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## 7th Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 10, 2019 (Thursday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Venue: 20/F, Kelly Commercial Centre, 570-572 Nathan Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)  
Leo Cheung – Vice President (LC)  
Pearlie Chan – Secretary (PC)  
Zia Wai - Treasurer (ZW)

Council members:

Crystal Tang (CT)  
Charlie Lee (XL)  
John Tsang (JT)  
Kelvin Chan (KC)  
Louis Tam (LT)  
Tony Lau (TL)  
WK Lai (WK)

Apologies: Council members:

KF Mak (KF)

Item	Content	When	Action
1	Adopted minutes of last meeting.		
2	Follow up matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order): i) Anti-sexual Harassment Policy: PC will help formulate the policy for Council's review by the end of 2019. ii) APBF Captain's report: PC to follow up on the outstanding reports. iii) Coach of Elites athletes: LC is the Head Coach effective April 1, 2019. WK and XL are the Assistant Coach effective June 1, 2019.		PC  PC

3	<p>Financial Affairs:</p> <p>i) Latest Bank Balance: HKD1.27mil. HKCBA to refund HKD185,465 of the unused Preparation Fund for Asian Games 2018 to LCSD.</p>		
4	<p>Internal Affairs:</p> <p>i) Running of HKCBA events due to uncertain situation in Hong Kong: For regular tournaments during weekdays, will try to organize as usual even if MTR closes at 8/9pm unless there is safety concern. For weekends, will postpone all tournaments in October as there are regular protests.</p> <p>ii) EGM: For the agenda of EGM, will inform members of the change of start date of bridge year from June 1 to January 1 effective 2021.</p> <p>iii) CMSG Youth Team: The representing team has sent official request to Council to withdraw from the event due to safety consideration. Council discussed and agreed to apply penalty on all 6 team members. PC to check with organizer whether it is still possible to change players, and write letter to inform the youth team of the penalty.</p> <p>iv) Youth Team Committee: appointed John Lau as the mentor and Kelvin Chung as Coach.</p>		PC
5	<p>External Affairs:</p> <p>i) Asia Pairs: will propose at the delegates meeting in 2020 APBF Congress that HKCBA will organize an Asia Pairs event.</p> <p>ii) Youth Development proposal: DZ, LC and WK will form a committee to work on youth development proposal for APBF.</p> <p>iii) Certificates for students of Bridge School: each certificate will be charged HK\$20.</p> <p>iv) Result of Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d’Orsi Trophy (Senior Team): Bermuda Bowl ranked 11/24, Venice Cup ranked 17/24 and Senior Team ranked 20/24.</p>		DZ, LC & WK
6	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on November 25, 2019 (Monday)</p>		

## Extraordinary General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 22, 2019 (Tuesday)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Venue: 20/F Kelly Building, 570 Nathan Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)  
Leo Cheung – Vice President (LC)  
Pearlie Chan – Secretary (PC)  
Zia Wai – Treasurer (ZW)

Council members:

Crystal Tang (CT)  
Charlie Lee (XL)  
John Tsang (JT)  
Kelvin Chan (KC)  
KF Mak (KF)  
Louis Tam (LT)  
Tony Lau (TL)  
WK Lai (WK)

Item	Content	When	Action
1	The meeting started at 6:55pm with more than 30 participants.  To inform members of the new accounting period: DZ informed members that the start of bridge year will change from June to January effective 2021, the change is initiated due to the need to align with HKSI's financial year. Therefore 2019-2020 bridge year will be extended till December 31, 2020.		
2	AOB: Nil  The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm		

## 8th Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 25, 2019 (Monday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Venue: 20/F, Kelly Commercial Centre, 570-572 Nathan Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)  
Leo Cheung – Vice President (LC)  
Pearlie Chan – Secretary (PC)  
Zia Wai - Treasurer (ZW)

Council members:

Crystal Tang (CT)  
Charlie Lee (XL)  
John Tsang (JT)  
KF Mak (KF)  
Kelvin Chan (KC)  
Louis Tam (LT)  
Tony Lau (TL)  
WK Lai (WK)

Item	Content	When	Action
1	Adopted minutes of last meeting.		
2	Follow up matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order): iv) Anti-sexual Harassment Policy: PC will help formulate the policy for Council's review by the end of 2019. v) APBF Captain's report: So far only received captain's report from LC for Open and Ladies Team and WW Cho for Mixed team. PC is following up with Martin Poon and Bux for the Senior Teams captain's report. For the NPC(s) who do not submit captain's report will be removed from the NPC list going forward and will not be provided with NPC allowance. And going forward NPCs are required to submit captain's report within 3 months from the end date of the tournaments.		PC  PC

<p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Financial Affairs:</p> <p>ii) Latest Bank Balance: HKD1.17mil. HKCBA has already refund HKD185,465 of the unused Preparation Fund for Asian Games 2018 to LCSD.</p> <p>Internal Affairs:</p> <p>v) CCTV: Clubhouse has installed 16 new CCTVs for monitoring purpose. Tournament Operations has been assigned to manage the CCTVs and they are the only authorized party to access CCTV images for tournament related purpose. There will be a notice posted in Clubhouse to remind players about the recording.</p> <p>vi) LC has proposed Mr. NG Wai Kin as HKCBA's legal consultant to provide free consultation.</p> <p>External Affairs:</p> <p>i)2020 World Bridge Games: The venue is still to be confirmed but will possibly be either Qingdao (China) or Italy. Date will be around late August. Trial dates will be determined as soon as details of the event are announced.</p> <p>AOB:</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on December 30, 2019 (Monday)</p>		
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## 9th Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 30, 2019 (Monday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Venue: 20/F, Kelly Commercial Centre, 570-572 Nathan Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)

Leo Cheung – Vice President (LC)

Pearlie Chan – Secretary (PC)

Council members:

Crystal Tang (CT)

Charlie Lee (XL)

KF Mak (KF)

Kelvin Chan (KC)

Louis Tam (LT)

Tony Lau (TL)

WK Lai (WK)

Apologies: Officer:

Zia Wai - Treasurer (ZW)

Council member:

John Tsang (JT)

Item	Content	When	Action
1	Adopted minutes of last meeting.		
2	Follow up matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order): vi) Anti-sexual Harassment Policy: Council endorsed the policy drafted by PC, TL to post on HKCBA website. vii) APBF Captain's report: PC to follow up with Martin Poon and Bux for the Senior Teams captain's report. If they do not submit the report before next council meeting they are will banned to be NPC in the future.		TL  PC

<p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Financial Affairs:</p> <p>iii) Latest Bank Balance: HKD2.53mil.</p> <p>Internal Affairs:</p> <p>vii) Trials for 2020 World Bridge Games: The sequence of the trial will be 1) Open Team, 2) Mixed Team, 3) Ladies &amp; Senior Team. Will finish all trials by April. Trial schedule will be release on Jan 5, 2020.</p> <p>viii) AGM: to be held on Feb 19,2020 (Wed)</p> <p>ix) Task allocation: LT and Tournament Operation are in charge of CCTV, KC is in charge of Directors.</p> <p>x) Since Jacky Liu sponsored HKCBA HKD50K before, Council proposes to name a cup event under his name. DZ to check with his family (through Steve Wong) whether they agree with the proposal.</p> <p>xi) Tournament Operation has already started to log psychic cases in HKCBA events.</p> <p>External Affairs:</p> <p>ii) World Youth Championships: New category of U31 has been added to the coming World Youth Championships. HKCBA will open registration for both U16 and U31 categories but will cover the registration fee only with no other sponsorships. NPC of the above teams will also receive no sponsorship. Trial will be organized if more than one team interested to represent. Trial dates will tentatively be in April 2020. For U16,</p> <p>AOB:</p> <p>i) Asian Pairs Championships: HKCBA will propose to APBF to organize the Asian Pairs Championships annually between Oct to Dec. The proposal is to invite Zone 4 and Zone 6 NCBOs to participate. There will be 3 adult series (Men, Women and Mixed) and 3 youth series (U25, U20 and Girls). The event will last for 3 days (from Friday to Sunday) with 1.5 days qualifying and 1.5 days final. Each NCBO can send</p>		<p>DZ</p>
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	<p>a max of 5 pairs, the organizing NCBO can send one more pair to make up a full table if necessary. Each NCBO can have up to 4 pairs to enter the final. The top 4 ranks in the final will be awarded with medals (3 &amp; 4 = bronze medal). Council will review the proposal and discuss in the next meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2020 (Thursday)</p>		
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# 2019 APBF Championship – Open Team

## Captain's Report

*By Leo Cheung*

### **Background**

The 52nd Asia Pacific Bridge Championship was held in Singapore from June 11 to June 20. The qualifying round is from June 11 to 18. Afterward, there was a knock out stage fighting for berth of Bermuda Bowl. China Hong Kong Open team players are Derek Zen, Samuel Wan, Dicky Lai, KF Mak, Tony Lau and Baron Ng. I am the NPC. There are total 12 teams from zone 4,6 and 7 participating in this event.

### **Result**

China Hong Kong team finished with 247.2 VP (average 11.24VP / round) and ranked at 6<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams. At the knock out stage, China Hong Kong Opens secures a berth to Bermuda Bowl by winning Japan team.

### **Performance**

The team had successfully keep team spirit high. Not only there was no argument throughout the match, they could give each other support and understanding when bad score occurred.

I could see the players had tried the best in this event. They are concentrated throughout the match and had strong winning desire. I also appreciate that all players have good discipline throughout the tournament.

Leo Cheung

NPC, Hong Kong Open Team

## 2019 APBF Championship – Ladies Team

### Captain's Report

*By Leo Cheung*

#### **Background**

The 52nd Asia Pacific Bridge Championship was held in Singapore from June 11 to June 20. The qualifying round is from June 11 to 18. Afterward, there was a knock out stage fighting for berth of Venice Cup. China Hong Kong Ladies team players are Charmian Koo, Flora Wong, Joyce Tung, Crystal Tang, Pearlie Chan and Helen Yeung. I am the NPC. There are total 10 teams from zone 4,6 and 7 participating in this event.

#### **Result**

China Hong Kong team finished with 307.41 VP (average 11.39VP / round) and ranked at 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams. At the knock out stage, China Hong Kong Ladies secures a berth by winning Indonesia team.

#### **Performance**

The team had successfully keep team spirit high. Not only there was no argument throughout the match, they could give each other support and understanding when bad score occurred.

I could see the players had tried the best in this event. They are concentrated throughout the match and had strong winning desire. I also appreciate that all players have good discipline throughout the tournament.

Leo Cheung

NPC, Hong Kong Ladies Team

# 2019 Bermuda Bowl Captain's Report

*By Leo Cheung*

## **Background**

The 44th World Bridge Team Championship was held in Wuhan, China from September 12 to 26. The qualifying round is from September 13 to 19. China Hong Kong team got the berth participating Bermuda Bowl in June during APBF Singapore. Same players participated in both events. They are Derek Zen, Samuel Wan, Dicky Lai, KF Mak, Tony Lau and Baron Ng. I am the NPC.

There are total 24 teams from 7 zones participating in Bermuda Bowl this year. After one round robin with 23 rounds, 8 teams would be qualified to knock out stage which started from September 20.

## **Result**

China Hong Kong team finished with 241.64 VP (average 10.5VP / round) and ranked at 11<sup>th</sup> out of 24 teams. This result shows that among the best teams in the world, China Hong Kong team can perform above average. We have won some strong teams including Netherlands, Russia and Norway.

The datum are as following:

Tony Lau – Baron Ng pair got 0.3 IMPs in average with 240 boards.

Derek Zen – Samuel Wan got 0.25 IMPs in average with 240 boards.

Dicky Lai – KF Mak got -0.11 IMPs in average with 256 boards.

## **Performance**

In general, the finished ranking is good and beyond expectation. I think Patrick Huang's training raise Hong Kong players' standard in general.

The team had successfully keep team spirit high. Not only there was no argument throughout the match, they could give each other support and understanding when bad score occurred.

I could see the players had tried the best in this event. They are concentrated throughout the match and had strong winning desire. I also appreciate that all players have good discipline throughout the tournament.

Leo Cheung

NPC, Hong Kong Open Team

# 2019 Venice Cup Captain's Report

*By Leo Cheung*

## **Background**

The 44<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Team Championship was held in Wuhan, China from September 12 to 26. The qualifying round is from September 13 to 19. China Hong Kong team got the berth participating in Venice Cup in June during APBF Singapore. Players are Charmian Koo, Flora Wong, Joyce Tung, Crystal Tang, Pearlie Chan and Christine Booth (replacing Helen Yeung). I am the NPC.

There are total 24 teams from 7 zones participating in Bermuda Bowl this year. After one round robin with 23 rounds, 8 teams would be qualified to knock out stage which started from September 20.

## **Result**

China Hong Kong team finished with 206.58 VP (average 8.98VP / round) and ranked at 17<sup>th</sup> out of 24 teams. Although Hong Kong Ladies finished below average, we still won some strong teams including Netherlands, France and Denmark.

The datum are as following:

Charmian Koo and Flora Wong pair got 0.21 IMPs in average with 256 boards.

Joyce Tung and Crystal Tang got -0.12 IMPs in average with 256 boards.

Pearlie Chan and Christine Booth got -0.74 IMPs in average with 224 boards.

## **Performance**

The team had successfully keep team spirit high. Not only there was no argument throughout the match, they could give each other support and understanding when bad score occurred.

I could see the players had tried the best in this event. They are concentrated throughout the match and had strong winning desire. I also appreciate that all players have good discipline throughout the tournament.

Leo Cheung

NPC, Hong Kong Ladies Team

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