



SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION ASIA

MINUTES OF THE 1ST SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION ASIA (SCA) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING (2014 – 2018)

Date: 26 January 2015 Time: 9.30am
Venue: Millennium 1, Grand Millennium Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Mr. Pan Yi Chuan | President |
| 2. Dato' Low Beng Choo | Hon. Life President |
| 3. Ms. Taeko Utsugi | 1 st Vice President |
| 4. Dr. Yang Xu | Vice President |
| 5. Mr. See Kok Wooi | Vice President |
| 6. Mr. Banyong Kiatkongchuchai | Vice President |
| 7. Mr. Syahrir Nawier | Vice President |
| 8. Ms. Sally Lim Swee Gaik | Secretary-General |
| 9. Mr. Chang Chia Hsin | Secretary (President's Office) |

BY INVITATION

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| 1. Mr. Wan Md. Tambrin | Brunei –Secretary-General |
| 2. Mr. Hiroyuki Yokota | Japan - Secretary-General |
| 3. Mr. Sedighipour/Yaser | Iran – International Relations |
| 4. Mr. Kardan/Bahram | Iran – Representative |
| 5. Mr. Ali-Baldawi | Iraq – President |
| 6. Mr. Hassan Jawad | Iraq – Representative |
| 7. Mr. Haider Khan Lehri | Pakistan – Secretary-General |
| 8. Ms. Arisa Khamchaiyaphum | Thailand – Treasurer |
| 4. Mr. Billy Asmoro | Indonesia - Director |
| 9. Mr. Jeffuery Tan Kok Siong | Singapore - President |
| 10. Mr. Kenan Goh | Singapore – Vice President |
| 11. Mr. Hideyuki Sawa | Mizuno Representative |

INTERPRETERS

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| 1. Ms. Akiko Ito | Japan - Interpreter |
| 2. Ms. Justine Yisan Tsai | Chinese-Taipei – Interpreter |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

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| 1. Mr. Choi Chulnam | SCA Vice President |
| 2. Dr. Steven Huang | SCA Hon. Life President |
| 3. India Representative | |
| 4. Philippines Representative | |

1. ROLL CALL & MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- 1.1 SCA Secretary General Sally Lim completed the Roll Call and confirmed that a quorum was present. SCA President Pan Yi Chuan called the meeting to order and at his request, it was unanimously agreed that SCA Honorary Life President Dato' Beng Choo Low be appointed to chair the Meeting.

2. WELCOME ADDRESS BY SCA PRESIDENT

- 2.1 SCA President Pan Yi Chuan stated he was happy to attend this 1st EXCO Meeting as the new SCA President and welcomed everyone present. He requested everyone to continue to work together for the betterment of Asia Softball and stated he would give his full support and do his best for Softball Asia. He specially thanked Dato' Beng Choo Low for all her hard work and committed efforts for Asian and World Softball.
- 2.2 SCA Hon. President Dato' Beng Choo Low welcomed and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend this meeting in Kuala Lumpur as it was important to plan SCA's calendar of events and activities for the coming year. She informed that as in the past, SCA invited members who do not have representatives on the EXCO to attend as everyone's input was important in SCA's planning. SCA members present were then requested to and proceeded to introduce themselves.

3. ASIAN COMPETITIONS

3.1 ASIA JUNIOR WOMEN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

- 3.1.1 The Chairperson expressed SCA's regrets that the Asian Junior Women (19 & Under) Softball Championship (AJSWC) which was to have been held in Makassar, Indonesia in December 2014 was cancelled on very short notice and some teams had booked and paid for their air-tickets. She stated that Japan Softball informed they lost USD10,000.00 and Chinese Taipei Softball informed the lost the air-fare payment as both could not get refund for air-tickets paid due to the short cancellation notice.
- 3.1.2 Indonesia Baseball Softball President Syahrir Nawier apologized for the incident and explained it was due to the local political situation in Makassar at that time. He confirmed that Indonesia would not be able to host the AJWSC until November/December 2015 but he could not confirm the venue and dates yet.
- 3.1.3 The Meeting discussed and agreed that the AJWSC must be held as soon as possible as it is an age-group competition (19 & Under) to be fair to all the athletes who have been training and looking forward to participating in the Championship.
- 3.1.4 After some discussion, Thailand Softball President Banyong Kiatkongchuchai kindly agreed to take over to host the AJWSC in place of Indonesia in his home City, Chaiyaphum, from 15 – 20 March 2015. The meeting expressed deep gratitude to him for the very generous gesture and effort to host the event.

- 3.1.5 First Vice President Taeko Utsugi stated that all future hosts must sign an agreement for the hosting of SCA events and pay a guarantee sum as deposit to pay for losses incurred by participating countries when the event is postponed or cancelled on short notice.

DECISION: Thailand to host the 11th Asia Junior Women Softball Championship 2014 – 2015 in Chaiyaphum, Thailand from 15 20 March 2015.

**3.2 SOUTH & WEST ASIA CUP (WOMEN SOFTBALL)
(For India, Iraq, Iran and Pakistan)**

- 3.2.1 The Meeting was informed that the proposed South and West Asia Cup (Women Softball) has been postponed for 2 years consecutively due to various reasons in securing a host.

- 3.2.2 After some discussion between the representatives of Iran, Iraq and Pakistan who were present, Pakistan Secretary-general Haider Lehri informed he would discuss with Pakistan Softball on Pakistan hosting the competition in Islamabad in September 2015 and would inform SCA by end of March 2015.

DECISION: Pakistan to host the 1st South & West Asia Cup (Women Softball) in Islamabad in September 2015 and to inform SCA of the arrangements by end of March 2015

3.3 2ND SOUTH EAST ASIA CUPS (MEN & WOMEN SOFTBALL)

- 3.3.1 After discussion amongst the representatives of Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand present, it was agreed that since both Men and Women Softball has been included in the South East Asian Games in Singapore from 6 – 10 June 2015, the 2nd South East Asia (SEA) Cup (Men Softball) and 2nd SEA Cup (Women Softball) would be postponed from this year to next year.

- 3.3.2 After further discussion amongst the said representatives, it was agreed that Malaysia would host the men competition in 2016 and Brunei would be requested to host the Women competition in 2016.

DECISION: Malaysia to host the 2nd South East Asia Cup (Men Softball) 2016. Brunei to host the 2nd South East Asia Cup (Women Softball) in 2016.

**3.4 4TH EASTASIA CUP 2015
(For China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Chinese Taipei and Hong Kong China)**

- 3.4.1 CTASA Secretary-General Mr. Chang Chia Hsing, confirmed that Chinese Taipei is hosting the 4th East Asia Cup in Taichung from 24 – 29 June 2015 and that Hong Kong has been invited to participate.

DECISION: Chinese Taipei to host the 4th East Asia Cup (Women Softball) in Taichung, Taiwan from 24 29 June 2015.

3.5 11TH ASIAN WOMEN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

3.5.1 After some discussion, it was agreed that since Thailand had agreed to take over the hosting of the AJSWC from Indonesia, Indonesia should host the 11th Asian Women Softball Championship (AJSWC) in December 2015 in Jakarta.

3.5.2 Indonesia Baseball Softball president agreed and informed the Meeting that he would discuss the matter further with his Indonesian officials and let SCA have the detailed arrangements by end of March 2015.

DECISION: Indonesia to host the 11th Asian Women Softball Championship in Jakarta in December 2015 and to inform SCA of the arrangement by end of March 2015.

3.6 SOUTH EAST ASIAN GAMES **(For South East Asian Countries)**

3.6.1 The Chairperson informed that she would be meeting the organisers of the South East Asian (SEA) Games Singapore 2015 in Singapore together with Singapore Baseball Softball President Jeffuery Tan on 9 February 2015 to finalize the competition arrangements and appointments of International technical officials (ITOs) and national Technical officials (NTOs) for the Games.

3.6.2 She informed that the SEA Games 2015 would be hosted by Singapore from 5 – 26 June 2015 and both Men and Women Softball Competitions would be from 6 – 10 June 2015.

3.7 ASIAN UNIVERSITY WOMEN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

3.7.1 SCA Secretary – CTASA Secretary-General Chang Chia Hsing informed that Chinese Taipei is looking into arrangements to host the 1st Asian Universities Women Softball Championship in Taiwan in 2016 and would forward information on the event to SCA when arrangements are confirmed.

3.8 WORLD SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.8.1 The Chairperson reminded the three (3) Asian qualifiers; namely Japan, Philippines and Indonesia, to ensure that their entries for the 14th ISF World Men Softball Championship (26 June – 5 July 2015) to be held in Saskatoon, Canada are put in and the deposit payments made before the closing date in March 2015.

3.8.2 She also reminded teams that are interested to participate in the 11th WBSC World Junior Women (19 & Under) Softball Championship to be held in Oklahoma City, USA from 7 – 16 August 2015 to submit their entry

confirmation by the closing deadline of 15 February 2015. She informed that this was an “open” competition and teams need not qualify to participate.

3.9 WORLD UNIVERSIADE CHINESE TAIPEI 2017

3.9.1 SCA Secretary- CTASA Secretary-General Chang Chia Hsing informed that Softball is still not confirmed on the sports programme of the World Universiade to be hosted in Taipei in 2017.

4. UMPIRES CERTIFICATION COURSE

4.1 The Chairperson informed that SCA is looking into holding the following SCA Umpires Certification Course.

DECISION: SCA Umpires Certification Course to be held in Chaiphum, Thailand from 12 -20 March 2015 in conjunction with the Asian Junior Women Softball Championship.

4.2 The Chairperson reminded members to inform ISF certified umpires to take the ISF Umpires Re-certification Test (which is a written test of 30 questions) available on the ISF website to keep their ISF certification active and up-to-date to be eligible for appointment to umpire at World Championships.

5. COACHING COURSES

5.1 The Chairperson informed members that the ISF is looking into writing coaching manuals and organizing courses for Softball and she would keep members updated of developments accordingly.

6. BASEBALL-SOFTBALL OLYMPIC CAMPAIGN

6.1 The Chairperson briefed members of the ongoing World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) campaign for the inclusion of both Baseball and Softball onto the Olympic Games programme.

6.2 She requested all members to continue to fully support the WBSC campaign and focus on the positive close cooperation and unity of both sports to striving to realise the dreams of millions of young Baseball and Softball athletes to play in the Olympic Games. She thanked specially Japan Softball for their committed efforts.

6.3 She stated that SCA would also put in all efforts for the inclusion of Softball in the Asian Games in Jakarta 2018 and was working with Asian Baseball on the matter.

7. OTHER MATTERS ARISING

7.1 ISF CONGRESS 2015

The Chairperson reminded members that the ISF Congress would be held in Oklahoma City, USA from 14 – 18 October 2015 and that members should attend.

7.2 REQUEST FOR COACHING COURSE IN IRAN

The Iran representatives requested for SCA to organize a coaching course in Iran. They were requested to submit a written request with their proposal to SCA.

7.3 “SOFTBALL DREAM’ PROJECT

First Vice President Taeko Utsugi briefed the members of her own non-profit organization named “Softball Dream”. She informed it was established in June 2011 to provide all kinds of assistance to the affected people that suffered the east japan earthquake that devastated the region of Tohoku in March 2011.

She distributed a brochure on the project showing the various projects and activities carried out by her organization and requested members to support her project and let her know if they have any proposals.

7.4 ASIAN JUNIOR WOMEN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

After some discussion, it was agreed that the next Asian Junior Women (19 & Under) Softball Championship (AJWSC), to be held every 2 years, should be in 2016 as the one to be held this year in Chaiphum should have been in 2014.

Dr. Yang Xu informed that China is looking into the possibility of hosting AJWSC in 2016 and he would keep SCA informed of developments.

7.5 MEMBERS UPDATE

The Brunei proposal by Brunei representative, Wan Md. Tambrin, that members be given five (5) minutes at the next meeting to update SCA of their respective plans and activities, was noted.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters arising, the meeting was adjourned at 1.00pm with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson of the meeting and the SCA President.

Minutes confirmed by:



Chairperson of Meeting
(Hon. Life President, Softball Confederation Asia)

25 January 2015

Minutes prepared by: Sally Lim
Secretary-General, Softball Confederation Asia