

## Minutes for Yau Yee League ExCo Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Hong Kong Football Club

### In attendance:

Adam Wise – Secretary  
Steve Cairns – Treasurer  
Laurence Rudge – Assistant Secretary & DSC Member  
Mark Eade – 1<sup>st</sup> Division Rep  
Michael Wong – 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Rep & DSC Member  
Mark Devonshire – Auditor

### Absent with apologies:

Michael Johnson – Chairman  
Edwin Lim – Vice-Chairman & DSC Member  
Michael Yen – Webmaster & 4th Division Rep  
Paul Hodgson – 2nd Division Rep  
Jonathan McKinley – General Rep  
Nobby Wong – General Rep  
Neil Jensen – General Rep  
Mike Ashton – Referee Liaison

The meeting started at 19:45. Attendees were provided printed copies of relevant documents.

#### 1. Chairman's Report:

- a) AO has not received a raise for a number of years; the proposed raise to HKD 10,000 per month was unanimously approved.

#### 2. Treasurer's Report

- a) Finances are in a healthy state, with a projected operating balance of around HKD 400,000 at the start of next season.
- b) However, fees may need to be raised as we expect to lose HKD 60-120k this season.
- c) Extra expenses from liability insurance, YYL Masters entry and increased First Aid costs. No increase to hourly rate for First Aid costs but coverage at HKFC and additional first-aider at KP, in line with previous manpower.
- d) Pitches and referee costs are down slightly as two teams currently suspended.
- e) League fees may need to increase starting next season.
- f) Treasurer thanked Mark Devonshire for his help with the accounts thus far.
- g) IUSC (Tai Po) still owe the second payment of league fees, which is increasing at HKD 500 per week, each week it isn't paid.

#### 3. DSC Report

- a) A good season so far, discipline-wise, no team has received more than 3 red cards.
- b) Teams who had discipline problems last year have corrected them this year.

#### 4. Division Reports:

- a) *Division 1*: It was agreed suspended teams didn't have to buy tickets to the dinner, but are welcome to join should they want to.
- b) *Division 3*: Pitch booking issue for a member team, due to a change in the management of sports facilities. Agreed that ExCo can work with member team to try and find a solution.

## **5. AO Report**

- a) All fixtures completed as scheduled and no pitch issues so far.

## **6. AGM & Suspended Teams:**

- a) ExCo understand Corinthians wish to remain in the league and will state their case at the AGM. They have also asked about the date of the AGM. The date is to be determined.
- b) IUSC (Tai Po)'s intentions regarding the lifting of their suspension are unclear. They currently owe a large amount of money, which is increasing due to non-payment of fees and fines. ExCo to communicate with them on both their current and projected negative balance, as well as to ask if they wish to remain members.
- c) Sub-committee to be formed to communicate with suspended members, applicants and to decide voting system for suspended teams.
- d) Any new teams without access to a pitch can consider contacting Community Sports.

## **7. Rule Changes**

- a) Proposed rule changes were submitted from two members.
  - a. The first proposals, regarding discipline and registration, were not supported by ExCo.
  - b. The second proposals, regarding registration, were generally accepted. Laurence Rudge will work on finalising these rule changes for approval at the AGM.
- b) Agreed that rule regarding two identity documents ineligibility should be put into written rules.

## **8. King's Park / KPSA / Pitches**

- a) KPSA: Michael Johnson has stepped down as Chairman of KPSA. All YYL bookings are now in the KPSA constitution.
- b) Training: any ExCo members aware of training pitches not being used by member teams should speak with Division Rep. Members should be asked if they plan to continue using the pitch.

## **9. YYL Dinner & Cup Finals**

- a) Dinner may not be as heavily subsidised next year due to projected loss this season and/or removal of free flow.

## **10. Insurance**

- a) 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance has been purchased.
- b) Angel Yip asked about personal liability insurance for members. Mark Devonshire has looked into this for HKFC in the past and it is prohibitively expensive.

## **11. YYL 6s**

- a) Tournament will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 & 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

## **12. Soccer 7s**

- a) Select: all seems to be going well. Luca Merlone (manager) to provide kit for the team.
- b) Masters: uptake starting to look better with around 20 players interested. Another note to be sent out to garner more interest.

## **13. YYL 9s**

- a) Mark Eade to send round draft letter to ExCo for approval.
- b) The proposed dates are 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

- c) Last year's attendees from Jakarta keen to return, with the possibility of one or two more.
- d) Drinks and presentation to take place at King's Park on the Sunday to try and boost numbers attending awards ceremony.

**14. Maccabi**

- a) Agreed that providing pitches through legitimate means and informing AO and opposition of the details 6 days prior is acceptable and block bookings of pitches is not necessary (but remains preferable).
- b) Pitches should be of required size and quality to play 11 a side matches.

**15. AOB**

None

The meeting was concluded at 22:20.

***Post-Meeting Note – ExCo Members***

*Tom Vincent has vacated his position as General Representative, in accordance with point 18 of the Yau Yee League Constitution, which states the The Office of an Executive Committee Member is declared vacant if the holder is registered with a Member which has been suspended by the Executive Committee. Nobby Kong (WYFC06) has been co-opted to the Yau Yee League Executive Committee as a General Representative, by majority vote.*