth groups, the potential resource implications for the NSAs could be significant. MT suggested that an incremental approach might need to be adopted with a project-based application made to the HKJC for necessary funds, perhaps linked to the proposal for the funding of the HKWSC Secretariat. MK noted that CAS already had its own water sports centre. MT proposed and the Committee agreed that at this time it would be sensible to seek only approval in principle from the Board and, subject to such approval, then proceed to develop more detailed proposals. | RM MK |
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4.0 Government's Review of Private Recreational Leases

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| 4.1 | The Committee noted the contents of the Government's paper, which had been circulated before the meeting, and agreed that this matter should be placed on the draft agenda of the Board meeting to be held on 11 April. | MA |
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5.0 Draft Agenda for the Board of Directors' Meeting to be held on 11 April 2018

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| 5.1 | The Committee considered the proposed draft agenda for the Board meeting to be held on 11 April that had been circulated before the Committee meeting and agreed that no amendment was required. | MA |
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6.0 Any Other Business

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| 6.1 | Annual Return: RY reported that he had submitted the HKWSC's Annual Return for the year 2016/17 to the Companies Registry within the required nine-month deadline. | |
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7.0 Date of Next Meeting

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| 7.1 | The date for the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be arranged in due course. | |
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Michael Tanner
Acting Chairman