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7th Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 6, 2021 (Tuesday)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Zoom

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): i) No concern on the draft warning letter regarding Terence Chan's inappropriate behavior during the selection. PC to issue the letter. ii) Exchange program with Guangdong province: LC will draft proposal for council discussion and submit to the Secretary of Mr. Kenneth Fok when the COVID situation ease.		PC LC
3	Financial Affairs: i) Latest Bank Balance: HKD2.21mil. (HKD900K IASS +		

	HKD233K Tier B funding)		
4	<p>Internal Affairs:</p> <p>i) HKCBA Website: Target to launch by end of Aug. Crystal is following up on the Technology Voucher Programme (科技卷) which can partly subsidize the website cost. 宋召 provided 5000 membership numbers to HKCBA, this number can be aligned with APBF going forward.</p> <p>ii) Regular events: Damon has kindly offered Jumpin Gym U.S.A. coupons for the HKCBA event winners. Crystal to set up one-off IMP / MP pairs starting August.</p> <p>iii) It is suggested to expand the number of tables for each event from 8 to 12. LC to check legal advice. TL to post news after legal advice.</p> <p>iv) Z6IST: It will be held in December using LoveBridge. The training for Security Officers has not yet started. WBF Championships targets to be held in Italy in March 2022.</p> <p>v) HKCBA Coach: Head Coach raised a concern on whether Sam Tseng is suitable to take up Youth Team coach. Council to set up special committee to follow up if Council receives formal complaint letter.</p>		<p>CT</p> <p>CT</p> <p>LC, TL</p>
5	<p>External Affairs:</p> <p>i) 第十四屆全國運動會橋牌比賽: KF Mak and Baron Ng pair is appointed to represent Hong Kong to participate the event.</p> <p>ii) In order to promote bridge, LC suggested to arrange an APBF online Youth friendly match. LC to discuss with KC on the details</p>		LC, KC
6	<p>AOB:</p> <p>i) XL resigned from Youth Team sub-com</p> <p>ii) A concern is raised on the director's judgement during the Open Team of 4 Semi Final. KC to follow up on the tournament director list, and make a recommendation on which level of director can direct what type of events.</p>		KC
The next meeting will be held on August 5, 2021 (Thursday)			

8th Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 5, 2021 (Thursday)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Zoom

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)

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1	Adopted minutes of last meeting.		
2	Follow up matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order): i) Exchange program with Guangdong province: LC will draft proposal for council discussion and submit to the Secretary of Mr. Kenneth Fok when the COVID situation ease.		LC
3	Financial Affairs: i) Latest Bank Balance: HKD2.34mil. (HKD900K IASS + HKD233K Tier B funding)		
4	Internal Affairs:		

	<p>i) HKCBA new website: Target to launch by end of August. Server company will also change starting from September.</p> <p>ii) Board of Tournament Director: It is proposed in Council to review the structure and function of the Board of Tournament Director. KC will take lead to form a committee and make proposal for council's discussion. Council will also seek advice from China regarding their practice.</p> <p>iii) Coach matters: Head Coach raised a concern on whether Sam Tseng is suitable to be Youth Team Coach. DZ and KC will have a meeting with Sam Tseng to get his explanation on the issues raised by Head Coach and report back to Council.</p> <p>iv) Asian Games selection trial for Ladies team and Mixed team: Base on the current enrollment criteria, it is observed that there is difficulty for some qualified members to form team and participate in the trial. In order to encourage more participation, it is proposed that Ladies and Mixed categories could accept participation on pair basis. TL will post the update on website accordingly.</p>		<p>KC</p> <p>DZ, KC</p> <p>TL</p>
5	<p>External Affairs:</p> <p>i) 第十四屆全國運動會橋牌比賽: The competition has been postponed. Exact timeline to be confirmed.</p> <p>ii) APBF Youth online friendly match: LC proposed to organize the match on GemBridge at the end of September. Invitation will be sent to other NBOs to start registration.</p>		<p>LC</p>
6	<p>AOB: Nil</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on September 2, 2021 (Thursday)</p>		

9th Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 2, 2021 (Thursday)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Zoom

Present: Officers:

Derek Zen – President (DZ)

Zia Wai - Treasurer (ZW)

Council members:

Crystal Tang (CT)

Charlie Lee (XL)

John Tsang (JT)

KF Mak (KF)

Kelvin Chan (KC)

Louis Tam (LT)

WK Lai (WK)

Apology: Officers:

Leo Cheung – Vice President (LC)

Pearlie Chan – Secretary (PC)

Council member:

Tony Lau (TL)

Item	Content	When	Action
1	Adopted minutes of last meeting.		
2	Follow up matters raised in last meeting (by minutes order): ii) Exchange program with Guangdong province: LC will draft proposal for council discussion and submit to the Secretary of Mr. Kenneth Fok when the COVID situation ease.		LC

3	<p>Financial Affairs:</p> <p>ii) Latest Bank Balance: HKD3.12mil. (HKD 750K for IASS 21-22, HKD900K IASS + HKD233K Tier B funding to be refunded to HKSI)</p>		
4	<p>Internal Affairs:</p> <p>v) HKCBA new website: Target to launch by end of August. Server company will also change starting from September. WK and CT will input all the data for it.</p> <p>vi) Coach matters: DZ and KC had a meeting with six youth team members and two youth players regarding Sam Tseng issue, council thinks that Sam Tseng is not suitable to be the coach of the youth team. PC will issue letter to inform Sam Tseng about this.</p> <p>vii) Asian Games Selection Trial: Vincent Li's Team found Leo Cheung to replace Vincent Li and the trial will be held as scheduled.</p> <p>viii) Full-time staff: HKBCC will not pay HKCBA for the admin officer starting from 31 August.</p> <p>ix) Complaint from Tiffany Tse: KC will follow the case with Martin Poon and ask him to have a conclusion before 8 September.</p>		<p>WK, CT</p> <p>PC</p> <p>KC</p>
5	<p>External Affairs:</p> <p>iii) Derek Zen Online Youth Tournament: will be held in 25-26 September on GemBridge, there are 8 teams for U25, 8 teams for U20 and 6 teams for school teams. LC will arrange two more practice match before the tournament.</p> <p>iv) Online Tournament organized by Australia: TL will post news on HKCBA website to help promote.</p>		<p>LC</p> <p>TL</p>
6	<p>AOB:</p> <p>ZW will prepare the amount we used in youth team for the past 18 months and report in the next council meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on October 7, 2021 (Thursday)</p>		<p>ZW</p>

Appeals form

Event	Team of Six
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Round	1	Date	30 July 2021
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Board	3	Result	4H, N, = NS +420
		S 93	
		H AQT94	
		D KQ83	
		C 85	
S QJ4	N	S 762	
H K87		H J	
D J64		D AT975	
C KJ42		C AT96	
		S AKT85	
		H 6532	
		D 2	
		C Q73	

Bidding				Play			
N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W
Flora Wong	Leo Cheung	Helen Yeung	Janice Cheng	Flora Wong	Leo Cheung	Helen Yeung	Janice Cheng
		P	P	Irrelevant			
1H	P	2C*	P				
2H	P	4H	AP				

Facts Presented
<p>The Tournament Director (TD) was summoned after the first lead and dummy's hand was laid down.</p> <p>East asked what 2C means after 2H. North gestured 3 cards. East questioned whether 4H was based on knowing that partner has a different explanation of her hand. (2C reverse Drury, 3 cards H, max.; 2D: 4 cards H, max)</p> <p>Several players were consulted on different positions</p>

1. After a 3rd position 1H opening, what would one bid?
Most players would invite (with a fit raise or via 2-way drury). One player chose to bid 4H directly.
2. Given 2C: 3 or 4 cards support and max, what would they bid?
All players chose to bid 3D to show shortness and an invitation to game. If partner does not accept the invitation, they will settle for 3H.
3. Holding North's hand, what will players bid after 3D?
All players bid 3H.

Director's Ruling

The case was discussed among several TDs of whether there is any unauthorized information. TDs agreed that the answers suggested South that her partner would never realize she would have 4 cards support. Consultation was done thereafter.

The reply to the question reminded South that she might have made the wrong response and partner would never know that she had 4 cards support. The consultation results suggested that an invitational bid was a logical alternative. Therefore, 3H by N +1 (NS +170) was awarded.

Law reference: 16B.

Facts Confirmed		Facts Confirmed
Helen Yeung	Flora Wong	Leo Cheung, Janice Cheng
Appellant 1	Appellant 2	Opposing Pair

Reasons for Appeal

By history, North's third hand 1H opening usually made by a 5 cards of H. It would favor the bidding of 4H in long term. The consultation result should alter by this fact.

East's question on 2C is solely his failure on protecting himself. He has no intention to compete further and his question in an inappropriate moment. Place NS in a difficult position. South's initial purpose of 2C is to avoid North's super big hand for some slam. Now, East's inappropriate behaviour cause good bidding result in disaster.

Deposit Received	Tournament Director
\$1000	Tiffany Tse

Decision of Appeals Committee

The committee has discussed and agreed the following:

- South deviated from their partnership agreement by bidding 2C instead of 2D.
- North's explanation of 2C = 3 card hearts is an unauthorized information (UI) to South.
- This UI favors South to bid 4H while 3H is a logical alternative.
- South had chosen the action suggested by the UI and resulted in an advantage. An adjusted score shall therefore be assigned. (Law 16B)

The committee also assessed East's question whether violating Laws 20G1 and 20G2. It is agreed that East could have sufficient reasons to ask for competitive bidding based on the explanation.

In addition, the procedures that the TD has done has been assessed and found to be proper and correct. Therefore, the Committee unanimously upholds the TD's ruling of adjusting the table result to 3H by N +1.

The committee would like to remind all players that their partnership understandings, both explicit and implicit, shall be fully disclosed to their opponents at the table, and to the TD when they are relevant. These understandings shall not be concealed during play and then used as a defense in an appeal case. All players have the responsibility to understand the requirements of the Laws and act accordingly, quoting Law 40A1:

- (a) Partnership understandings as to the methods adopted by a partnership may be reached explicitly in discussion or implicitly through mutual experience or awareness of the players.
- (b) Each partnership has a duty to make its partnership understandings available to its opponents. The Regulating Authority specifies the manner in which this is done.

Finally, the committee also unanimously agrees that the appeal lacks merit and hence recommends the forfeiture of deposit.

Chairperson's Signature

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