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7th Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 21, 2016 (Wednesday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Venue: Unit 1103, 11/F, East Ocean Centre, 98 Granville Road, TST, KLN, HK

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)

Pearlie Chan – Secretary (PC)

Christopher Leung - Treasurer (CL)

Council members:

Charlie Lee (XL)

Crystal Tang (CT)

John Tsang (JT)

KF Mak (KF)

Louis Tam (LT)

Ronald Hui (RH)

Tony Lau (TL)

WK Lai (WK)

Apologies:

Leo Cheung – Vice President (LC)

Item	Content	When	Action
1	Adopted minutes of last meeting.		
2	Matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order): i) 2018 Asia Game: Indonesia requested HKCBA to write a letter to OCA to support the inclusion of bridge in the Asian Game which we have already done. PC will remind DZ to call Timothy Fok (VP of OCA) to lobby for his support to vote for bridge before the OCA meeting on September 24. i) Online Registration: in order to facilitate the registration and preparation process, it is suggested that players are no longer able to cancel their registration on the website after registration deadline. Players should contact director to cancel		PC/DZ TL

	any registration. The director's name for each event will also be added to the website for easy reference. TL to confirm progress in the next meeting.		
3	Financial Affairs: i) Latest Bank Balance: HKD1.27mil		
4	Internal Affairs: i) Grand Slam Individual invitation list: will send out invitation and update the final player list on HKCBA website. ii) World Youth Team Championships captain's report: Council endorsed the captain's report for both youngster and junior (prepared by XL and JT respectively). PC will follow up with DZ, Samuel Wan and Vincent Li for the Ladies, Open and Senior Team captain's report before the next council meeting.		RH PC
5	External Affairs: i) 2016 四川攀枝花全國橋牌公開賽: The organizer invited Hong Kong to join the team event on December 8-11. TL to post the news about this tournament on HKCBA website to see if there are players interested to participate in the event. No sponsor or subsidy will be provided.		TL
6	AOB: Nil		
The next meeting will be held on October 26, 2016 (Wednesday)			

8th Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 26, 2016 (Wednesday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Venue: Unit 1103, 11/F, East Ocean Centre, 98 Granville Road, TST, KLN, HK

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)

Leo Cheung – Vice President (LC)

Pearlie Chan – Secretary (PC)

Christopher Leung - Treasurer (CL)

Council members:

Charlie Lee (XL)

Crystal Tang (CT)

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Louis Tam (LT)

Ronald Hui (RH)

Tony Lau (TL)

WK Lai (WK)

Item	Content	When	Action
1	Adopted minutes of last meeting.		
2	Matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order): ii) Online Registration: in order to facilitate the registration and preparation process, it is suggested that players are no longer able to cancel their registration on the website after registration deadline. Players should contact director to cancel any registration. The director's name for each event will also be added to the website for easy reference. TL to confirm progress in the next meeting. iii) PC to follow up with Vincent Li for the captain's report for WBG Senior Team.		TL PC
3	Financial Affairs: ii) Latest Bank Balance: HKD1.17mil		

4	<p>Internal Affairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii) Potential change of Open League schedule: Council confirmed that there will be no change in December Open League schedule due to the crash with SEAB on December 10. iv) Complaint received from player on GSI: A complaint was received from one of the player being invited to join the GSI because of the bad weather/typhoon arrangement and he had eventually missed the game. Council has agreed to invite him to join the GSI again next year. In terms of bad weather arrangement, Council will make an announcement on HKCBA website by 5pm on the same day to confirm whether the event will continue or postpone. The game will be postponed or not normally depends on whether there is a high chance that typhoon signal no. 8/higher will be hoisted and Council will make the final judgment if there is no clear direction from the Hong Kong Observatory. v) APBF Trial: Open Team trial will complete in January 2017. Ladies, Senior and Youth trial will start in February 2017. Registration fee for the trial will include both Semi-Final and Final venue booking fee. Council agreed that registration for the trial should open up 1 month prior to the trial date and deadline should be set 1 week prior to the trial date. Players are requested to submit their convention cards when they do the online registration. For Senior Team, trial will select one team to represent Hong Kong, however, in case the venue can accommodate more teams, there might be a chance that we can send two teams – this will be confirmed at a later stage subject to Council’s approval. 		
5	<p>External Affairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii) 2018 Asian Game: LC will form a committee of 4 people to propose the selection process for Council’s discussion. iii) 3rd APBF (Zone 6) Directors Seminar: It will be held from April 1-4, 2017 in Bangkok. Council agreed to subsidize 2 directors to join this seminar, each of them will receive HKD3,000 to cover the airfare and hotel, plus an additional HKD1,000 if they pass the exam. Tournament Operations will confirm who to join the seminar. 		<p>LC</p> <p>RH/XL</p>

6	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Appreciation Letter: PC to send appreciation letters to the education institutes of the youngster's team who won the bronze medal in the World Championships. ii) Registration Deadline for HKCBA events: Council agreed to make it 3 days' before the event, and for any late registration/withdrawal, players has to inform Council/the tournament director of the event by email. Late registration will be reviewed and may not be accepted. <p>The next meeting will be held on November 30, 2016 (Wednesday)</p>		PC
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	<p>WBG Senior Team.</p> <p>vi) 2018 Asian Game: LC has formed a 4-people committee (members are LC, JT, RH and WK) to work on the proposal for the selection process. LC has asked SFOC about the criteria for selection but there is no detail available yet. The committee will discuss: 1) Who can play in the Asian Game trial? 2) What is the selection process? 3) After selection what is the training program? The preliminary idea for Men's team is that there will be a pre-trial held to select those who are eligible to participate in the trial. After the pre-trial, 2 round robins will be held. Winning team of the 1st and 2nd round robin will be selected (total 12 players) to join a training program lead by a coach and the final representatives will be based on the training results and evaluation of the coach. For Ladies Team representatives, they will be selected under the Ladies Team programme sponsored by DZ. A more detail plan regarding the above will be provided at a later stage.</p> <p>vii) 3rd APBF (Zone 6) Directors Seminars: 3 directors applied to join the seminars. Tournament Operations will confirm which 2 directors to receive subsidy (for those who received subsidy before will not be eligible for subsidy again)</p>			
3	<p>Financial Affairs:</p> <p>iii) Latest Bank Balance: HKD1.002mil</p>			
4	<p>Internal Affairs:</p> <p>vi) Storage of pre-dealt boards: Someone discovered that the boards for the APBF trials were insecurely put in Mariner's store room as the door was not locked. Council requested TO to deal the boards again. TO will discuss a solution to solve the issue for future.</p>			
5	<p>External Affairs:</p> <p>iv) 1st SEAB Championship: Singapore Contact Bridge Club would like to borrow 10 bridgemates from HKCBA, Council agreed.</p>			
6	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Nil</p>			RH

	The next meeting will be held on December 28, 2016 (Wednesday)		
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10th Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 28, 2016 (Wednesday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Venue: Unit 1103, 11/F, East Ocean Centre, 98 Granville Road, TST, KLN, HK

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)

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Council members:

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Apology:

Charlie Lee (XL)

John Tsang (JT)

Ronald Hui (RH)

Item	Content	When	Action
1	Adopted minutes of last meeting.		
2	Matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order): viii) Online Registration: in order to facilitate the registration and preparation process, it is suggested that players are no longer able to cancel their registration on the website after registration deadline. Players should contact director to cancel any registration. The director's name for each event will also be added to the website for easy reference. Sukon Hung agreed to start working on the above during Christmas holiday as he was too busy. TL to confirm progress in the next meeting.		TL

Captain's Report of the Hong Kong China Senior Team in 2016 World Bridge Games

The 15th World Bridge Games was held in Wroclaw, Poland from September 3rd till 17th, 2016. The Senior Team of China Hong Kong was represented by 3 fixed pairs, namely Derek Zen/Samuel Wan, and Edmund Tse/Roger Ling as well as Aaron Cheng/Vincent Li. We could not find an NPC. So Vincent Li volunteered to be the Playing Captain. There are altogether 24 teams in the senior category, and 16 teams could qualify for the knock-out stage. This year there were quite a few past world champions, such as Zia Mahmood, Jeff Meckstroth, Bob Hammon, Chip Martel, Jacek Romanski, George Mittelman, Gabriel Chagas etc etc., just to name a few.

Before the match we were only able to find time for one full-team practice, though the 3 individual pairs had their own bidding and tournament exercises a few times, as well as 3 dinner discussions. We were practical and knew we could not win, nor even come close. So we set out our goal to only qualify for the knock-out stage and then gracefully and courageously play against the winner of the Qualifying Round, as we knew we would probably be the first team selected by the winner. In this respect, we succeeded. In the early stage of the qualifying round, we were always in the top half. Then our performance began to go downhill and we were actually 16th before the last round. Lucky for us we had a convincing win in Round 23 and managed to end up in the 15th position, qualifying for the knock-out stage. This is only the second time in history that a Hong Kong Open, or Woman or Senior team was able to qualify for the knock-out stage in any world bridge games. So quite naturally we were selected as the opponent by the first team. The bad news is that in the round-of-16 we were really heavily defeated by our opponent, the eventual world champion, the USA team. We played 6 rounds of 16 boards each, and we were not even able to win one round. But we managed to score 110 IMP's in the 6 rounds. So we were not really punch-less, though we allowed them to score 282 IMP's.

The detail statistics, including result and participation, was shown in the attached table. Of the 3 pairs our Derek/Samuel had the best Butler score of +0.03, followed by Edmund/Roger of -0.07 and then Aaron/Vincent of -0.34. In general the team harmony was very good, in spite of a few heated discussions occasionally, as we all tried to just have some bridge for fun. On behalf of our team, I would like to thank the HKCBA council for all its help, including the information, the registration and also the contribution of part of the tournament fee. I would also like to thank John Tsang and Vinci Wan for helping out in our one and only team practice.

Submitted by :-
Vincent Li

Statistics of the China Hong Kong team in the 2016 World Bridge Games

		Roger=E	Edmund=W	Vincent=N	Aaron=S	Derek=N or E	Sam= S or W
Round	Date	Vs	Derek/Sam	Edmund/Roger	Aaron/Vincent	Result in VP	Ranking
1	4-Sep	England	1	1	0	16.18	6
2	4-Sep	Canada	0	1	1	7.99	9
3	4-Sep	Poland	1	0	1	12.61	7
4	4-Sep	India	1	1	0	12.61	7
5	5-Sep	Italy	0	1	1	7.69	10
6	5-Sep	Germany	1	1	0	9.64	9
7	5-Sep	Sweden	1	0	1	14.7	9
8	5-Sep	USA	0	1	1	1.22	12
9	6-Sep	Australia	1	0	1	8.3	13
10	6-Sep	Pakistan	1	1	0	11.7	13
11	6-Sep	Mexico	0	1	1	15.37	11
12	6-Sep	Ch. Taipei	1	0	1	3.63	13
13	7-Sep	Turkey	1	1	0	12.01	13
14	7-Sep	Spain	0	1	1	15.15	10
15	7-Sep	Norway	1	0	1	8.62	12
16	7-Sep	New Zealand	1	1	0	6.29	14
17	8-Sep	France	1	0	1	12.01	14
18	8-Sep	Japan	0	1	1	6.82	13
19	8-Sep	China	1	1	0	16.73	14
20	8-Sep	Israel	1	0	1	0.98	15
21	9-Sep	Brazil	0	1	1	2.76	16
22	9-Sep	Denmark	1	1	0	7.69	16
23	9-Sep	Egypt	1	0	1	16.18	15
Total number of rounds played			16	15	15		
Average VP per round						9.86	
							Result in IMP
R of 16	10-Sep	U.S.A.	1	0	1	15-44	
R of 16	10-Sep	U.S.A.	1	1	0	12-57	
R of 16	10-Sep	U.S.A.	0	1	1	24-56	
R of 16	11-Sep	U.S.A.	1	0	1	24-35	
R of 16	11-Sep	U.S.A.	0	1	1	8-51	
R of 16	11-Sep	U.S.A.	1	1	0	27-39	
Total result						110-282	

由於作者家中電腦有問題不能寫文章，今次文章會暫停一次。