



SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION ASIA

MINUTES OF THE 2ND SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION ASIA (SCA) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING (2014 – 2018)

Date: 15 December 2015 Time: 9.30am
Venue: Millennium X, Grand Millennium Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

ATTENDANCE

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

BY INVITATION

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| 1. | Mr. Hiroyuki Yokota | Japan - Secretary-General |
| 2. | Mr. Willeam Mah | Malaysia – Secretary-General |
| 3. | Ms. Arisa Khamchaiyaphum | Thailand – Board member |
| 4. | Mr. Billy Asmoro | Indonesia - Director |
| 5. | Mr. Hwang Chang Kuen | Korea - Director |
| 6. | Ms. Lee Buyeong | Korea Secretariat |
| 7. | Mr. T. Hisaka | Japan Secretariat |

OBSERVERS

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| 1. | Ms. Akiko Ito | Japan - Interpreter |
| 2. | Ms. Wu Szu Yuan | 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. | Mr. Hiromi Tokuda | SCA Advisor |

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 Executive Council (EXCO) Meeting to order at 9.00 am..

2. WELCOME ADDRESS

- 2.1 SCA President Pan Yi Chuan thanked everyone for attending this meeting and for all the support and cooperation since his election almost year ago which has seen Asia Softball continue to develop and grow. He informed that as part of the 2016 SCA development programme, the 1st Asian University Softball Championship would be held in Taichung, Taiwan in August 2016. With the consent of those present at the meeting, he requested the Honorary Life President Dato' Beng Choo Low to continue with the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF 1ST EXCO MEETING

- 3.1 The Minutes of the 1st EXCO Meeting held on 26 January 2015 in Kuala Lumpur was confirmed as proposed by Vice President See Kok Wooi and seconded by Vice President Banyong Kiatkongchuchai.

4. REPORT BY PRESIDENT & SECRETARY-GENERAL

- 4.1 Honorary Life President Dato' Beng Choo Low presented the President & Secretary General Report for the period from 7 Oct. 2014 to 30 November 2015 (Please see Attachment A).
- 4.2 She also informed that the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) proposal for Men Baseball and Women Softball for inclusion in the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo has been officially submitted to the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020 Organising Committee which will then present the proposal to the International Olympic Committee (IOC). She also informed that since the inclusion of Baseball and Softball would be the inclusion of "new" sports onto the Olympic Games programme, the final decision on the matter is to be made by the IOC Session in Rio de Janeiro in August 2016 and that the proposal has received positive response.
- 4.3 The EXCO recorded its thanks to:
- 4.3.1 Amateur Softball Association of Thailand (ASAT) for its successful hosting the 5th Asian Junior Women (19 & Under) Championship in Chaiyaphum from 15 – 20 March 2015 despite short notice being given as decided in the SCA EXCO Meeting held on 26 January 2015.
- 4.3.2 Singapore Baseball & Softball Association (SBSA) for its role in assisting the SCA officials to host successful Men & Women Softball competitions at the 29th South East Asian Games in Singapore, where the Softball competition was from 6 – 10 June 2015.
- 4.3.3 Chinese-Taipei Amateur Softball Association (CTASA) for the successful hosting of the 4th East Asia Cup from 24 – 29 June 2015 in Taichung,

Taiwan.

4.3.5 All officials and volunteers for the various competitions to ensure the success of the events.

5. ASIAN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.1 ASIAN WOMEN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

5.1.1 The members present noted that due to various reasons, Indonesia had to cancel the hosting of the 11th Asian Women Softball Championship (AWSC) 2015 less than 2 months to the scheduled competition dates in December 2015 and the late cancellation of the event had caused great loss and inconvenience to some of the teams, like Japan and Chinese-Taipei who had booked and paid for their air-travel to Indonesia.

5.1.2 After discussion, Vice President Banyong Kiatkongchuchai very generously offered his city of Chaiyaphum as the host city venue but that SCA would have to assist him to organise the Championship. The EXCO also decided on the terms and conditions as stated below for the competition.

- DECISION:**
1. **The city of Chaiyaphum will be the host city of the 11th Asian Women Softball Championship 2015-2016 and that SCA would assist to organise the 11th AWSC 2015 - 2016**
 2. **All teams are to pay for their own team's air-travel to Thailand, accommodation and meals for the entire period of the competition by paying the agreed sum of US\$50.00 per person per day up to a maximum of 22 persons per team to the host city of Chaiyaphum; extra persons would be charged a higher appropriate rate to be decided by SCA at a later stage.**
 3. **The host city to provide and pay for the local transport from the Bangkok airport to Chaiyaphum (and return) and during the competition in Chaiyaphum up to a maximum of 22 persons per team as well as the cost for the organisation of the competition.**
 4. **The host city to provide and pay for the accommodation and meals for the SCA appointed officials (including SCA officers, umpires, scorers and other technical officials) for the duration of the competition.**
 5. **The 11th Asian Women Softball Championship 2015-2016 would also serve as the qualifiers for the 2018**

Jakarta Indonesia Asian Games and 2018 World Women Softball Championship to be held in Japan.

5.2 6TH ASIAN JUNIOR WOMEN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

- 5.2.1 Dr. Yang Zhi presented Chinese Softball Association (CSA)'s proposal to host the 6th Asian Junior (19 & Under) Women Softball Championship in Panzhihua City, Sichuan Province, China in October 2016, with participating teams to pay for their own accommodation and food and CSA, as host, to pay for internal transport and organisation cost as well as the accommodation and food for SCA and technical officials.
- 5.2.2 After discussion, the EXCO requested CSA to reduce the cost of each person to US\$50.00 per person per day as the cost for accommodation and food.
- 5.2.3 After further discussion, the EXCO agreed to CSA hosting the 6th Asian Junior Women Softball Championship 2016 and also decided on the terms and conditions as stated below for the competition.

- DECISION:**
- 1. China Softball Association (CSA) is to host the 6th Asian Junior Women Softball Championship 2016 in Panzhihua City from 20 – 27 October 2016 (Arrival 19 October and departure 28 October), with the actual dates to depend on the number of participating teams.**
 - 2. All teams are to pay for their own team's air-travel to China, and as to accommodation and meals, teams are to pay the agreed sum of US\$50.00 per person per day to CSA up to a maximum of 22 persons per team to CSA; extra persons would be charged a higher appropriate rate to be decided by SCA at a later stage.**
 - 3. CSA and the host city to provide and pay for the local transport from the Panzhihua airport to the official hotel and during the competition in Panzhihua City up to a maximum of 22 persons per team as well as the cost for the organisation of the competition.**
 - 4. CSA and the host city to provide and pay for the accommodation and meals for the SCA appointed officials (including SCA officers, umpires, scorers and other technical officials) for the duration of the competition.**

5.3 5TH EAST ASIA WOMEN SOFTBALL CUP 2016 IN KOREA

- 5.3.1 Ms. Lee Buyeong presented Korea Softball Federation (KSF)'s proposal to host the 5th East Asia Women Softball Cup from 8 – 13 June 2016 and informed that the host city venue has not been fixed. She stated that it could be the city of Daeju or Kojae, and both are about an hour by coach from Busan.
- 5.3.2 On a query to the participating countries, she informed that they are China, Chinese Taipei, Japan and Korea and that Hong Kong would not be invited.
- 5.3.3 After discussion, the EXCO agreed for KSF to host the 6th East Asia Women Softball Cup from 8 – 13 June 2016 in a city to be determined by KSF upon the agreed terms and conditions between the participating teams. The EXCO requested KSF to determine the host city by end of January 2016.

- DECISION:**
1. **Korea Softball Federation (KSF) is to host the 6th East Asia Women Softball Cup 2016 from 8 – 13 June 2016 in a city to be determined by KSF by end of January 2016 upon terms and conditions agreed upon between the participating teams.**
 2. **As agreed between the participating teams, participating teams are to pay for their own team's air-travel to Korea and KSF is to provide and pay for all participating teams' accommodation and meals for the entire period of the competition up to a maximum of 22 persons per team; extra persons would be charged a higher appropriate rate to be decided by KSF at a later stage.**
 3. **KSF and the host city to provide and pay for the local transport from the airport to the official hotel and during the competition in the host city up to a maximum of 22 persons per team as well as the cost for the organisation of the competition.**

5.4 1ST ASIAN UNIVERSITIES WOMEN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2016 IN TAIWAN

- 5.4.1 President's Secretary, Mr. Chang Chia Hsin, presented Chinese Taipei Amateur Softball Association (CTASA)'s proposal to host the 1st Asian Universities Women Softball Championship in Taichung, Taiwan from 24 - 27 August 2016 (arrival 23 August and departure on 28 August 2016), with each country allowed to enter only one (1) team. He stated that:
- (i) Players must be not more than 27 years of age and a registered student in a registered university.

- (ii) The teams are to pay for their own participation costs, including accommodation and food and the cost for accommodation and food would be US\$50.00 per person per day to be paid to CTASA.
- (iii) CTASA would provide transport from the airport to the official hotel in Taichung and all internal transport during the competition up to a maximum of 22 persons.

5.4.2 After discussion, the EXCO agreed for CTASA to host the 1st Asia Universities Women Softball Championship 2016 from 24 – 27 August 2016 in Taichung City, Taiwan and also decided on the terms and conditions as stated below for the competition.

- DECISION:**
- 1. Chinese Taipei Amateur Softball Association (CTASA) is to host the 1st Asia Universities Women Softball Championship 2016 from 24 – 27 August 2016 in the city of Taichung, Taiwan.**
 - 2. All players must be not more than 27 years of age and a registered student in a university.**
 - 3. All teams are to pay for their own team's air-travel to Taiwan, and as for accommodation and meals for the entire period of the competition, teams are to pay the agreed sum of US\$50.00 per person per day up to a maximum of 22 persons per team to CTASA; extra persons would be charged a higher appropriate rate to be decided by SCA at a later stage.**
 - 4. CTASA and the host city to provide and pay for the local transport from the airport to the official hotel and during the competition in Taichung City up to a maximum of 22 persons per team as well as the cost for the organisation of the competition.**
 - 5. CTASA and the host city to provide and pay for the accommodation and meals for the SCA appointed officials (including SCA officers, umpires, scorers and other technical officials) for the duration of the competition.**

5.5 2ND SOUTH EAST ASIA MEN SOFTBALL CUP 2016.

- 5.5.1 Vice President See Kok Wooi informed that Brunei, who had earlier in the year indicated interest, have confirmed that it would not be able to host the 2nd South East Asia Men Softball Cup in Brunei.
- 5.5.2 After discussion, Vice President See informed that he would look into Malaysia hosting the event and would inform the participating countries

in due course. The participating countries are Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand..

5.6 2ND SOUTH EAST ASIA (SEA) WOMEN SOFTBALL CUP 2017

5.6.1 Vice President Syahrir Nawier informed that Indonesia would look into the possibility of hosting the 2nd South East Asia (SEA) Women Softball Cup in 2017 as a test event for the Asian Games 2018 as both Baseball and Softball have been included in that Asian Games programme as competition sports.

5.7 6TH ASIAN JUNIOR MEN (19 & UNDER) SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AND 10TH ASIAN MEN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

The EXCO noted that there were still no proposals from SCA members to host the 10th Asian Men Softball Championship in 2017 although it is also a self-funding competition where participating teams have to pay for their own participation costs, including air-travel, accommodation and food.

6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

6.1 REQUIREMENT FOR UMPIRES TO ATTEND RECERTIFICATION TEST

Dato' Low Beng Choo informed the EXCO of the WBSC Softball Division (SD)'s requirement that all ISF-certified umpires must attend refresher courses and take a re-certification test every 5 years in view of changes to the Playing Rules to ensure that they are up-to-date of the latest Rules. She also informed that the re-certification tests may be taken by the umpires online on the WBSC SD website online on the Ump School page/section.

6.2 WBSC SOFTBALL DIVISION - SCA UMPIRES CERTIFICATION COURSE 2016

President's Secretary, Mr. Chang Chia Hsin, presented Chinese Taipei Amateur Softball Association (CTASA)'s proposal to conduct a WBSC SD – SCA Umpires Recertification Course and Test in conjunction with the 1st Asia Universities Women Softball Championship in Taichung, Taiwan October 2016 and requested Dato' Low Beng Choo to assist to organise it with WBSC SD Chief Umpire, Mr. Robert (Bob) Stanton.

6.3 Proposed Japan Softball Association's Development Program for SCA Members

1st Vice President, Taeko Utsugi, presented Japan Softball Association (JSA)'s proposal for an SCA Coaching Development Program to help improve the competitive level of other SCA members. The proposed program includes the following proposals:

6.3.1 JSA would pay for the airfare and per diem of the JSA coach to be sent to the SCA member countries and the host country to pay for the accommodation and food.

6.3.2 SCA member could send some players to train with the Japan teams with the SCA member to pay for their own air-fare and JSA would be prepared to consider paying for the accommodation and food during the stay in Japan.

SCA members interested to participate in the JSA Development Program and JSA's generous offer were requested to apply direct to JSA.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters arising, the meeting adjourned at 12noon with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson of the meeting.

Minutes confirmed by:



(Pan Yi Chuan)
President
Softball Confederation Asia

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