

Hong Kong Water Sports CouncilMinutes of the 12th Executive Committee held on 8th November 2017 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
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

Terence Wan	(TW)	Hon Treasurer
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Action**1.0 Confirmation of Agenda**

- 1.1 The proposed agenda was confirmed without amendment.

2.0 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 11th Meeting held on 15th September 2017

- 2.1 The Minutes were confirmed without amendment.

3.0 Matters Arising from 11th Meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) and the 13th Board of Directors Meeting (BDM)

- 3.1 Para 3.1 of EC and 3.6 of BDM Application to IRD for charitable status: The Committee noted that at the Board Meeting, RM had advised that he had spoken to Vitus Leung, the Hon Legal Adviser, and had asked him to make a proposal which the Executive Committee could then discuss. As yet there did not seem to have been any draft received. RM asked MK to contact Vitus Leung to ask him about progress. All

[Post meeting note: Later that same morning MK contacted Vitus Leung, who advised that he had sent a draft back in October asking for comments. By way of an email, MK immediately provided all EC Members with a copy of the draft, together with Vitus's request for EC Members' comments.].

- 3.2 Para 3.2 of EC and 3.1 of BDM Change of bank signatories: CL reported that HSBC had made the changes needed to add TW as a signatory. However, for the others, the bank appeared to have TW
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misplaced the original signed resolution. It might be necessary to provide the bank with a new signed original. CL agreed to check with the bank after one week to see if they had found the original resolution before asking for a new resolution to be prepared and signed.

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| 3.3 | Para 3.3 of EC Change of HSBC email notifications: MT asked if following his submission of the required documents to HSBC, the bank's emails had now been redirected. CL advised that she had received nothing. MT said that he would check with the Bank and the previous Hon Treasurer, Kenneth McKelvie. | CL |
| 3.4 | Para 3.4 of EC Appointment at AGM of Auditor for 2017/18: The Committee noted that the re-appointment of Patrick Wong for the 2017/18 financial year had been approved at the AGM. | |
| 3.5 | Para 3.5 of EC and 3.2 of BDM Payment of annual subscriptions by Associations: MT reported that in respect of the TriHK's overdue annual subscriptions, he was ready to sign and issue the letter to Ruth Hunt, but before doing so he had left a message with the Association for Ruth Hunt to give him a call. Ruth Hunt had not yet called him, which might mean that the Association Office had not passed on to her his message. He said that he would follow up. | MT |
| 3.6 | Para 3.6 of EC and 3.3 of BDM Update on Kai Tak Fire Station site – East Kai Tak Water Sports Centre (EKTWSC): MA reported that the Marine Department had made comments on the revised MTIA. With the help of Steven Li, he had made further changes to the revised MTIA and the re-revised MTIA had been passed to Ian Brownlee on Saturday, 4 November 2017, for him to review and send on to the Government. MA further noted that there still appeared to be a problem with the road access to the site in that the section of road in front of the site had been allocated to LCSD and TD had not agreed to the revised approach of using the footway, as proposed by Ian Brownlee. The only way to gain access to the site would be by using that part of the road allocated to LCSD. MK advised that he had spoken to Richard Wong, AD(LS)2 of LCSD, who had indicated informally that this should not present a problem. The Committee noted, however, that formal approval would need to be given by LCSD. MT and MA agreed to draft a letter to address this issue. RM further mentioned that a newspaper reporter had been again asking him for progress on this matter. He asked MT to provide him with a note on the current situation. | MT
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| 3.7 | Para 3.7 of EC and 3.12 of BDM HKWSC website: MA reported that he was still slowly working on the Chinese version of the website. The main problem was the need to input the Chinese characters individually using the correct input code because the website software | MA |

would not accept a simple cut and paste of the Chinese text for some sections.

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| 3.8 | Para 3.8 of EC and 3.11 of BDM Strategy for involving the Government in the Project Steering Committee for the permanent Kai Tak Water Sports Park: The Committee agreed the draft reply to the response given in Linda Law's letter of 24 August 2017 from HAB. RM then signed the draft letter for MA to issue to HAB, copied to others, including Hon Ma Fung-kwok. JC reported that he had spoken to Hon Ma about the possibility of him approaching HAB to propose a meeting. Hon Ma had advised that he would be tied up with LegCo matters for some time, but asked to be copied any correspondence in the meantime. The situation as regards asking for a meeting with HAB could then be reviewed towards the end of the year in the light of the situation at that time. | JC
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| 3.9 | Para 3.9 of EC Representation of HKWSC on LVAC: MT advised that he would shortly draft a letter to Marine Department to say that the HKWSC was not seeking to become a permanent member of the LVAC, but would ask to be involved when matters relating to water sports were raised. | MT |
| 3.10 | Para 3.10 of EC and 3.4 of BDM Update on Tseung Kwan O site: MT reported that he, Joachim Isler and Peter Weily of Advisian were due to meet Trisha Leahy of the HKSI on 9 November 2017 to discuss whether and if so how it might be possible to accommodate the windsurfing requirements into the TKO site. MA also reported that HAB had informed him by email that a reply to the letter sent to Linda Law on 15 September, providing details of the financial and organisational structure of the TKOWSC, should be issued to the HKWSC in November. | All |
| 3.11 | Para 3.11 of EC and 3.8 and 3.9 of BDM Proposed event to celebrate the HKSAR 20th Anniversary – Volvo Ocean Race: MT noted that at the last Board meeting Ng Kong Wan had agreed to coordinate the planning for the Volvo event. He referred to the letter from Orna Theboul of Mayo and Calder, which had been copied to all Committee members, and asked whether the letter should be issued to all NSA members. MK was asked to send a copy of the letter to all NSAs and invite them to participate in some joint water sports activities at that time in conjunction with the Volvo Race celebrations. (During the meeting MA emailed a copy of the letter to MK). | MK |
| 3.12 | Para 3.12 of EC and 3.13 of BDM Funding for Creation of HKWSC Secretariat: As the HKJC would only agree to fund such requests if they were project based, MT, MA and MK had agreed to meet to look at drawing up an activities plan to develop a community-based project | MT
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lasting, say, 3-5 years that would include programmes for the disabled, youth and the elderly. Part of the plan would include identifying necessary supporting staff. The three agreed to try to arrange a meeting around mid December when all should then be in Hong Kong.

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| 3.13 | Para 3.13 of EC and 3.13 of BDM Proposed STT for the Wanchai Basin: On the letter sent to the CE on 15 September, MA reported that Joachim Isler had recently approached the HFC (which had been copied the letter to the CE) and had been informed that the HFC was drafting a reply. MT said that he would speak to Joachim about the desirability of trying to speak to the HFC. | MT |
| 3.14 | Para 5.1 of EC Bob Wilson's suggestions for the website: MA referred to the email from Bob Wilson re-circulated before the meeting, wherein Bob had made various suggestions for items to be included in the HKWSC, e.g. copies of his water sports articles in the magazine Fragrant Harbour and to have a policy section in the website. The Committee decided to hold action on this matter until after the Chinese version of the HKWSC website had been completed. | |
| 3.15 | Para 6.1 of EC Relationship with District Councils: JC reported that he had spoken to the DO/Kowloon City and the Chairman of Kowloon City District Council, both of whom had indicated a willingness to meet with the Council's representatives. MT said that Ian Brownlee was currently preparing a presentation to be given to the TPB in early December on the proposed permanent site. He considered that it would be useful to have this presentation available when meeting with the DO and Chairman. Also it would be desirable to see what transpired at the TPB meeting and the substance of HAB's response to the recent reply to Linda Law. The Committee agreed to revisit this issue in December, with a meeting possibly being arranged with the DO and Chairman in late December/early January depending on other outcomes. | All |
| 3.16 | Para 7.1 of EC and 5.1 of BDM Dates of Board meetings in 2018: MA referred to Joachim Isler's query about whether there should be more board meetings in 2018. He also reported that Joachim had asked about the HKSF being permitted to appoint Charles Manzoni as a third Board Member to cover for times when either Kevin Lewis or Joachim were out of town. MA said that he had had to inform Joachim that the HKWSC's Articles did not permit the HKSF to appoint more than two Directors or alternate directors. Only with the Board's approval could other persons attend board meetings and then only as an observer without the right to exercise a vote (or speak without the Board's agreement). RM reported that Joachim had asked to speak to him and this might be one of the issues he wished to raise. The Committee considered that it would not be desirable to increase | MA |

the frequency of Board meetings. However, the Committee considered that in the absence of any NSA Board Director, it would be reasonable to allow that NSA, with the Board's agreement, to send a casual observer to the meeting concerned, but the observer could not vote and could only speak with the Board's permission.

3.17 Para 7.2 Celebration of the HKWSC's 5th anniversary in 2018: The Committee agreed that this issue should be raised in the next Board meeting. Before then there should be a meeting to discuss details. All

3.18 Para 8.1 of EC ISD video for Volvo Ocean Race: Members of the Committee were unaware of their respective NSA having provided any material on water sports to ISD for the Volvo Ocean Race video that was to have been produced by ISD to showcase Hong Kong in the cities visited by the Volvo race.

4.0 Matters Arising from 13th Board of Directors Meeting not dealt with under item 3 above

4.1 Para 3.10 Water Safety Day to be held in 2018: JC advised that the Water Safety Day would be held on 1 May 2018 and that he would raise the HKWSC's involvement in the HKLSS's EC meeting in December. RM mentioned that an AMS member's daughter, who had expressed an interest to him in helping the Council and who was also a rower, might possibly be asked whether she would be willing to become the project manager for the Council for this event and also to help organise the 5th anniversary celebration. He asked MK to try to find out her name. JC also mentioned that a volunteer from a production house might also be willing to help the Council with designing flyers and pamphlets, etc. The Committee agreed to JC further exploring this. JC
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4.2 Para 4.1 Tax treatment of Seiko donation in future financial years: RY advised that the donation would be treated as a liability in the accounts until such time as it was needed to cover expenditure, when it would then be recognised as income.

4.3 Para 6.1 HKWSC's endorsement of 2017 ATIR: MA reminded the Committee that Ng Kong-wan (NKW) had obtained the Board's agreement for the HKWSC to endorse the 2017 ATIR (outrigger canoe and coastal rowing) to be held on 26 November 2017, and that he had agreed to provide details of the race for uploading to the HKWSC website. As yet these had not been supplied but NKW had said that he should be able to provide the details later that day. All

5.0 Submission to the Commission on Youth

- 5.1 MA referred to Ian Brownlee's email of 6 October, which had been circulated to the members of the Committee. Ian had suggested that the HKWSC might write to the Commission to point out the absence of sport from the Commission's youth development policy and to stress the benefits that water sports would have for youth. The Committee members had endorsed this suggestion in their reply emails. However, MA was of the view that the submission should be drafted in Chinese as this clearly appeared to be the working language of the Commission. After discussion, MA agreed to draft some bullet points in English, which he would circulate to members of the Committee. MK was asked to draft the Chinese version of the submission. The Committee noted that the CE of the HKSAR was planning some changes to the Commission with the CS taking up the chairmanship. A decision on how and to whom the submission should be addressed would be taken after the Chinese draft was completed. All

6.0 Any Other Business

- 6.1 MT reported that Paul Zimmerman had asked him if the HKWSC would be willing to apply for an STT on a site in Big Wave Bay (BWB) to permit the storage of surf boards. He explained that to avoid the need for surfers to carry their heavy surfing equipment to and from BWB, surfers or their clubs had previously made their own arrangements with commercial outlets in the vicinity of BWB to rent storage space for their surf boards. Some of the storage space, however, was situated on unallocated government land and rectification had recently been carried out by the Lands Department, resulting in the removal of the storage spaces. Home Affairs Bureau had noted that there were several pieces of vacant government land in the vicinity of BWB under the management of Lands Department and that consideration might be given by Lands Department for use of these vacant sites for the storage of surfing equipment by way of Short Term Tenancies. The Committee considered that the HKWSC might be prepared to apply for such STTs, but in so doing should act cautiously. The aim in applying for sites would be to get the surfers to form an official association that would become affiliated to the HKWSC. The Committee agreed that MT could give a positive response to Paul Zimmerman indicating that the HKWSC would be willing to consider giving its help. MT

7.0 Date of Next Meeting

- 7.1 The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 13 December 2017 in the Bistro, RHKYC.

Raymond Ma
Chairman