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Minutes of 1st Council Meeting, 2005/6

Date & Time : February 09, 200 (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m.

Venue : 5/F Mariners' Club, TST

Present : Robert Zajac – President RZ
 Alex Leigh – Vice President AL
 Charmian Koo – Secretary CK
 Steve Wong – Treasurer SW

Council Members

Chan Yiu	CY	Ronald Hui	RH
Christopher Leung	RH	Jacky Liu	JL
Laurance Lo	LLO	Doris Lo	DL
Alan Sze	AS	Kelvin Yim	KY

Item	Content	By
1.	Received and adopted last minutes	
	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES</u>	
2.	LLO shall provide the list of Special Voting Member list in next Council meeting.	LLO
3.	AS shall need to reconfirm the cost for 3 persons to complete a new master point program in next meeting.	AS
4.	There are 3 main objectives in our system automation project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Automation of Master Point Update (include Member Login) - Internet Sales - Automation of DATUM and IMP calculation for Intercity 	
5.	Regarding the Triangular Inter-port tournament, Hong Kong and Macau have consented the adding of Shenzhen to be one of the participants where Guangzhou is still subject to be confirmed. In addition, there are still several issues to be discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Format of the tournament - Naming convention of the tournament - The participation of Zhu Hai The Council agreed that Hong Kong would not initiate the adding of Zhu Hai. For the remaining issues, a meeting in Shenzhen is suggested to be necessary. CY shall follow up this subject matter.	CY
6.	Regarding the complaint lodged by S.H. Yu for an incident at Continuous Pairs 5 on Dec 6, the responsible tournament director, Doris Lo reported that S.H. Yu complained that he was treated impolitely by David C.C. Ng. The Council requested DL to investigate this matter by calling David C. C. Ng and S.H. Yu. and report to the Council in next Council meeting to discuss if further action is required.	
	<u>INTERNAL AFFAIRS</u>	
7.	<u>Goals for 2006</u> Our President RZ gave the warmest welcome to the new Council members joining the 1 st Council Meeting 2005/2006. The Goal for 2005/2006 have been discussed as below:	

- *T – Tournament Director to be trained up
- +M – Number of memberships to be increased
- +A – Attendance to be increased => (imply better event scheduling)
- S – Sponsorship (hopefully Long-term sponsorship to be achieved)
- *V – New replacement venue
- *IS – Internet Sales
- +Y – Youth Development
- +I – Intercity
- + - Standard Goal; * - New Goal

8. Organization of sub-committee

The sub-committees will be chaired by the following Council members:

Appeals Committee	RZ
Tournament Management	RH
Inter-School	RH
Youth Development	AS
Intercity	RZ
Internet Sales	AL
M & A	SW

*The corresponding Council members shall send an invitation to designated sub-committee members for the above sub-committees before next council meeting.

*Event Scheduling becomes the subset of Tournament Management after the approval from Council. The Council suggested to invite Mr. David C. C. Ng to become involved in Event Scheduling.

Inventory Management	JL
PR & Sponsorships	CL
Publication	CY
Website Management	LLO
Membership	LLO
Board of Directors	Mr. Anthony Ching (Chairperson), David C.C. Ng, S.S. Bux, Robert Zajac (ex-officio)

*JL please contact SK Luk and RH for handover issue

*SW shall check against M & A to ensure non-Council member could be the Chairperson of Board of Directors.

Below is the list of responsibility of each council member:

RZ	Intercity (Chairperson), Appeal (Chairperson), Internet Sales, PR
AL	Internet Sales (Chairperson)

JL
SW

CK Replacement Venue, Youth Development
 SW M & A (Chairperson)
 CY Publication
 RH Tournament Mgmt (Chairperson), Inter-school (Chairperson)
 CL PR (Chairperson), Internet Sales, Sponsorship
 JL Inventory Management, Internet Sales, Intercity
 DL Intercity, Inter-school
 LLO Membership, Website Management
 AS Youth Development (Chairperson), Tournament Mgmt, Internet Sale,
 Website Management
 KY Inter-school, Tournament Mgmt, Intercity

9. New Director Training

Mr. Anthony Ching agreed to coordinate the new Director Training.

10. Appeals Committee

Mr. Anthony Ching agreed to become a member of Appeals Committee.

11. Sponsoring Organization of Cup Events

The Tournament Management sub-committee shall suggest Cup events in which new Sponsoring Organization or Persons shall be found. The Council suggested that the HKD 50,000 donation by Mr. M. C. Siu to be a reference of donation.

RH

12. Event Scheduling of 2006-2007

The Tournament Management sub-committee shall start the event scheduling of 2006-2007. The Council suggested a longer consultation period shall be provided to our members.

RH

13. Website Upgrade

LLO will call for a meeting on this subject matter. H. L. Tsang, RZ, AS and SW shall join the meeting.

LLO

14. Date of EGM

The tentative date for EGM is Mar 24. SW shall follow up the change of AGM interval issue. Besides, SW suggested the Special Voting Member should remain be counted as 6 votes provided that the member is present to vote at the AGM, if by proxy the SVM vote will only be counted as a single vote. SW requested all the council members to show their opinion on the suggested amendment of M & A before announced to the public.

SW

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

15. Date and Venue for 2006 Intercity

Tentative dates for Intercity 2006 are from Aug 8 to 13. The tentative venue is Excelsior Hotel. The Intercity sub-committee shall start and report their progress in next Council meeting. RH will be unavailable on Aug 10 -11 due to the release of the HKCEE result.

RZ

16. Registration and Format of Trials for 2006 PABF

Registration deadline for PABF Open Team Trial will be Feb 11 and Trial will begin on Feb 18.

Regarding the date change request by Billy Fung, the Council agreed that the trial date should not be changed because the schedule has been publicly announced long beforehand. RH is responsible to represent Tournament Committee to reply Billy Fung.

RH

Regarding the format of trial, Tournament Committee requested a Playoff of 96 boards knockout with maximum 16IMPs carry-over shall be held between the 1st and 2nd ranking team after a Double round-robin. The Council agreed that the format of trial this year shall remain unchanged but keeping it in mind for next year. The Council also suggested that different schedule and tournament format for different number of participating teams to be worked out and announced in early bird for coming trials.

AOB

17. Hotline update

CK shall replace the existing Hotline forwarding number to corresponding new Council members.

CK

18. Approval of participation of World Junior Pair Championships

Our Youth Team members, Simon Lee and Felix Wong requested the approval from the Council on their participation of World Junior Pair Championships. No subsidies will be granted but letter of approval from the Council will be provided.

CK

19. Participation of 3rd FISU World University bridge Championships

Since it is not a NCBO event, the Council agreed that the decision of participation should be given to Postsecondary Bridge Union. The Council shall encourage the participation without proactively support. This issue shall be follow up by Inter-school sub-committee.

RH

20. Corporate Sponsorship to Hong Kong Youth Team

QUAM LIMITED has agreed to sponsor our Youth Team for a 2-year term with an amount of HKD 50, 000 per year. The following terms have been requested by the company:

- Naming rights of the Youth Team
- 2 times annual events as suggested "Quam Bridge Day" without further contribution in terms of \$\$
- A link to its company website from our HKCBA website.

The Council agreed on allowing the naming rights of Hong Kong Youth Team. The Council suggested events such as Quam Youth Team/Pair shall be held in Intercity. A company logo may be placed in our website to show our gratitude to our sponsor. However, the Council rejected a direct link to the company website from HKCBA website since it is not bridge-related. AS shall follow up with this subject matter and get more information from the company.

21. PABF Youth Trial 2006

The PABF Youth Trial 2006 has confirmed to be held on 4 – 7 June in Bangkok, Thailand. The format shall be a Double Round-robin without Playoff section.

22. The next Council meeting is scheduled on 28 Feb (Tue) in the Hong Kong Conventional and Exhibition Center.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Prepared By CK

Minutes of 2ND Council Meeting, 2005/6

Date & Time : February 28, 2006 (Tuesday) at 7:30 p.m.

Venue : HKCEC

Present : Alex Leigh – Vice President AL
 Charmian Koo – Secretary CK
 Steve Wong – Treasurer SW

Committee Members

Christopher Leung	CL	Ronald Hui	RH
Laurance Lo	LLO	Jacky Liu	JL
Doris Lo	DL	Alan Sze	AS
Kelvin Yim	KY		

Apologize: Robert Zajac – President RZ
 Chan Yiu CY

Item	Content	By
1.	Received and adopted last minutes	
	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES</u>	
2.	LLO shall provide the list of Special Voting Member before the next Council Meeting.	LLO
3.	AS replied that the cost to complete the new master point program and internet sales shall be HKD 60,000. The Council agreed that it is not feasible. LLO shall arrange a meeting with Mr. H. L. Tsang on Mar 9 to discuss for a more cost-saving solution.	LLO
4.	Regarding the Triangular Inter-port tournament, since CY is absent, AL will follow up with CY as soon as possible. AS shall try to arrange a meeting in Shenzhen in Mar.	AL/AS
5.	Regarding the complaint lodged by S.H. Yu for an incident at Continuous Pairs 5 on Dec 6, DL has investigated the issue with both parties and RH will send a formal reply to Mr. S. H. Yu. Case shall be closed.	CK
6.	Regarding the request of Mr. Billy Fung on 2006 PABF Trial, case to be closed.	CK
7.	Regarding the CBA Hotline, CK shall send a reminder after 8 – 10 days.	CK
8.	RH will follow the issue of 3 rd FISU World University Bridge Championships with the Hong Kong Post-Secondary Union of Bridge.	RH
9.	The agreement regarding the Corporate Sponsorship from QUAM LIMITED has been sent and pending for confirmation.	
10.	The HK Representatives of PABF Youth Trial 2006 is required to confirm on or before Mar 31. Since our selection trial will be held on Apr 2, AS will send a request to PABF committee to delay the submission of HK Representative list until Apr 9. Besides, the Council agreed to send either the Winning team or the 1 st runner-up team of Rose Bowl Championship 2005 to participate the PABF School Trial with 70% sponsorship. RH will follow this issue and report in next Council Meeting.	AS/RH
	<u>INTERNAL AFFAIRS</u>	
11.	<u>Organization of sub-committee</u> The sub-committees have been formed with the following members:	

A. Appeals Committee

Chairman RZ
Members Mr. Anthony Ching
Mr. Samuel Wan
Mr. David C. C. Ng
Mr. David Chan

B. Board of Tournament Directors

Chairman Anthony Ching / RH (Still pending for confirmation)
Members Mr. David C. C. Ng
Mr. S. S. Bux
RZ (ex-officio)

C. Tournament Management

Chairman RH
Members AS
KY
Mr. David C. C. Ng

D. Youth Development & Inter-school

Chairman AS & RH
Members CK
Mr. Jacky Ip
Mr. Billy Szeto
Mr. Tom Leung
Mr. Kenneth Chuk (Chairman of SSBL)
Chairman of HKPUB (Pending to confirm)

E. Intercity

Chairman RZ
Members DL
KY
JL
CL
Mr. Ringo Lee
Mr. Terence Mak

F. Internet Sales

Chairman AL
Members RZ
JL
AS

G. M & A

Chairman SW
Members Mr. Bell Tam
Mr. Chris Chung
Ms. Christine Booth
Mr. L. J. Remedios
Mr. Vincent Fung

12. Sponsoring Organization of Cup Events

As suggested by the Tournament Management subcommittee, there are totally six cup-events to be reviewed. CL shall follow this issue and circulate the cup list to potential sponsors.

- Hong Kong Open Pairs (Chinese Club Cup)
- Hong Kong Open Team (Lusitano Club Cup)
- Team of Six (Association Cup)
- IMP Pairs (S.C.A.A. Cup)
- St. John University Cup
- Terence Reese Cup

The Council proposed that the name of all the cup events should be renamed in the format of [Name of Sponsor] + [Name of Cup event] (e.g Chan Yiu Continuous Pair).

The Council also proposed that the history of sponsorship should be added in the page of Format and background information of Tournaments in the website.

13. Event Scheduling of 2006-2007

The Tournament Management sub-committee has proposed the event scheduling of 2006-2007 for Council review. Below is the differences of this year:

- Lorraine Sung Team no longer the trial of Triangular Port
- Playoff session is available for both PABF Trial and Open League

Below is the feedback and new suggestion from the Council:

- Except Ladder Team, the total ranking calculation of all Year-round pair events must include either the last or second last event.
- For event includes a Play-off session, the tournament fee should be more expensive in order to cover the cost of the play-off session.
- For Open League, if one of the playing team walks over, the issue of cost bearing is still pending to discuss.

RH proposed to finalize the event scheduling of 200-2007 and post on the web for public review in Mid-March. Then the consultation will be ended and the schedule to be finalized in May.

RH

14. Date of EGM

The EGM is proposed to be held on either Apr 22, May 16 or May 23 subjected to the completion of consultation. SW shall follow this issue and confirm in next Council Meeting.

SW

15. Website and Membership Management

- LLo shall update the Master Point List as of Feb 28 within two weeks.
- SW claimed that the chinese character of M&A could not be printed properly. AS and LLo will investigate and make sure the printable version of M&A and Handbook work properly.
- SW shall update the membership list before mid-March.

LLO

16. Appeals Case Review

- RH shall send the existing two finalized appeals cases to CY for Bridgezette publication.
- Regarding the Bridge Law updated from WBF, AL suggested that there should be more than 1 contact point aside from Mr. Anthony Ching. RH will follow this issue with WBF.

RH/CY

- The Council also suggested the Appeals Committee should include players from different team to avoid source of conflict. RH/CY

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

17. Progress of 2006 Intercity

The Intercity sub-committee has started their first meeting on Feb 25. Mr. Anthony Ching is confirmed to be the Chief Director of the event. The Excelsior Hotel confirms that 3/F Ballroom and four complimentary rooms which cost under HKD\$1,000 shall be provided for the event. CL shall follow the contact with the Excelsior Hotel together with RZ

AS reported that the cost of the Vu-graph reporter and Chinese Bulletin Editor, 宋召 is HKD\$5,000.

The tournament fee is proposed to be slightly increased this year. For side game, Pair events will be charged HKD\$250 per pair; Swiss Team will be charged HKD\$1,000 per team; Transitional Team will be charged HKD\$1,200 per team.

SW suggested that the number of boards should be more than 30 for each event. AS suggested KY and Mr. Abby Chiu to formulate an Excel spreadsheet for Transitional Team scoring in order to smooth the event.

AOB

18. Reallocation of Steve Wong's tasks

The Tournament Committee has agreed to shift the role of Free Game coupon distribution to CK, our secretary from SW. SW will handover the task to CK. CK

19. Change of Registration Office and Contact information

Our existing registration office address and phone number shall be updated. The Council has agreed to use the below information in our company registration:

Address: AL's home address

Phone: CBA phone number

Fax: RZ's fax number (TBC)

SW has to check the price of information update from our company secretary.

20. Change of Authorized Signature of Bank

SW reminded that the authorized signature of designated bank must be changed as soon as possible.

21. There being no other business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

The next Council meeting is scheduled on 29 Mar (Wed) in Mariner's Club, TST.

Prepared By CK

Minutes of 3rd Council Meeting, 2005/6

Date & Time : March 29, 2006 (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m.

Venue : Mariner's Club

Present : Robert Zajac – President RZ
 Alex Leigh – Vice President AL
 Charmian Koo – Secretary CK
 Steve Wong – Treasurer SW

Committee Members

Ronald Hui	RH	Chan Yiuu	CY
Jacky Liu	JL	Kelvin Yim	KY
Alan Sze	AS		

Apologize: Christopher Leung CL
 Laurance Lo LLO
 Doris Lo DL

Item	Content	By
1.	Received and adopted last minutes	
	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES</u>	
2.	LLO already provided the list of Special Voting Member.	
3.	Regarding the Triangular Inter-port tournament, it is not possible to change the name since the event has been registered in the Central Government. It is suggested that Shenzhen could be registered as Macau Team B. Macau agreed this approach. AS shall check with Shenzhen Team.	AS
4.	Regarding the complaint lodged by S.H. Yu for an incident at Continuous Pairs 5 on Dec 6, RZ shall give a verbal reply to SH Yu.	RZ
5.	Regarding the CBA hotline, the line forwarding is fixed and case closed.	
6.	<u>Change of Registration Office and Contact information</u> Our existing registration office address and phone number shall be updated. The Council has agreed to use the below information in our company registration: Address: Flat C, 4/F, Chuang's on the Park, 162, Tung Lo Wan Road, Tin Hau, Hong Kong Phone: 3413 3039 Fax: RZ's fax number	SW
7.	<u>Change of Authorized Signature of Bank</u> SW reminded that the authorized signature of designated bank must be changed as soon as possible.	SW
8.	RH will follow the issue of 3 rd FISU World University Bridge Championships with the Hong Kong Post-Secondary Union of Bridge.	RH
9.	Since the contact point of Quam Limited has resigned, we are still waiting for the new contact point to continue the corporate sponsorship issue. RZ claimed that Council has delegated this issue to Youth Development and we shall not discuss the progress in Council meeting.	

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10. Regarding PABF School Series, it is confirmed that the 1st-runner up of Rose Bowl Championships 2005 (i.e. Li Siu Chung Secondary School) would participate in the event. The Council has appointed AS to incharge of the team. The maximum budget of each participant should be \$4000 which covers the expense on flight ticket and hotel accommodation. SW reminded that the participants must be HKCBA members.

AS

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

11. Organization of sub-committee

The sub-committees are finalized with the following members:

A. Appeals Committee

Chairman Robert Zajac

Members Anthony Ching, Samuel Wan, David C. C. Ng, David Chan

B. Board of Tournament Directors

Chairman Anthony Ching

Members David C. C. Ng, S. S. Bux, Robert Zajac (ex-officio)

C. Tournament Management

Chairman Ronald Hui

Members Alan Sze , Kelvin Yim, David C. C. Ng

D. Youth Development & Inter-school

Chairman Alan Sze

Members Charmian Koo, Ronald Hui, Jacky Ip, Billy Szeto, Tom Leung, Kenneth Chuk (Chairman of SSBL), Chairman of HKPUB (Pending to confirm)

E. Intercity

Chairman Robert Zajac

Members Doris Lo, Kelvin Yim, Jacky Liu, Christopher Leung, Ringo Lee, Anthony Ching, Matthew Leung

F. Internet Sales

Chairman Alex Leigh

Members Robert Zajac, Jacky Liu, Alan Sze

G. M & A

Chairman Steve Wong

Members Bell Tam, Chris Chung, Christine Booth, L. J. Remedios, Vincent Fung

12. System Automation Project

HL Tsang replied that the cost is \$16,000 for the Master Point program and the Internet Sales program. The system can be delivered in 2-3 months. CK recommended her colleague to work on this project and it is possible to deliver within 2 months with similar budget. The Council delegated this decision to AL and he would report in next Council Meeting. The maximum budget for the two enhancements should be \$20,000.

13. Sponsoring Organization of Cup Events

Since CL was absented, the sponsorship issue should be confirmed in next Council meeting.

14. Event Scheduling of 2006-2007

- For Open League, if one of the playing team walks over, the Council agreed that AL/AS no Master Point should be given to both team.

- It is confirmed that PABF Simultaneous Pair to be scrapped in the coming year.

15. Date of EGM

The EGM would be held on May 16.

16. Website and Membership Management

No progress on the website and membership management

17. Appeals Case Review

RH already added RZ as an additional contact point to WBF.

18. PABF Hong Kong Representative Trial

The closing registration date of Ladies and Senior Team would be Apr 22. The trial would be held on Apr 29 if more than 1 team registered the event.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

19. Progress of 2006 Intercity

- The Intercity shall be held on Aug 8/13 in Miramar. The package should be \$330,000.

- Sponsorship is still pending to confirm.

20. Subsidy on Yeh Bros Cup

The Council regretted that there would not be any subsidy besides WBF and PABF Tournaments.

21. Standardization on the charges of Bridge Teaching Course

For non-profit making institutions, the rate should be around \$134/hour. It is negotiable for profit making ones. Youth Development will take charge of all the Bridge teaching courses.

AOB

The next Council meeting is scheduled on 24 Apr (Mon) in Mariner's Club, TST.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm

Prepared By CK

Minutes of 4th Council Meeting, 2005/6

Date & Time : April 24, 2006 (Monday) at 7:30 p.m.

Venue : Mariner's Club

Present : Robert Zajac – President RZ
 Charmian Koo – Secretary CK
 Steve Wong – Treasurer SW

Committee Members

Ronald Hui	RH	Chan Yiuu	CY
Jacky Liu	JL	Kelvin Yim	KY
Alan Sze	AS	Christopher Leung	CL
Laurance Lo	LLO	Doris Lo	DL

Apologize: Alex Leigh – Vice President AL

Item	Content	By
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1. Received and adopted last minutes

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

2. Regarding the Special Voting Member List, AL shall amend the membership renewal draft disregard the exact date or EGM. LLo will assist in checking membership status and mail the letter to the members. AL/LLO

3. Regarding the Triangular Inter-port tournament, AS will confirm with Shenzhen team about registration as Macau Team B. AS

4. Regarding the complaint lodged by S.H. Yu for an incident at Continuous Pairs 5 on Dec 6, RZ failed to meet SH Yu before Council meeting. He delegated the task to AL. AL

5. SW reported that the change of authorized signature of designated bank was pending due to problem encountered with the Company Registry. SW shall continue follow on this issue. SW

6. RH has not informed the issue of 3rd FISU World University Bridge Championships with the Hong Kong Post-Secondary Union of Bridge. RH

7. Regarding PABF School Series, AS will be the NPC of Hong Kong School Team.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

8. Organization of sub-committee

The sub-committees are finalized with the following members:

A. Appeals Committee

Chairman Robert Zajac

Members Anthony Ching, Samuel Wan, David C. C. Ng, David Chan

B. Board of Tournament Directors

Chairman Anthony Ching

Members David C. C. Ng, S. S. Bux, Robert Zajac (ex-officio)

C. Tournament Management

Chairman Ronald Hui

Members Alan Sze , Kelvin Yim, David C. C. Ng

D. Youth Development & Inter-school

Chairman Alan Sze
Members Charmian Koo, Ronald Hui, Jacky Ip, Billy Szeto, Tom Leung,
Kenneth Chuk (Chairman of SSBL), Chairman of HKPUB
(Pending to confirm)

E. Intercity

Chairman Robert Zajac
Members Doris Lo, Kelvin Yim, Jacky Liu, Christopher Leung,
Anthony Ching, Matthew Leung, Helen Yeung

F. Internet Sales

Chairman Alex Leigh
Members Robert Zajac, Jacky Liu, Alan Sze

G. M & A

Chairman Steve Wong
Members Bell Tam, Chris Chung, Christine Booth, L. J. Remedios,
Vincent Fung

9. System Automation Project

Since AL was absented, the details to be reported in next Council meeting. AL
However, before next Council Meeting, RZ shall provide selling item list for Council RZ
approval. The list shall also include photos, description, price.

10. Sponsoring Organization of Cup Events

CL will continue follow this issue in the next Council meeting. CL

11. Event Scheduling of 2006-2007

- The Council confirmed that playoff must be held for Open League started from this year.
- Only one match day deposit shall be paid in advance for Open League
- The Council suggested that Open Team of Six should be held 3 days minimum. If less than 8 teams, at least 4 boards each round should be played.
- The Council suggested that pre-registration should be required for events depends on number of participating teams (eg. Open Team of Six).
- The Tournament Committee has received comments from Kelvin Yim, Anthony Ching regarding Schedule and format 2006-2007 as follows:
 - It is suggested that no bonus point should be given.
 - The Open Pair Qualifying and Final should be held within 1 week.
- RH will ask for more opinion from others and report in next Council meeting. RH
- KY will consult WK Chan to input all the coming events into CBA website. KY
- Some of the directors have confirmed not to take up any task next year. Next year, the below directors will be responsible for CBA events: Eric Tang, Arthur Lau, Kelvin Yim and Ben Lam. However, Ben Lam is not on the director list at this moment. It is still pending for the confirmation of Anthony Ching.

12. Date of EGM

The EGM may be postponed to Jun 27. Details to be confirmed.

13. Website and Membership Management

Master Point List has been updated to Feb 2006. For membership status, it is still pending for SW to follow.

14. PABF Hong Kong Representative Trial
The registration of Ladies and Senior Team has been closed. There are 2 Ladies Team and no Senior Team being registered. A trial will be held on Apr 29 and 30.
15. HKCBA Handbook
SW confirmed that the link to Handbook has been removed from the website. KY shall check against the hardcopy of handbook and report by email whether Board of Directors could be chaired by non-Council member. LLo shall update the link in CBA website. LLO
16. Inventory Management
All the inventory items from RH's school will be placed into RZ's home in mid-May. JL

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

17. Progress of 2006 Intercity
- The venue is confirmed to be the Miramar Hotel. The package should be \$300,000. Contract shall be signed on April 27 and \$90,000 deposit shall be paid in advance.
 - Sponsorship is in progress.
 - The Council reminded the Intercity sub-committee that for China team, registration through CCBA should be \$4,500, otherwise, the fee should be \$6,000.
 - The Council suggested that a fixed transportation cost (eg. \$2,600) should be given to helpers from China due to fluctuated and variance transportation fee.
18. Bridge Course from Hong Kong Teacher's Center
- The Council recommended the minimum class size should be 8 students.
 - The Council suggested the instructor could be SK Luk or AL.
 - RH/LLo will follow on this issue. RH/LLO

AOB

19. For Cup event, currently the pair is being disqualified, however, the score still stands. RH will seek for advice from others before next Bridge Year. RH
20. LLo asked if HKCBA still planned to organize Bridge Course this year. SK Luk is willing to teach based on previous year practice. The Council confirmed that the task would be delegated to SK Luk to organize. LLo shall follow this task with SK Luk. LLO
21. Regarding the query on Youth representative selection, the Council summoned and noted the below fact:
- Some members lost the attendance bonus point due to the participation of Yeh Bros' Cup Trial which had been crashed with Youth Team Trainin
 - At the beginning of year-term, YTSC already announced the details of bonus point scheme. Whenever there's CBA events being crashed with training, members who chose to play CBA events would be rewarded CBA event bonus point (i.e. 2 pts for whole event) and lost training bonus point (i.e. 7 pts for each training).
 - The total assessment point of Leung-Ng pair and Li-Lo pair were approaching at the first time announcement. However, there's input error on the Trial score after review. After re-calculation, there is tie-break between Leung-Ng pair and Li-Lo pair. YTSC decided that an additional 128-boards playoff shall be held in Apr 23 and May 1.

- The Council endorsed the delay of Youth selection to May 1. The Council suggested YTSC to evaluate the selection scheme.
22. PABF Committee would like to borrow our Duplimates and buy 400 playing cards at cost price (US\$0.7 each) from us for PABF Youth Trial to be held on June in Bangkok. These items will be delivered by our Youth Team Representatives without declaration of Custom.
 23. An incident was brought up by Ringo Lee, regarding a probable ethical query of our Youth Team members, Yiu Wai Sing and Ivan Leung on the day of Youth Team Trial on Apr 2. To understand the incident more, AL solicited lots of responses from witnesses, players and director. The Council reached the conclusion that it arouse an error and no ethical issue from the Yiu-Leung pair.
 24. The next Council meeting is scheduled on May 29 (Mon) in Mariner's Club, TST.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm

Prepared By CK

深度的『忍讓』

齊亞在下面一副牌的表演非常精彩：

Dealer S	♠ AQJ87		
	♥ K7		
	♦ 732		
	♣ 986		
♠ 54		♠ K1096	
♥ 1064		♥ QJ95	
♦ QJ1098		♦ 6	
♣ Q104		♣ J752	
	♠ 32		
	♥ A832		
	♦ AK54		
	♣ AK3		

West	North	East	South (Zia)
pass	1♣	pass	1♦
pass	3NT	(A.P.)	2NT

聯手 28 大牌點，但 3NT 不是人人都能作成的，一般人多數在下列三種情形下會成功，即 ♠K 在西，或 ♠3-3 分布，但齊亞想的更深一層，如果東有 ♠K10xx 四張，也能成功。牌桌上的情況是南開叫 1♦，應有四張，但西（Tony Forrester）首攻是 ♦J，所以 ♦ 的分配一定不理想，那第九墩只有從 ♠ 想辦法。南用 ♦A 贏進首攻，出 ♠3，明手跟 ♠7，東不能忍讓吧，之後南贏進任何回攻，再出 ♠，只要西跟出，明手放 ♠J，♠ 不壞於 4-2 分配就一定能取得三墩 ♠，其他 ♥、♦ 各二墩，剛好成約，如果你出第一墩明手放 ♠Q 的話，只要東忍讓，你只能取得二墩 ♠，定約失敗。此牌如西首攻 ♥，因橋引問題，定約將失敗。但持西的牌，能攻 ♥ 而不攻 ♦ 嗎？

另一例子：

Love All	♠ 642		♠ Q953
Dealer S	♥ 2		♥ 87543
	♦ AKQ1043		♦ --
	♣ 976		♣ QJ108
♠ KJ10		♠ A87	
♥ 1096		♥ AKQJ	
♦ J9865		♦ 72	
♣ 43		♣ AK52	

West	North	East	South
			2NT
pass	6NT	pass	pass
pass			

首攻 ♥10，正常首攻，幸運的是未攻 ♠。打 6NT 只需五墩 ♦，所以用 ♥A 贏進首攻，出 ♦，南北都放小，可保證得五墩，東西的 ♦ 分配除 3-2，4-1 外，西持五張 ♦ 也能成功（如果東有五張 ♦ 就沒辦法了）。如打 7NT，你只有希望 ♦ 是 3-2 分配，或 ♦J 是單張。

最後一例：

Love All	♠ AK742		♠ 103
Dealer S	♥ 84		♥ J10
	♦ A1086		♦ 92
	♣ A4		♣ KJ107652
♠ Q965		♠ J8	
♥ AQ9632		♥ K75	
♦ 75		♦ KQJ43	
♣ Q		♣ 983	

West	North	East	South
	1♣	3♣	3♦
pass	5♦	pass	pass
pass			

在 Tunisia 的世界比賽中，只有加拿大選手是唯一完成合約的選手。首攻 ♣Q，明手 ♣A 定住，調一輪將牌，出 ♠AK，再用大將吃 ♠，調將牌到明手，幸運的是 ♦2-2 分配，現在西的牌完全清楚是 4621 牌型，這時明手出第四張 ♠ 暗手墊 ♣，西被投入，只有 ♥ 可出，由於 ♥A 在西手，結果完成定約，只輸一墩 ♠ 和一墩 ♥，手中的 ♣ 失張墊在第四和第五張 ♠ 上。

無 Ace 的滿貫 ACELESS SLAMS

(1) 一個 Ace 都沒有的牌，除牌型極怪外，一般都不能完成滿貫定約，但也有靠防守錯誤而做的。請看 2005 年丹麥雙人賽半決賽中的一副牌：

An aceless slam is almost impossible to make, unless the hands are so 'bridget-bardot', an European depiction for shapely, or some heartfelt assistance from the defense, this one is from the 2005 Danish Open Pairs Semi-Final:

Love All Dealer W	♠ -- ♥ KQ94 ♦ KQJ73 ♣ J1074		♠ A843 ♥ 10532 ♦ A865 ♣ K
♠ Q1096 ♥ AJ876 ♦ 1094 ♣ A	♠ KJ752 ♥ -- ♦ 2 ♣ Q986532		

West	North	East	South (E.Jenson)
1♥	2♦	4♥	5♣
pass	6♣	X	pass
pass	pass		

五個關鍵張，一個都沒有的牌能打成滿貫嗎？西首攻 ♥A，幫了最大的忙；如首攻 ♦，甚至 ♣A 或 ♠，大概都不能成約。現在首攻 ♥A，加上 ♦A 位置有利，很容易成約。實戰中，將吃 ♥A，將吃 ♠ 到明手，♥K 墊去 ♦，再出 ♦K 將吃飛牌，調將。由於東西的 ♣ 是 1-1 分配，手中的 ♠ 可以將吃三張，另二張分別墊在 ♥Q，♦Q 上，完成合約。

Holding none of the 5 keycards and make? West led ♥A, probably the most helpful of his 13 cards, plus partner's well-seated ♦A, made the play a truly piece of cheesecake: ♥A ruffed, ♠ ruff to dummy for ♦ pitch on ♥K, then ♦K for ruffing finesse and when trump Ace and King were one-one, slam claimed, 3 ♠s discarded on ♥ and ♦ honours, and 2 ruffed.

- (2) 這副牌出現在 35 年前百慕達盃的比賽中，對陣雙方是法國對巴西，當法國隊坐南北時叫牌如下：

This hand occurred some 35 years ago, Bermuda Bowl, France vs Brazil, The French were N-S:

Love All Dealer E	♠ KJ43 ♥ 10972 ♦ J9762 ♣ --		♠ A10975 ♥ 6 ♦ K843 ♣ 876
♠ 862 ♥ A54 ♦ A105 ♣ A542	♠ Q ♥ KQJ83 ♦ Q ♣ KQJ1093		

West	North	East	South
		pass	1♣
pass	1♦	pass	1♥
pass	3♥	pass	4NT
pass	5♣	pass	7♥
X	pass	pass	pass

照他們自己的約定，5♣ 表示 0 或 4 個 Ace。當時 4 位運動員都是第一流的專家。而且叫牌過程中還使用了 Ace 問叫。問題出在 3♥ 叫品，北認為是不逼叫，而南認為是逼叫。經過 4NT - 5♣ 之後，南認為北必是 4 個 Ace，否則怎能跳叫 3♥ 呢，於是直上 7♥。此牌法國隊輸 14 IMPs。

5♣ was simple blackwood, 0 or 4 Aces. The 4 players were all experts. The problem, of course, was the 3♥ bid after the initial 1♦ response. North explained/thought it was non-forcing. South thought otherwise hence partner had 4 Aces instead of none was construed. 14 IMPs and history.

(3) 缺少 3 個關鍵張 (包括將牌 K)，而在首攻失誤的情形下都能完成定約。此牌出現在 2005 年歐洲青年錦標賽上。對陣雙方：德國 — 挪威。

This one had 3 keycards missing but made on a lead, 2005 European Juniors, Germany vs Norway:

Game EW	♠ 754	♠ KJ
Dealer S	♥ AKJ72	♥ 108654
	♦ --	♦ 65
	♣ QJ642	♣ A1097
♠ 86		
♥ Q9		
♦ A98732		
♣ 853		
	♠ AQ10932	
	♥ 3	
	♦ KQJ104	
	♣ K	

West	North	East	South
			1♠
pass	2♥	pass	3♦
pass	4♣	pass	4♠
pass	4NT	pass	5♦
pass	5♥	pass	6♠
pass	7♠	X	pass
pass	pass		
**5♦	1 or 4 keycards		
**5♥	Asking ♠Q		
**6♠	Have ♠Q		

西認為東的加倍是 Lightner 加倍，且一定是 ♦，所以首攻 ♦A。打牌過程很簡單，明手將吃 ♦A，♥A 墊去 ♣K，飛 ♠，手中全好。

West pinpointed partner's double as lightner and therefore ♦A lead. It was then routine to discard the losing ♣K on the ♥ honor and a trump finesse.

要學會 PASS

LEARN TO PASS

(1) 香港一位好手，經常指導青年隊員，他對叫牌頗有研究和心得，他告訴我，他主要學會何時叫 pass。我很同意他的說法，最近看到 2005 年美國選拔美國 II 隊參加百慕達盃比賽的半決賽的牌例，有多副說明 pass 的重要。其中一副是：

A Hong Kong player who had spent lots of time on coaching our Youths, and adept in bidding theories, once told me one of this secrets was knowing when to pass. I couldn't have agreed more, witness this hand from the trial to select 2005 USA Team II :

Dealer N	♠ K103	♠ AQ6
	♥ J4	♥ 10973
	♦ K8765	♦ J42
	♣ 874	♣ J95
♠ 7		
♥ K862		
♦ AQ1093		
♣ Q102		
	♠ J98542	
	♥ AQ5	
	♦ --	
	♣ AK63	

請看參加半決賽的四個隊伍的叫牌：

The 4 biddings:~

第一桌：

West	North	East	South	
	pass	pass	1♠	
X	2♥*	3♥	4♠	*sound raise
pass	pass	pass		

第二桌：

West	North	East	South	
	pass	pass	1♠	
X	2♠*	2NT	3♣	*weak raise
pass	3♠	A.P.		

第三桌：

West	North	East	South	
	pass	pass	1♠	
X	2♥*	pass	4♠	*sound raise
pass	pass	pass		

第四桌：

West	North	East	South	
	pass	pass	1♠	
X	2♣*	2♥	4♠	*sound raise
pass	pass	pass		

四桌的南都開叫 1♠，西都叫加倍，有三桌的北都表示是合格加叫 ♠，因而南都叫到 4♠。只有一桌的北表示是弱加叫，最後就停在 3♠。

Almost universal bidding, the only exception was Table 2's North considered his hand was a weak raise while the other 3 sound ones, hence stopped in 3♠ when others in game.

區別是持北的牌是合格加叫，還是弱加叫，可能也是見仁見智，多數專家都認為是介乎二者之間。持東的牌，確實有一定牌力，要它 pass 吧，心有不甘，但如果叫牌，最後搶不到合約的話，就像第一、二、四桌那樣，同伴首攻 ♥ 而幫助莊家合約打成十墩。

East had a 'headache' sort of hand too, like North's, 8 points but no shape and bids made would result in ♥ leads and 10 tricks, as in tables 1, 2, 4.

只有第三桌的東家 Woolsey 在北 (Zia) 叫 2♥ 後 pass，一則叫牌後未必能搶到合約，反給莊家更多訊息，再則也不希望同伴首攻 ♥，結果取得成功，同伴首攻 ♠，莊家只取得九墩牌，其他三桌莊家，由於首攻是 ♥ 均取得十墩。此牌 Woolsey 的 pass 贏得 12 IMPs。

Table 3's East was Woolsey who, after Zia's 'sound' raise, wisely kept quiet and partner led a trump, killing the contract and 12 IMPs.

世事無絕對，請看下例，持北的牌在同伴表示二套牌後，特別 ♠，起碼有九張配的情形下，應該表示支持才對。

Another battle on bidding, 4 biddings, should you support with zero count but 4 cards ♠, the master of all suits?

Love All	♠ 10652	♠ K7
Dealer N	♥ 105432	♥ J8
	♦ 103	♦ QJ
	♣ J2	♣ AKQ9843
♠ J		
♥ AKQ96		
♦ A95		
♣ 10765		
	♠ AQ9843	
	♥ 7	
	♦ K87642	
	♣ --	

第一桌：

West	North	East	South	
	pass	1♣	1♠	
2♥	2♠	3NT	4♠	*sound raise
6♣	pass	pass	6♦	
pass	pass	X	pass	
pass	6♠	X	pass	
pass	pass			

第二桌：

West	North	East	South	
	pass	2♣*	4♦*	*2♣: Long ♣
6♣	pass	pass	pass	*4♦: ♦+♠

第三桌：

West	North	East	South	
	pass	1♣	1♠	*2♦: ♥ suit
2♦*	3♠*	3NT	4♠	*3♠: weak
5♠	pass	6♣	6♠	
X	pass	pass	pass	

第四桌：

West	North	East	South	
	pass	2♣	2♠	*2♣: limit opening
X	pass	3NT	4♦	*X: negative
6♣	pass	pass	pass	

第二、四桌的北一直沒有加叫 ♠，結果被東西方叫到 6♣，鐵牌一副。
At Table 2 and 4, no support from partner, 6♣ were easy makes.

第一、三桌由於北應叫 ♠，最後叫到南北方的最『佳』合約 6♠。結果有一桌首攻 ♠ 僅下二。另一桌首攻 ♥，也只有下三而已。

At Table 1 and 3, ♠ supported and sacrificed, 6♠ were 2 or 3 down only on different leads, representing good gains.

SCHEDULE

JULY ~ SEPTEMBER 2006



七月 JULY 2006

4	Tue	HK Open Pairs Qualifying #1
7	Fri	HK Open Pairs Qualifying #2
8	Sat	Rose Bowl Qualifying (for Secondary Schools)
8	Sat	Open League #1
9	Sun	Inter-Post-Secondary Bridge Championship
11	Tue	July Pairs
14	Fri	IMP Pairs #1
15	Sat	HK Open Pairs Final
15	Sat	Rose Bowl Quarter Final (for Secondary Schools)
15	Sat	Inter-Post-Secondary Bridge Championships
16	Sun	Rose Bowl Semi-Final (for Secondary Schools)
17	Mon	Rose Bowl Final (for Secondary Schools)
18	Tue	Continuous Pairs #1
21	Fri	Ladder Team #2
22	Sat	EGM Pairs
25	Tue	Lorraine Sung Team #1
28	Fri	Lorraine Sung Team #2
29	Sat	Inter-Port Trial #1
30	Sun	Inter-Port Trial #2

八月 AUGUST 2006

1	Tue	Paul Jones #2
4	Fri	IMP Pairs #2
5	Sat	Open League #2
8 ~ 13	Tue~Sun	Hong Kong Inter-City
15	Tue	Continuous Pairs #2
18	Fri	Ladder Team #3
29	Tue	August Pairs

九月 SEPTEMBER 2006

5	Tue	September Pairs
8	Fri	IMP Pairs #3
9	Sat	Open League #3
12	Tue	HK Open Team Qualifying #1
15	Fri	HK Open Team Qualifying #2
19	Tue	HK Open Team Qualifying #3
22	Fri	HK Open Team Qualifying #4 / QF (TBC)
26	Tue	Continuous Pairs #3
30	Sat	HK Open Team Semi-Final

