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Date: August 28, 2017 (Monday)

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Hall, 3/F, The Mariners' Club, 11 Middle Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kln.

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)

Leo Cheung – Vice President (LC)

Christopher Leung - Treasurer (CL)

Council members:

Crystal Tang (CT)

Charlie Lee (XL)

John Tsang (JT)

KF Mak (KF)

Louis Tam (LT)

Ronald Hui (RH)

Tony Lau (TL)

WK Lai (WK)

Apologies:

Officers:

Pearlie Chan – Secretary (PC)

Item	Content	When	Action
1	Adopted minutes of last meeting.		
2	Matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order):		
	i) Board of instructors:		KF
	KF will serve as the Chief Instructor in a 2-year term as		
	appointed in the EGM. JT and Mr. Samuel WAN will be the		
	members of the board.		
	Will submit the statistics which outline the training course		
	that HKCBA has organized in the past 5 years and will be		
	submitted together with the proposal to LCSD for approval.		
	The board will publicly recruit instructors and the board will		
	propose the scheme to recruit.		
	ii) Bridgeweb: RH and the tournament operation team are		RH

		investigating this matter. Now targeted to use this program		
		when the club house starts its operation.		
3	Financial	Affairs:		
	i)	Latest Bank Balance: HKD1.8M		
4	Internal A			
	i)	Venue-issue progress update: DZ's company Prepared Club		LC
		Limited has purchased 20/F of Kelly Commercial Centre in		
		Yau Ma Tei and will rent to HKCBA for running Bridge		
		events on every Tuesday and Friday from 7-11pm, and		
		Saturday and Sunday whole day. HKCBA will be responsible		
		for the renovation cost. LC has obtained a quotation on		
		renovation and the estimated cost is HKD2million. LC will		
		start to find sponsors to cover the expenses. The above		
		arrangement has been discussed in the EGM, and LC will		
		continue to find the sponsor.		
	ii)	Captain's report for 51st APBF Championships: The captain's		
		report for Girls team and Senior Team 2 are still outstanding.		
	iii)	Asian Game Preparation Fund: Government has approved		WK
	·	approximately HKD880K as preparation fund for Asian		
		Game. However our initial proposal cost around HKD1		
		million. WK will continue to work-out the cost proposal base		
		on the actual fund received and share with Council in the next		
		meeting.		
	iv)	WBF TD Training Course in November:		RH
		RH will follow what terms we have to give with WBF.		
		Council agreed to invite all the participants of the 2 nd stage		
		TD Training Course in July.		
	v)	Patrick Huang's Coaching Program:		DZ/JT
	V)	Need to decide the system of selection to Patrick's coaching		DZ/J1
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		program. JT will draft the system and DZ will negotiate with Patrick for the details.		
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	vi)	Captain's report for World Senior Team Championship is still outstanding.		
	vii)	Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge 2017: Implementation date		
		will be 20 th September, 2017.		
	viii)	Mariners' Club venue: If the venue in the Mariners' Club is		RH
		available in November, we will intend to use the venue until		
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	ix)	November. RH will check with the Mariners' Club to see if we can still use the venue in November. Storage in Olympic House: Can be use from 16 th October.	
5	External	Affairs:	
	i)	Road to Asian Game: Registered in Men and Ladies Team.	
	ii)	David Ip made a request to take part in the Mixed Team event	WK
		of the Road to Asian Game in Indonesia. We will follow the	
		original intention to select from the original 12 men and 12	
		ladies. WK will reply to David's request.	
	The mee	eting was adjourned at 9:30pm.	
	The nex	t meeting will be held on September 25, 2017 (Monday) at Unit	
	1103, 11	/F, East Ocean Centre, 98 Granville Road, TST, KLN.	

Date: September 25, 2017 (Monday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Hall, 3/F, The Mariners' Club, 11 Middle Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kln.

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)

Leo Cheung – Vice President (LC)

Christopher Leung - Treasurer (CL)

Council members:

Charlie Lee (XL)

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Apologies:

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KF Mak (KF)

Crystal Tang (CT)

Item	Content	When	Action
1	Adopted minutes of last meeting.		
2	Matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order):		
	iii) Board of instructors:		KF
	KF will serve as the Chief Instructor in a 2-year term as		
	appointed in the EGM. JT, LC and Mr. Samuel WAN will be		
	the members of the board.		
	Will submit the statistics which outline the training course		
	that HKCBA has organized in the past 5 years and will be		
	submitted together with the proposal to LCSD for approval.		
	The board will recruit bridge instructors. Proposal to be		
	presented in the next Council Meeting		
	iv) Bridgeweb: RH and the tournament operation team are		RH

		working in progress. The cost is 120 pounds a year. Now	
		targeted to use this program when the club house starts its	
		operation.	
3			
	Financial	Affairs:	
	ii)	Latest Bank Balance: HKD1.903M	
4			
	Internal A	Affairs:	LC
	x)	Venue-issue progress update: DZ's company Prepared Club	
		Limited has purchased 20/F of Kelly Commercial Centre in	
		Yau Ma Tei and will rent to HKCBA for running Bridge	
		events on every Tuesday and Friday from 7-11pm, and	
		Saturday and Sunday whole day. HKCBA will be responsible	
		for the renovation cost. LC has obtained a quotation on	
		renovation and the estimated cost is HKD2million	
		Renovation is in progress and target to be ready for use at end	
		of November. Sponsorship up to now covers HKD1.8million.	
		LC will continue to seek for sponsor.	
	xi)	Captain's report for 51st APBF Championships: The captain's	PC
		report for Girls team and Senior Team 2 are still outstanding.	
		PC to follow up with captains.	
	xii)	Asian Game Preparation Fund: Government has approved	CL/WK
		approximately HKD880K as preparation fund for Asian	
		Game. WK presented the initial budget proposal in the	
		council meeting. CL to follow up to finalize the budget.	
		As the budget covers the tournament outside Hong Kong,	
		Council decided to give priority to Asia Game Trial 2 winner	
		to join the 全國賽.	
	xiii)	WBF TD Training Course in November:	RH
		RH to follow up with WBF TD to explore feasibility to	
		shorten the training course so that more TD can join the	
		event.	
	xiv)	Patrick Huang's Coaching Program:	JT
		Need to decide the system of selection to Patrick's coaching	
		program. JT to draft the system after Asia Game Trial 2	
		winner is confirmed.	
	xv)	Council adopted the Captain's report for World Senior Team	
		Championship.	
	xvi)	Mariners' Club venue: If the venue in the Mariners' Club is	RH

		available in November, we will intend to use the venue until	
		November. RH will check with the Mariners' Club to see if	
		we can still use the venue in November.	
	xvii)	Storage in Olympic House: Can be use from 16 th October. LT	LT
		to arrange to move the equipment to Olympic House	
5	External	Affairs:	
	iii)	Road to Asian Game: Registered in Men and Ladies	
		Team.	
	iv)	David Ip made a request to take part in the Mixed Team event	
		of the Road to Asian Game in Indonesia. Trial points will be	
		adopted to determine the participating team. Deadline for	
		registration is 30 Sep.	
	AOB:		
	Nil		
	The next	meeting will be held on October 25, 2017 (Wednesday) at Unit	
	1103, 11/	F, East Ocean Centre, 98 Granville Road, TST, KLN.	
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Date: October 25, 2017 (Wednesday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)

Leo Cheung – Vice President (LC)

Pearlie Chan – Secretary (PC)

Christopher Leung - Treasurer (CL)

Council members:

Charlie Lee (XL)

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WK Lai (WK)

Item		Content	When	Action
1	Adopted	minutes of last meeting.		
2	Matters ra	aised in last meeting (by minutes order):		
	v)	Board of instructors:		
		Proposal for "Train-the-trainer" course will be shared by LC		LC/KF
		and KF later. The aim of the course is to control the quality of		
		the bridge instructors. Target to organize the course in		
		February/March 2018.		
	vi)	Bridgeweb: LT advised that we are currently testing the trial		LT
		version of EU score whether it can be linked with Bridgeweb.		
		If it is successful then we can proceed. The cost per year is		
		around 50 pounds + tax.		
	vii)	Venue-issue progress update: Total sponsorship required is		
		around HKD230m.		
	viii)	Captain's report for 51st APBF Championships: The captain's		PC
		report for Girls team and Senior Team 2 are still outstanding.		

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		Ng has requested to extend the submission one month due to health reason. PC will continue.	
	•	tining Course in November: te of the training course is Nov 28-30.	
		g's Coaching Program:	JT
	Need to dec	ide the system of selection to Patrick's coaching to draft the system after Asia Game Trial 2	
		ympic House: Can be use from 16 th October. LT ne stocks from Kai Tak to Olympic House on Nov	LT
3	Financial Affairs:		
	iii) Latest Bank E	Balance: HKD1.845m	
4	Internal Affairs:		
	xviii) Asian Game I	Preparation Fund: CL to finalize the budget.	CL
		will be ready for use in December. PC to provide e opening ceremony once LC has confirmed the	PC
5	External Affairs:		
	representativ Lau, KF M Cathy Lee, C Tung, Zoe Li David Ip, H Ling. The n HKCBA Tria	o Asian Game Test event: Men's team res are: Derek Zen, Samuel Wan, Baron Ng, Tony ak, WK Lai. Ladies' team representatives are: Crystal Tang, Charmian Koo, Flora Wong, Joyce i. Mixed team representatives are: Emma Cheung, telen Yeung, Lo Wing Ho, Pauline Ling, Roger nixed team representatives are selected base on al Points system. Olympic Committee asked HKCBA to confirm	LC
	whether we	will participate in 2018 Asian Game and our will reply them.	LC
6	AOB:		
	trophies and	IKCBA: LC proposed to review the names of the l to design a more systematic approach for the em. He will provide a draft proposal and share	LC

with Council.		
ii) Borrowing of HKCBA equipments: RH proposed to apply a	L	RH
fee for those who want to borrow equipments from HKCBA		
E.g. HKD400 per set of boards and part of it will be treated as	;	
deposit and will be refunded upon return of the equipments		
The amount will be charged depending on the purpose of the	,	
event. RH will provide a price list for Council to review.		
The next meeting will be held on November 22, 2017 (Wednesday)		

Date: November 22, 2017 (Wednesday)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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

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)

KF Mak (KF)

Louis Tam (LT)

Ronald Hui (RH)

Tony Lau (TL)

WK Lai (WK)

Apology: Council members:

John Tsang (JT)

Item	Content	When	Action
1	Adopted minutes of last meeting.		
2	Matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order):		
	xii) Board of instructors:		
	LC shared the proposal for "Train-the-trainer" course with		LC/TL
	council members. An announcement will be put on HKCBA		
	website for interested parties to register for the training.		
	xiii) Bridgeweb: Still testing on the trial version of EBU score until		LT
	November 30. Since the cost for Bridgeweb is low Council		
	confirmed to proceed.		
	xiv) Captain's report for 51st APBF Championships: Council		PC
	endorsed the Girls Team captain's report submitted by Baron		
	Ng. Still waiting for David CC Ng to submit the Senior Team		
	report. PC will follow up.		

xv) Patrick Huang's Coaching Program:

LC/JT

Need to decide the system of selection to Patrick's coaching program. LC/JT to draft the system after Asia Game Trial 2 winner is confirmed.

- xvi) Storage in Olympic House: LT has moved 131 boxes of stuff to Olympic House from Kai Tak. Suggest reorganizing the items inside before intercity next year.
- xvii) Asia Game Preparation Fund: The total amount approved by SFOC is HKD890K
- xviii) Review of HKCBA trophies name: HKD50,000 sponsorship fee for naming one trophy for a consecutive 10 years. The sponsorship fee will be donated to the development fund. Suggest keeping 3 of the current names for another 10 years (will do a consultation to decide which 3 we should keep). HKCBA has the sole discretion to accept/reject any sponsorship and naming request.

3 Financial Affairs:

iv) Latest Bank Balance: HKD2.017m

4 Internal Affairs:

- xx) Intercity 2018: date still TBC, Regal Hong Kong is not able to confirm the date for us as they might request for a price increase.
- xxi) Club House: All furniture has arrived and club house should be ready for use by Dec 15. Open ceremony to be held on Dec 23.
- xxii) TD Training: Maurizio will be arriving Hong Kong on Nov 27 4pm. Nov 28 will be full day training (entry test + lecture + final test). Nov 29 morning will go through the final test. Venue TBC (tentative Olympic House).

5 External Affairs:

vii) SFOC Olympic Day: HKCBA council will participate in the SFOC Olympic Day to be held in April 2018 and will decide on the set up and activity for promotion.

6 AOB:

iii) Accounting Consultancy Service: CL proposed to hire an accountant for HKCBA to handle all the account transactions

and tax reporting task.

iv) Membership: HKCBA will generate membership number for each member or member can use their current CCBA member number as HKCBA membership number. Members will be informed of the number to be used by HKCBA and if they have any other preference they can request for a change.

The next meeting will be held on December 23, 2017 (Saturday)

Extraordinary General Meeting Minutes

Date: August 28, 2017 (Monday)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Main Hall 3/F Mariners' Club

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)

Leo Cheung – Vice President (LC)

Christopher Leung – Treasurer (CL)

Council members:

Crystal Tang (CT)

Charlie Lee (XL)

John Tsang (JT)

KF Mak (KF)

Louis Tam (LT)

Ronald Hui (RH)

Tony Lau (TL)

WK Lai (WK)

Apologies: Officers:

Pearlie Chan – Secretary (PC)

Item	Content	When	Action
	The meeting started at 7pm with 42 participants.		
1	Registration as National Sports Association (NSA): All pre-requisites are		
	fulfilled except the training program. The LCSD advised that the HKCBA		
	does not have a systematic training program to become an NSA.		
	Fulfilling NSA criterion, we can have:		
	- 90% subsidy for the representatives who are taking part in the		
	tournaments representing Hong Kong.		
	- Free full-time staff		
	- Rent for the venue		
	To have systematic training program, the HKCBA needs to set up:		
	(a) Training Program Sub-Committee (TPSC), and,		

(b) Board of Instructors.

For (a), the motion was proposed by LC and seconded by WK. All presented members support to set up the TPSC.

For (b), LC proposed KF to be the chief instructor, who serves in a 2-year term. The motion was seconded by WK, and all presented members support the nomination of chief instructor.

2 New venue for HKCBA events.

DZ's company Prepared Club Limited has purchased 20/F of Kelly Commercial Centre in Yau Ma Tei and will rent to HKCBA for running Bridge events.

The following polls regarding this item were done:

(a) Rent the venue

The venue is rented at \$13,000 per month, in a license term 10 years + 10 years (capped at 50% license fee raise).

The motion was proposed by Mr. Samuel WAN and seconded by CL, and all presented members agreed to rent the new venue.

(b) Expense on renovation

Quotation was shown by LC in the EGM, and expense on renovation will be capped at HKD 2.3 million.

This motion was proposed by LC and seconded by WK, and all presented members agreed to adopt this plan on renovation.

(c) Campaign for sponsorship of renovation

LC proposed the raise a campaign to raise fund in support of the renovation. The target of the campaign is HKD 2.5M. HKCBA will involve no more than HKD 500k on the renovation.

Members who donated HKD 200k or more, their names will be engraved on the bridge tables, while members who donated HKD 10k or more, their names will be engraved on the wall with a list of donors.

CL proposed to set up a fund for this campaign, named as "Renovation and Development Fund". Which was seconded by Mr. Samuel WAN and supported by all the presented members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Captain's Report

51st APBF Championships Hong Kong Girls Team

28 May – 7 June, 2017 Seoul

By: Baron Ng

Background

The Hong Kong girls team comprised of three pairs as follows:

Charmain Ng – Laura Lee

Crystal Tang – Ruby Hui

Elaine Lu – Krystal Fang

The team members were representatives of the girls team in various events in prior years except for Charmain-Laura pair, which are new to the team.

It is my pleasure to be invited by the team as the NPC right after the registration is open.

Overall Team Performance

A total of seven teams participated in this event:

- 1. Australia
- 2. China
- 3. China Hong Kong
- 4. Chinese Taipei 1
- 5. Chinese Taipei 2
- 6. Indonesia
- 7. Thailand

I predicted China would finish ahead of us by a fair margin while we will jockey 2nd place with Indonesia and Australia.

We ended up 3rd within the expectation. Here is the final ranking:

Rank	Team	Total VPs
1	China	234.93
2	Indonesia	203.80
3	China Hong Kong	150.57
4	Australia	147.02
5	Chinese Taipei 1	133.83
6	Chinese Taipei 2	105.87
7	Thailand	31.98

The team suffered two painful losses against Indonesia (3.83 - 16.17 & 0.00 - 20.00) which lead to the huge margin between rank 2 and rank 3. Luckily the team performed well during the direct matches with Australia (13.48-6.52 & 16.88-3.12) which secured their bronze medal.

Pair performance

Before the competition, I asked them to set a target for the team and they have a sound mind to fight for the berth for the coming World Girls Team in 2018.

I consider the target is reasonably achievable.

Datum report is not provided in this match. In my opinion the datum report would not generate any further useful information as there are only a few comparisons.

I have to emphasize that the team had very good harmony and they cared so much about each other's feeling throughout the competition. One team member, who shall remain nameless, even quarreled with me for a number of times as she was worried Charmain-Laura would have a hard-feeling if I do not allow them to play. Meanwhile, Charmain and Laura requested me to only let them play when the situation permits as they understand they are not as experienced and stable as the remaining two pairs so they rather secure the berth in this year and they will work harder to become a better player in the coming year.

Crystal-Ruby pair and Elaine-Krystal pair has played in most matches as they are relatively more experienced and stable while I let Charmain-Laura pair to play more in the later stage when the berth is basically safe.

The team's major weaknesses are competing partial contracts and defensive bidding, especially in balancing position. Moreover, I realized that they are not familiar enough with some "system bids", which created unnecessary wastage of time and energy during the matches. Sometimes they do believe their intuition and live tell more than the statistics, in my opinion, which is not so appropriate in the long run.

Conclusion

The team members strive for their best to play in this tournament. I believe if they improve their partnership understanding in more situations, they will be able to obtain a better result in the forthcoming events. I sincerely hope that they can reach the next milestone of their bridge career in the future.

Summary

The Junior Team of 2017 APBF Championships was held in Seoul, Korea from 29 May 2017 to 5 June 2017. After 8 days of intense competition, our Hong Kong junior team ended up third runner-up, successfully getting one of the berths to the upcoming World Youth Teams Championship, which will be held in Shanghai, China. The team has delivered satisfactory performance as well as final result. Below shows the detailed Captain's Report of the tournament mentioned above.

Practice Sessions

Since I was invited to be the NPC of the team on September 2016, we have started series of training and practice sessions. On average, we had one training a week excluding all bridge tournaments the team had participated. We had approximately 30 sessions in total. In addition to the scheduled training, we formed an electronic discussion group, which enabled the team to study and discuss any hand any time during the period. The training was divided into 4 stages: Stage 1 – Defense

We started with 2 defense lectures with 24 hands of simulated defensive play practical tests. The team has acquired advanced knowledge and skills in carding and signaling, consolidated their defensive partnership through the training.

Stage 2 – System and Conventions

We first simplified the system of the team partnerships, and then a few conventions were added to strengthen it. The team had also arranged several BBO bidding sessions for the purpose of consolidating the partnership agreements in the bidding.

Stage 3 – Practice and Trial Preparation

After the two stages mentioned above, the team started practice every weekend. 24 to 32 boards were played in each session with a discussion time at the end of each practice. On January 2017, the team was trained more frequently for the preparation of the Hong Kong trial. Stage 4 – Final Practice and Partnership Agreement Training

After the trial, bridge practice resumed in every weekend. A new member, Kelvin Chung had joined our team and also the training. Additional time was spent by the new partnership to get themselves ready for the challenge. At the last practice, the special partnership agreement training was held, specially designed to get the team equipped to compete under screen arrangement.

Goal and Expectation

The primary goal of our team is to get one of the four berths to the upcoming World Youth Teams Championship. Fortunate for all the teams, China has an automatic berth because the World Youth Teams Championship will be held in Shanghai. With Australia not competing in Zone 6, we estimated that the team ended up in 6^{th} position will also get the berth. Our expectation is an above-average VPs, which will bring the team to 4^{th} or 5^{th} in position.

Performance

The team has performed exceptionally well in the first few matches, leading all the way until it lost to Japan in round 6. In Round Robin 1, the team got 12.05 average VPs, which is satisfactory in my opinion. In Round Robin 2, the team failed to deliver same performance as in Round Robin 1, getting 9.09 VPs on average and finally ended up 6th, the critical position, leading Japan by less than 10 VPs. In the last Round Robin, the team successfully adjusted and played under pressure. Also without major deterioration due to insufficient energy, they managed to get 13.08 average VPs. The team ended up third runner up, successfully achieved the goal with a margin.

Opponents	RR1	RR2	RR3	Total	Average
China	9.34	-0.91	11.58	21.01	7.00
Singapore	16.03	17.63	11.28	44.94	14.98
Chinese Taipei	4.54	6.04	18.41	28.99	9.66
Australia	16.88	10.00	10.66	37.54	12.51
Indonesia	10.66	2.81	3.79	17.26	5.75
Japan	0.00	13.72	9.03	22.75	7.58
Korea	18.87	10.66	19.38	48.91	16.30
Philippines	12.16	4.54	17.04	33.74	11.25
Thailand	20.00	17.34	16.55	53.89	17.96
Average	12.05	9.09	13.08	11.45	

Datum Analysis (S/N = Sam and Niko, E/C = Eric and Chris, B/K = Brian and Kelvin)

Round	Opponents	S/N	E/C	B/K	Team VP
RR1.1	Thailand	46		43	20.00
RR1.2	Philippines	-8	19		12.16
RR1.3	Indonesia	-14	18		10.66
RR1.4	Korea		49	-1	18.87
RR1.5	Singapore		9	23	16.03
RR1.6	China		14	-16	9.34
RR1.7	Japan	-60		-11	0.00
RR1.8	Australia	-12	43		16.88
RR1.9	Chinese Taipei	-19	-10		4.54
RR1	Total	-67	142	38	108.48
RR1	Average	-11.2	20.3	7.6	12.05

Round	Opponents	S/N	E/C	B/K	Team VP
RR2.1	Philippines	-19		1	4.54
RR2.2	Japan		-4	22	13.72
RR2.3	Indonesia	-24	-16		2.81
RR2.4	Australia		-3	3	10.00
RR2.5	Korea	-8		9	10.66
RR2.6	Singapore		27	5	17.63
RR2.7	China	-41	-29		-0.91
RR2.8	Thailand	17		16	17.34
RR2.9	Chinese Taipei	0		-17	6.04
RR2	Total	-75	-25	39	81.83
RR2	Average	-12.5	-5.0	5.6	9.20

(-1 VP for late penalty)

Round	Opponents	S/N	E/C	B/K	Team VP
RR3.1	Singapore		-17	3	11.28
RR3.2	Chinese Taipei	61		-17	18.41
RR3.3	Australia		14	-15	10.66
RR3.4	Thailand	27		9	16.55
RR3.5	China	-1	5		11.58
RR3.6	Japan		10	-14	9.03
RR3.7	Philippines		29	11	17.04
RR3.8	Korea	39	18		19.38
RR3.9	Indonesia		-29	3	3.79
RR3	Total	126	30	-20	117.72
RR3	Average	31.5	4.3	-2.9	13.1

	S/N	E/C	B/K
Tournament Total	-16	147	57
Tournament Average	-1.0	7.7	3.0

Among the three pairs, Eric and Chris delivered the best performance in the tournament. As first-time participants, their results impressed the whole team, especially in the first Round Robin when playing against strong teams. Sam and Niko had hard time at the beginning but eventually picked up and brought good results at the last Round Robin. Brian and Kelvin were balanced players who are able to contribute consistently for the team. As first-time partnership with little time for preparation, their results were definitely better than expected.

Conclusion

As their NPC, I was proud to see these six young players trying their best to compete on behalf of Hong Kong. Not only they managed to deliver good results, they also showed their sportsmanship and played with appropriate manners. I look forward to see that they are able to choose their most preferred partnership, as they have been wishing, to compete again in the upcoming World Youth Teams Championship.

<u>2017 World Bridge Championship – Senior Team</u>

Captain's Report

By Leo Cheung 2017/9/10

Background

There are totally 22 teams participating in 2017 World Bridge Championship – Senior Session in Lyon, France. Hong Kong Senior team members are: Derek Zen(DZ), Samuel Wan(SW), Edmond Tse (ET) Roger Ling(RL) and Peter Yeung(PY). There is one round robin with 21 matches. Top 8 teams can enter single knock-out stage.

Result

Hong Kong Senior Team finished at 9th place with 234.14VP after 7 days matches. Although we are just failed to be qualified, the team performs well throughout the tournament and keep good team harmony.

Performance

Since it is a five-person team, DZ and SW forms a pair and ET, RL and PY forms a trio pair. Every teammates achieve this by good discipline, such as sitting at the table at least 15 minutes before matches started, and also, not arguing against NPC's decision even though sometimes it was wrong. I believe the good team spirit is the main reason behind we can achieve good result.

I make line-up of each pair-combination evenly. RL/PY achieved highest datum, which is 1.01 imps (128 boards). ET/RL got average 0.01 imps (112 boards), DZ/SW got 0.01 imps (336 boards), and ET/PY got average 0 imps (96 boards). It tells that all pairs meet the World's standard. Well done teammate!

In conclusion, all five team members are experienced and nice bridge players. Each of them had tried the best in this tournament. Although there are still some mistakes and bad results, it is part of the game. Most importantly, they can overcome the difficulties and can adjust right after that! The team shows good experience and high playing standard.

At last, I thank the team invite me as NPC. It is a honor to me and I was really enjoyed throughout the event.

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