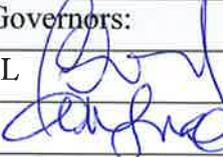
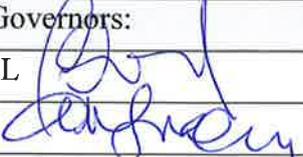
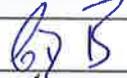
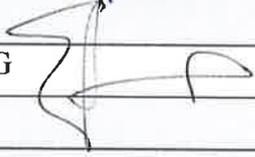


**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB, HONG KONG
2015-2016
ON 19TH MARCH 2016 AT 10 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	
President (Chairman):	Neil WESTERN 
Second Vice President:	Kevin Barry H EGAN 
Correspondent Governors:	
Carsten SCHAEEL 	Nan-Hie IN 
Angie LAU 	Natasha KHAN 
Journalist Governors:	
James GOULD 	Clifford BUDDLE 
Associate Governors:	
Douglas WONG	Elaine PICKERING 
Apologies:	TH, NG, TJ, KB, JL, SP, FDC
Non-Members by invitation:	
Gilbert CHENG (GM)	Joanne CHUNG (JC)
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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10.01 a.m.

2. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27 th February 2016:	
Proposed by NK	Seconded by DW
For: KE, EP, AL, JG, INH, CS	Against:
Abstain: CB	Motion carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NW reported:

1. Town Hall Meeting

NW advised that the meeting would be held on 5th April and NK said she couldn't attend. Hopefully committee convenors, especially House and Finance Committees, could attend in order to answer any questions on expenditure. NW explained the Town Hall meeting would be a briefing meeting on raising monthly subscriptions and Board members would answer questions from the membership. Members could then provide suggestions within a two-week period before the Finance Committee

would proceed to make a decision in May and the Board having final approval thereafter at the May Board meeting.

2. Nomination meeting

The nomination meeting would be on 6th April. Anna Healy-Fenton is currently forming the Election Committee and NW recommended submitting nominations as soon as possible.

3. Journalism Day

Journalism Day would be held on 23rd April and the announcement would be sent out by Wednesday, 23rd March. 30 speakers were now listed to attend and invitees included university students, the HKJA and winners from the student journalist competition. There was space for approximately 100 C&J members who would get priority to attend.

4. Diplomatic Cocktail

The Diplomatic Cocktail evening would be held on 21st June and John Tsang had confirmed he could attend.

5. Any Other Business

Permission had been granted to the Press Freedom committee to show the film “Ten Years” film and directors would attend to speak at the Club on 25th April.

The Somalian journalist had been granted approval to stay in Hong Kong and was going through the procedure of getting governmental approval to work. He was now living in Tai O and if anyone had a blender to give to him, it would be greatly appreciated.

It was resolved to approve the President’s Report	
Proposed by NK	Seconded by CB
	Unanimously Accepted

4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CONVENERS

FINANCE

EP reported:

Finance Committee meeting on 16th March 2016

Members attending: Tim Huxley (Convener), Neil Western, Elaine Pickering, Anna Healy Fenton, Douglas Wong, Wyng Chow, Connie Bolland, John Whitcomb

Also attending: Gilbert Cheng, Alex Lee, Joanne Chung

Apologies: Florence De Changy, Simon Pritchard, Jake van der Kamp, Keith Bradsher, Carsten Schael, Tara Joseph

1. Meeting called to Order

Treasurer called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

2. Financial Controller’s Comments on February 2016 Financials:

Revenue & Surplus – February 2016

Total revenue for the month of February was \$2,929,364, which was above last year by \$339,223 and ahead budget by \$176,495. Net deficit for the month of February was \$660,988 against budget deficit of \$691,538 resulting in a favourable variance of \$30,550.

Food & Beverage Cost

Food costs for the month were \$621,760 or 33.6% against sales, which were 0.4% lower than the budget. Beverage costs for the month were \$385,209 or 36.9%, which were 1.1% lower than budget. After Add-in wines take away & wine home delivery, the total cost will be \$402,791 or 37.34

	Revenue	Cost	Cost%
Beverage Sales	1,043,996	\$385,209	36.90%
Wines take away	\$26,270	\$11,038	42.02%
Wines home delivery	\$8,580	\$6,544	76.27%
Total	\$1,078,846	\$402,791	37.34%

Other Income/Other Item

Subscription income and Entrance fees for the month were \$1,996,345 and \$88,000 respectively. Entrance fee income was behind budget, but this should be rectified in March.

Catering Expenses and Administration Expenses

Total catering expenses were over budget by \$17,744; new rent and rates took effect from Jan 2 2016;

Total administration expenses were under budget by \$24,189; legal fee for amendment of FCC articles regarding disciplinary procedures were the main reason.

Current month revenue – March 2016

F&B revenue budget for the month of March 2016 is \$3,502,731. F&B revenue up to March 13 2016 (Sunday) was \$1,555,313, which was under last year by \$128,881 and ahead budget by \$86,426.

3. FCC Finances power point

The Committee discussed the submitted presentation sent to the Board. The President advised that no decisions had been taken and would not be taken until the April Board meeting, which would follow the proposed 'Town Hall' meeting scheduled for April 5th, which was to be a consultative meeting with the membership, and was not a meeting where a vote would be taken. TH went through the slides and explained the various options, whilst Members sought some clarification on key issues. John Whitcomb proposed that a contribution to a 'sinking fund' to cover renovations be explored and NW also suggested looking at abolishing the '13th month' but adding HK\$ 80 per month to each Member's bill as the '13th month' was when people really began to question the cost. It was stressed that there would now be annual review and TH would incorporate into the presentation the past record of subscription increases which pre-1997 were on a regular basis.

4. Club cocktail

The cost charged for cocktail receptions in the Club was briefly discussed after one reception was charged at HK\$ 134 as opposed to the agreed fee of HK\$ 174 per head. Whilst it was agreed that on some occasions these receptions were pitched at young journalists who were more cost conscious, it was agreed that these events should not be run at a loss and the previously agreed fee should be charged.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Discussions at BOG meeting:

The Board read the committee report and NW advised that the current deficit remained on course at around HK\$600,000, which was down for this year.

The Board then looked at a presentation document created by TH, regarding possible raising revenue options to be pursued by the Club. NW reported that John Whitcomb of the Finance Committee had also suggested a possible sinking fund to separate building reserves from regular rent reserves, and then to harvest at 4% a year, which is a standard corporate rate.

NW confirmed that the presentation document would be modified before presenting at the Town Hall meeting. He also explained that the presentation document was an opinion and that other opinions or suggestions may arise. NW reported the Finance Committee discussions had resulted in a strong recommendation that membership should expect more regular reviews regarding subscription fees, ie. on an annual basis.

The Board discussed the document and so far, canvassed opinions in the Club had resulted in no huge opposition to the raising of membership fees as long as it was within reason. Canvassed members did appreciate the lower F&B prices and realised fees had not increased for a long time. Therefore, it was expected that the membership would react reasonably, if the rationale for increasing fees were made clear. Although, it was thought that some members may consider an increase of \$250 a big leap.

Another option of raising Associate fees was discussed and it was thought it could result in less member diversity in the Club. The issue of increasing the minimum monthly spend, which would awaken sleeping members, was also discussed as it would result in resignations and take the pressure off the long waiting list. However, if there was an increase in the minimum monthly spend, then it could create extra work for the office with regard to bookings and create an even busier bar on the last Friday of the month. After a short discussion regarding a minimum monthly spend, it was suggested that members could buy a bottle of takeaway wine to meet the minimum monthly spend requirement.

Regarding spouse membership, it was believed that spouse membership was not technically classified as actual members as spouse membership was a gratuitous status that linked to a member spouse. It was also thought that it might be difficult to set up a system to charge spouses due to the broad definition of what constituted a spouse and its different classification. However, if it was set up then a change in the Articles of Association would be required and spouses would be paying a reduced fee with no voting rights.

It was explained that the Board didn't need to select a favoured option before the Town Hall meeting, it would be a transparent and consultative meeting where the membership could discuss the options and provide feedback. The Finance Committee and Board would later make a final decision on the matter. With upcoming necessary renovations to the Club, it was hoped that the membership would understand the need for increasing the monthly membership subscriptions and that the figures would speak for themselves. A House committee convenor should be present at the meeting to answer questions regarding expenditure and renovations.

It was resolved to accept the report of the Finance Committee	
Proposed by INH	Seconded by AL

	Unanimously Accepted
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PROFESSIONAL

INH reported:

Minutes for Professional Committee Meeting, Monday, 7th March 2016

Board members: Tara Joseph, Keith Bradsher

Invitees: Gilbert Cheng, Clement Li, Hilda Wang

Approved - Minutes of 15th February 2016 meeting

Speaker Issues/ Proposed Speakers:

Event Review/Host Confirmation

DATE	SPEAKER	HOST
<u>March</u>		
March (TBD)	Matthew Marsh, Formula One (With increased lunch fees of HKD220 for members and HKD350 for non-members with Note: Price includes glass of champagne and improved menu, and Tim/Eric to host.)	Tim/Eric
Thurs. March 3 lunch	Ajahn Brahm, Bodhinyana International Foundation "How to deal with difficult people"	NHI
Mon., March 7 dinner	Mike Chinoy, Assignment China screening "Tremors"	KB
Tues. March 8 lunch	Professor Peter Piot, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Topic: Zika virus	KB/NHI
Mon. March 14 lunch	Mark O'Neill "How China's Art Treasures were saved from the Japanese Invasion and the Red Guards"	NHI/KB/TJ
Wed. March 16 evening	Art Event – Cocktails at Bert's	NHI
Wed. Mar 23 lunch	Sir Max Hastings "Spies, Codes and Guerrillas: From World War II to the Falklands to Today" (reserve 20 C&Js, 2 people per membership account)	NW
Tues. March 29 lunch	For International Women's Day: Diana Cesar, CEO, HSBC Hong Kong	NHI

Thurs. Mar. 31 lunch	Francesco Sisci. Senior associate of China Renmin University “China and the Vatican's new global strategy”	KB
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April

Tues. April 12 lunch	Wang Zhenmin, Head of judicial affairs for the Central Liaison Office (reserve 20 C&Js)	KB
Sat. April 23	Journalism Day (Prof. Comm. suggests HKD50 for students)	NW
Mon. April 18 lunch	Justice Kemal Bokhary (reserve 20 C&Js)	TJ
Tues. April 26 lunch	Dr. Megdi Fakheri, “The re-emergence of Iran – its implications for Hong Kong and East Asia”.	NHI

May

Thurs. May 19 evening	Mike Chinoy, Assignment China, “Contradictions”	KB
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June

Tues. June 21 evening	Diplomatic Cocktail (Club Admin. to follow up with John Tsang’s office. John Tsang’s office confirmed for June 21.)	
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Upcoming Events

Proposed Speakers/Events:

1) NHI suggests for Art Week:

Evening cocktails with discussion, theme for the discussion may be ‘The changing landscape of the HK art market’. Moderated / led by FCC with three speakers that have very different perspectives as follows.

Maree Di Pasquale (Art Central) – newcomer to Hong Kong with lots of international arts experience

Gina Wong (Experimenta) – one of the founders of Hong Kong’s film / art / new media sector who has loved through a real shift in the market.

Alice Mong (Asia Society HK Centre) – can talk from the NGO perspective about leading the development of arts

- Committee approved the above with NHI to host.

On pricing for the above event, club admin had proposed HKD175 for members, HKD250 for guests to include 3 drinks and canapes for 2 hours at Bert’s. At Nan-Hie’s request, Committee suggested to club admin to reduce pricing by cutting the number of drinks from 3 to 2 and also offer lighter canapés, and

reduce the event time from 2 hours to 1½ hours. Committee further delegated authority to Nan-Hie to decide on all additional details for this event.

2) Committee also approved that for all future evening events, that the flier indicates “7:00 p.m. for 7:15 p.m. dinner”.

Any Other Business

1) TJ suggests a speaker on “Hong Kong as the next Silicone Valley? “, to be put in Agenda for next month’s meeting.

2) TJ suggested a U.S. election breakfast and a talk on “What Trump means for Asia” should Trump get the nomination. Keith to approve Frank Lavin as potential speaker. – approved by the Committee.

3) Chef George introduced four sample bento box lunches for the professional committee’s review. Committee was impressed by the presentation though suggested to cut down on the food portions to reduce the cost.

4) April 25 or 27 – KB to contact Regina Ip as lunch speaker.

5) Confirmed date of the next meeting – 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, 6th April 2016.

Discussions at the BOG

INH reported there were quite a lot of events in March and listed the upcoming events. The Max Hastings event was sold out. There would be a change to the 16th March AAJA Association event with Christine on Wednesday, 6th April and Board members were invited to the cocktails.

It was resolved to accept the report of the Professional Committee	
Proposed by DW	Seconded by CB
	Unanimously Accepted

MEMBERSHIP

JG reported:

Membership Committee Meeting

On Monday, 14th March 2016 at 12:30 p.m.

Members attending: Nan-Hie In, James Gould, Kevin Egan, Elaine Pickering, Wyng Chow and Marilyn Hood

Also attending: Gilbert Cheng, Joanne Chung and Carman Chung

Apologies: Simon Pritchard, Neil Western, Clifford Buddle and Douglas Wong

1. Resignations, Absent Member Applications & Reactivations

There were 16 Absent Member applications, 4 resignations and 1 reactivation for the month of February 2016.

2. New Membership Applications

We currently have 237 applications on hand this month and the number of active members with subscription fees charged is 2,186 as of 10th March 2016.

3. New Members

Considering the possible membership movements including absentees and resignations, the Committee recommended to accept a total of 18 new applications including (7) Correspondent applicants, (1) Journalist applicant and (10) Associate applicants.

3.1 A total (3) Correspondent applicants under standard monthly fee

3.1a Reviewed Correspondent application, of an applicant who was approved at the Membership Committee in January 2016. He applied for Correspondent membership under C&J discounted scheme. Having considered his employment background and his job role, he does not qualify under the C&J discounted scheme. The Committee recommended accepting his application under the standard monthly fee this month, March 2016.

3.1b New Application received for Correspondent membership under C&J discounted scheme. Having considered his employment background and his job role, he does not qualify under the C&J discounted scheme. The Committee recommended accepting his application under the standard monthly fee this month, March 2016.

3.1c New Application received for Correspondent membership under C&J discounted scheme. Having considered her employment background, she does not qualify under the C&J discounted scheme. The Committee recommended accepting her application under the standard monthly fee this month, March 2016.

3.2 A total (4) Correspondent applicants and (1) Journalist applicant under C&J discounted scheme

3.2a Reviewed Correspondent application from an applicant, who was approved at the Membership Committee in January 2016. She applied for Correspondent membership. The Committee recommended accepting her application under the C&J discounted scheme this month, March 2016.

3.2b Reviewed Correspondent application from an applicant, who was approved at the Membership Committee in January 2016. He applied for Correspondent membership. The Committee recommended accepting his application under the C&J discounted scheme this month, March 2016.

3.2c Reviewed Correspondent application, who was approved at the Membership Committee in February 2016. He applied for Correspondent membership under the C&J discounted scheme. The Committee recommended accepting his application under C&J discounted scheme this month, March 2016.

3.2d New Application received for Correspondent membership. The Committee recommended accepting her application under the C&J discounted scheme this month, March 2016.

3.2e New Application received for Journalist membership under the C&J discounted scheme. The Committee recommended accepting her application under the C&J discounted scheme this month, March 2016.

3.3 New application received for Correspondent membership under the C&J discounted scheme. Having considered her business background and her job role, she does not qualify as a C or J member, the Committee suggested her to apply for Associate Membership under normal procedures.

4. Correspondent and Journalist Application

Discussed during the meeting was the setting of a benchmark figure on household income for the C&J special offer and the details will be discussed further in the March 2016 Board Meeting.

5. Report on Special Promotion For Correspondent and Journalist Membership

In total, 446 members have joined as either correspondent or journalist members since August

2010 while 302 of them remain as active members. There is a 70 percent retention rate of members approved since the special promotion was launched, which reflects a good promotional effort and incentive. 27 percent of them (135 members) have resigned or become absent members, out of which 64 have permanently resigned. To sum up, the current promotional price has achieved the objective of retaining most of our C&J members during the past 4 years.

A report of the reasons for resignation and the joining period before resignation was presented.

6. Suspension Record (March 2015 – February 2016)

6.1 The Committee reviewed the suspension record for the past-suspended members. SA1325 was posted three times within the past 12 months (*February 2016, December 2015 and May 2015*). A reminder letter will be sent out informing him that a direct debit account is required to be set up.

6.2 The Committee reviewed the suspension record for the past-suspended members. A7076 was posted three times within the past 12 months. A reminder letter will be sent out, a direct debit account has been sent on 27th February 2016, and he has to respond by the deadline of 10th March 2016. Received a reply from the member and a letter in response has been sent to him by the Membership Convener on 11th March 2016. His application will be further discussed with Membership Convener to reinstate the member's credit privileges.

7. Review of Membership Status Change by Finance Committee

Three members' accounts were suspended in February 2016.

7.1 A7751 was suspended on 15th February 2016. His membership will be terminated on next posting day mid-March 2016 unless the outstanding amount is settled by 15th March 2016. We checked his company is not registered for phone service and he cannot be reached on his mobile. The Committee suggested checking with his Introducer about how to contact him.

7.2 A9750 was suspended on 29th February 2016. The Committee suggested that his membership should follow normal procedures.

7.3 C9323 was suspended on 29th February 2016. One of committee will be contact the member's father and his application will be further discussed upon receipt of further information.

8. Absent Membership Status Change Report

In total, 30 absent members have visited the Club in the month of February 2016. No member has been charged the monthly subscription fee during a visit of over two weeks.

8.1 Report on Absent members: C6631 joined in September 1996 and he became an Absent member with effect from December 2007. He came to the reception desk to reactivate his membership for one day under Absent Membership Status. Whilst updating his personal particulars, including mailing address, business information and current email, he showed discomfort about this practice and was bad-mannered about it. He refused to provide the information requested. He mentioned that a man, who is 70 years old, should be retired the as same as anyone.

In record, on 15th February 2016, he requested an introduction letter for Singapore Cricket Club. According to normal practice, the introduction letter and introduction card are issued to active members only.

9. Application for Silver Membership

The Committee reviewed the application for Silver Membership by A5107, who was presented in the January 2016 and February 2016 meetings. A letter was received applying for Silver Membership in December 2015. The Committee was unable to accept his application as his active status is less than 30 years as of December 2015. The Committee suggested further checking when the date of the new Article concerning Silver membership came into effect and his application will be deferred to next month, April 2016.

10. Deceased Member

A7884 joined the club in March 2001 and passed away on 15th May 2015. His first wife had

been his nominated spouse until her death some years ago. The member re-married in December 2011, but before his death did not nominate his second wife as his spouse member. Letter received from Kevin Egan, requesting that his second wife be granted Honorary Widow status. The application will be referred to Board Meeting for discussion in March 2016.

11. Induction Ceremonies

The Induction Ceremony is to be held on Friday, 18th March 2016 at 6:30 p.m. and there are 26 sign-ups for the event so far.

12. Deceased Member

Mr John Fortescue PAYNE (A8842) joined in June 2004 and passed away on 21st February 2016. Letter sent to spouse, Ms Asunción A. PAYNE on 23rd February 2016 and she became an Honorary member on 23rd February 2016.

13. Date of Next Membership Committee Meeting

The next Membership Committee Meeting is scheduled on Monday, 11th April 2016 at 12:30 p.m.

Discussions at BOG meeting:

JG reported on the membership movement. Some C&J applicants will be asked to pay the normal C&J fees rather than going through the discount scheme as it was for those with lower incomes and no evidence had been provided to support their application for the discount. The Board quickly discussed the discount scheme, salaries and whether a minimum household income figure should be introduced. It was agreed that it should be decided on a case-by-case basis.

JG outlined backgrounds of the accepted Associate applicants.

It was resolved to accept the new members as follows on page 10	
<i>A total of 18 new applications including (7) Correspondent applicants, (1) Journalist applicant and (10) Associate applicants.</i>	
Proposed by CS	Seconded by DW
	Unanimously Accepted

INH reported on another issue regarding a request for spouse membership and KE provided further background details. After discussing the matter, it was agreed that the applicant should apply for Associate membership and be fast-tracked.

KE reported a long-standing member wanted his ex-wife to keep her spouse membership and it was agreed that she could keep it. DW asked whether spouse memberships were considered and entitlement and whether an Article change was needed. CB explained that the Constitution Committee had already looked into Article 7 and it did appear to be an entitlement with the use of 'shall'. Therefore, it would be difficult to revisit and qualifying it. It was confirmed that there are 323 spouse members and EP expressed a need to be careful with the classification to ensure proper contribution to the Club.

It was resolved to accept the report of the Membership Committee	
Proposed by AL	Seconded by INH

PRESS FREEDOM

NK reported

Press Freedom Committee Meeting March 16, 2016

Attendees: Co-convenors Neil Western and Natasha Khan; Geoff Crothall, Francis Moriarty, Doug Wong, and Ed Chin

Invitees: Joanne Chung Joyce Lau,

Apologies: Florence de Changy, Ben Richardson and David Kwan

1. Minutes Approved

2. HRP A Update

- Cathay Pacific has sponsored a business class ticket form out gala speaker, thanks to the work of FM.
- Gala organising is under way, with a budget of around HK\$30,000 saved from hosting the event at the FCC reallocated to cover stage/lighting/backdrop production among other costs.
- Proposal to increase payment to HRP A assistant due to spike in work over next two months.
- As Amnesty office is still under renovation, HRP A will be based in CLB offices for an additional month.
- Media coverage should be targeted now in hopes of feature stories on HRP A and its 20th anniversary.
- Suggestion of FM writing an Op-Ed regarding press freedom and mentioning the 20th anniversary and how it's more important than ever to have the HRP A.
- JL will pen a press release with further details.
- Fergal Keane will also speak at a club lunch on the afternoon of the HRP A gala, which will begin about 6:30pm on May 6.
- JL will be in touch with Professional Committee for arrangements of the lunch, which will be priced at a level to ensure it raises significant funds.

3. Malaysia Press Freedom Situation

- Discussion on statement published
- DW will reach out to editor of the Malaysian Insider (which has just stopped publishing amid deteriorating press freedom conditions) and see if there could be opportunities for a speaker event/Correspondent magazine article

4. AOB

- Lunch with Somalian Journalist: NW and FM will meet with Shafi on Thursday, 17th March to see how the FCC can assist
- Press Freedom Committee Social with HKJA: Hotpot set for 15th April, Friday
- Proposal to show movie on Hong Kong "Ten Years" at the FCC. Ed C will try to coordinate for 18th or 25th April.
- Ed also suggests we could do an event to show "The Yellowing" - a documentary on the Umbrella Movement.
- Next meeting: Wednesday, 13th April.

Discussions at the BOG meeting:

NK reported that the HRP A gala organising was underway. A budget of around HKD30,000 had been saved from hosting the event at the FCC and had been reallocated to the stage, lighting and backdrop production amongst other costs for the event. The Amnesty International office was under renovation; therefore, they were based in another office for another month. The committee would be shoring up

media coverage for the event, as it was the 20th anniversary, and would be reaching out to various journalists to garner more press coverage and drum up interest for the event.

The committee continued to monitor the situation in Malaysia and several statements had been issued. The film "Ten Years" would be shown at the Club on the 25th April. Fergal Keane was confirmed as a speaker and preparation details were outlined. EP asked if the event could be a Club luncheon and broadcast through the Club; however, there had been audio problems in the past resulting in refunds having to be made; the audio problems were one of the renovation issues being undertaken.

It was resolved to accept the report of the Press Freedom Committee	
Proposed by INH	Seconded by CB
	Unanimously Accepted

COMMUNICATIONS (includes Archive)

NK reported:

Communications Committee Meeting 11th March 2016

Attendees: Co-convenors Natasha Khan and Juliana Liu; Paul Bayfield, Laurence Witherington, Jonathan Hopfner, Gary Ling, Joanne Chung, Benny Ying, Nan-Hie In

Apologies: Angie Lau, Gilbert Cheng, Joyce Lau and Owen Fung

1. Minutes Approved

2. Multimedia Contributor Report

- David Tang video had 69,000 views, one of the highest of any Hong Kong speaker. At some point the video was the top choice video on YouTube
- Ronnie Chan video also had some positive numbers

3. The Correspondent

- Issue deadline: 8th April
- HRP winners will be included and the magazine distributed after May 6 (to highlight the 20th anniversary and winning photo will be the cover page)
- Town Hall coverage will be included
- Update on HK Free Press and where they are now

4. Website Revamp

- Videos have been sent to BlueCurrent (the video archive transfer is one reason the delivery will take some time)
- Missing Charity Committee Content (PB and JL to address)
- Juliana will send over booking information for various venues
- If website can be delivered by 6th April and training arranged by then, target to have the website launch on 20th April or 21st April at the Main Bar
- Given creation of FCC Twitter list, committee recommends that BlueCurrent include scrolling FCC Twitter feed onto website

5. Website Security

- Discussion on security options from CloudFlare or GoDaddy

- Committee recommends going for the CloudFlare Pro option for USD\$20/ month (compared to GoDaddy package at around \$31/ month and CloudFlare Premium at \$200/ month)
- Co-convenors will pitch this to the Board for approval

6. Misc.

- FCC Twitter list created of correspondent tweeters, Laurence will promote it
- Discussion of coverage of Journalism Day: potentially stream on Facebook?
- Plan is to create a LinkedIn community in May
- Discussion on some new recruits for the committee. There were suggestions of people from HK Magazine, Bloomberg and other publications.

Discussions at BOG meeting:

NK reported that the David Tang video had close to 70,000 hits and was one of the highest viewed of any Hong Kong speaker the Club had ever had; the video was top choice on YouTube at one stage.

The Correspondent magazine would be put on embargo to highlight all the winners of the HRPAs, so the deadline would be early April. The magazine would be distributed after the gala on 6th May and some space would be dedicated to the coverage of the Town Hall meeting to provide an extra avenue to disseminate information.

The committee were pushing to do the website revamp by mid-April. It had been time-consuming to transfer hundreds of hours of video over to the new site resulting in a slight delay. There is still an aim to launch it before Journalism Day on 23rd April and if not, it would happen the week afterwards. The committee had been thinking of ways to highlight the site at the event and to drum up interest. The social media strategy was being pushed forward with a Twitter list of C&J members being created. The website security options were outlined.

The committee were trying to get new recruits and there were plans to create a LinkedIn community after the website launch.

It was resolved to accept the report of the Publications Committee	
Proposed by DW	Seconded by CS
	Unanimously Accepted

Archive Subcommittee Meeting on 9th March 2016

CS reported:

Members attending: Carsten Schael, Vaudine England, Don Brech

Apologies: John Batten, Simon Chu

Also attending: Gilbert Cheng, Joanne Chung

1. Status Update

1.1. *Archiving Progress* - The existing office records were converted to the new archiving system. The membership application records are next to be converted to the new system. GC reported that the part-time staff working on this had left Hong Kong. No archives work took place since Christmas 2015.

1.2. *Archives Staff Shortage* - Two of three trained staff members have left the club. The only one remaining is Joanne Chung who is currently very busy with other administrative work. There is an urgent need for manpower and the committee will try to find archives trained students to provide temporary help, but a full-time staff has to be recruited. DB will contact Simon Chu to recommend students.

1.3. *Archives System Review* - JC reported that the archiving guidelines were working well and there were currently no problems she was aware of. DC will

1.4. *Oral History Project* - VE will contact potential contributors (D. Bell, S. Lockhart, M. Foote). CS will contact Annemarie Evans for possible contributions of FCC related material. DB reminded that a usage rights form is required to be signed by interviewees, VE will follow up.

2. Draft Archives Policy

No progress has been made in recently. As current term of the Board ends in a couple of months, the subcommittee will follow up with the new Board.

3. Budget

The subcommittee members decided to use the remainder of annual budget for paying some short term help to archive records.

4. Contributions

4.1. Members Marcia Barham and Danal Blessis have signed a conditional loan agreement for a painting on display in Bert's

4.2. CS will follow up on creating a display of some of Anthony Lawrence's items.

4.3. Arthur Hacker's Lap Sap Chung sculpture and related materials are now on display in the Main Bar.

4.4. VE recommended a future cooperation with the HKU Journalism School.

4.5. CS reported that he had met the American author Bill Lascher in March 2015. Mr. Lascher was doing research for a book in Chungking and had documents related to the 1940's press hostel, including two photographs showing a very young Mr. Liao Chien Ping (who worked at the FCC until retirement in 1977).

5. Next Meeting

Tbc

Discussions at BOG meeting:

CS reported there was a shortage of staff to archive the records with only one member of staff left who was over-burdened. As a short-term fix, students from HKU were being acquired to help and hopefully one could be useful and be offered a permanent and full-time engagement in future.

CS asked that each committee consider what kind of records they want to keep long-term and there would be an extended discussion at committee and Board level in the future. He explained that the records were mainly administrative records that needed sorting, therefore extra manpower was needed. EP suggested there might be some members able to help and it was agreed that going through membership forms to see whether anyone could volunteer would be useful.

It was resolved to accept the report of the Archive Sub-Committee

Proposed by NW	Seconded by CB
	Unanimously Accepted

HOUSE

CS reported:

House Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, 15th March 2016.

Present: Nick Gentle, Carsten Schael, Robin Howes, Viswa Nathan, Elaine Pickering, Gilbert Cheng, Joanne Chung, Allen Younglood

Apologies: Tim Huxley, Walter Kent

1. Meeting called to order: 6:45 p.m.
2. The previous meeting's minutes were accepted.
3. Complaints and comments were discussed.

A matter regarding an associate's event where food service was delayed arose. The night in question was an exceptionally busy one and the kitchen was short staffed. Apologies have been sent and GC to offer some sort of compensation to the member.

4. Bert's

Open Mic Night

AY said he's been checking on talent for a proposed Open Mic night. Timing was discussed and settled on a trial evening one Monday night -- the idea being we want to drive business to Bert's during times when it's not already busy. AY said he would redouble efforts to find talent.

Recommended a trial Open Mic Night on a Monday TBA -- 7:30 - 10:30. Combine with a happy hour 7-8.

April 17 Guest Act

Alonzo Gonzales has been confirmed.

March 5 Guest Act

The night made a slight profit.

Yale Jazz Singers

Decided not to have. Original approach was couched as though they were offering their voices for free. Actually wanted US\$1,500 and free meals for 15 people for two 30-minute sets. Would also require a special space be cleared. Uneconomical.

NYE DJ

AY was reminded to go ahead and book the DJ.

Shuffle Demons

AY to review the approach from this group.

5. Quiz Night

Continues to be a roaring success, and profitable. All to be congratulated on this.

6. Health Club

Signs

The new signs outlining basic standards of behaviour have been posted for about a week. Yet to be seen if they have the desired effect.

Complaint

The same member the signs are directed at was the subject of a complaint. An altercation took place between him and a female member.

NG will speak with the individual at the centre of recent complaints and reach out to the other member.

7. Building Maintenance/Renovation

MDR A/C Update

EP mentioned that the state of the AC on the Verandah is also pretty woeful. GC noted that none of the units there are less than 10 years old.

Need to get Verandah included in the plan for the upgrade.

MDR Renovation Discussion

Any discussion of AC units needed to be done in context of what our plan is for the MDR.

Committee resolved that soundproofing between Verandah and MDR should be part of the renovation -- double-glazing on the windows etc.

What are we going to do with the stage?

If we plan to remove it entirely and replace with a collapsible option/dance floor or something the RH noted we'll probably need to get a loading assessment done for the floor. If we remove the AC units from under the stage and then either keep it as is or reduce its size, then we may be able to avoid having the loading assessment done.

This discussion needs to be held in context of what our plan is for the MDR. Clearly, we want to keep it multi-purpose for dining and club events. But what else do we want?

If, as has been mentioned, we see it as a potential venue for broadcast events that bring in additional revenue *a-la* Australia's National Press Club, then we need to have a proper assessment of what configuration is required and what improvements to acoustics and AV tech need to be made along with layout considerations.

Recommended a small group be established to interview designers

Garbage Area Repairs

Report has been submitted to govt. Nice work all.

Kitchen Drainage Quote

Has been received. Same firm as previously used. Committee said to proceed as quote was in line with previous works. Firm has proved reliable before.

Kitchen Renovation

GC has begun interviewing potential contractors. Verbal estimation is two months if we shut down kitchen completely. This was a bit longer than what we had hoped. So contingencies need to be considered.

Urgently we need to make a call on this if it is to happen this year. Asked GC to get quotes and solid written estimates of timing by next meeting -- and to check which of the contractors can actually do it this year.

Further to this, asked JC to reach out to GPA and AMO to see what potential hoops we may need to jump through in terms of getting permission to do the works -- part of this will require removal and installation of equipment via the window on Wyndham St. after midnight.

8. Staff

A common law employee's injury compensation claim was settled by the insurers. Our premium will probably rise next time it comes up for renewal.

9. AOB

FCC Thailand guest member:

A couple of people turned up on a Saturday afternoon trying to get reciprocal rights with FCCT membership. It was explained that they need either to approach the office or get approval at the bar after approval by the Board. They demanded service. When it was explained that they couldn't get it, they got angry and started swearing at staff. They refused to leave initially and kept kicking up a stink and swearing. GC finally got them out. This sort of behaviour is totally unacceptable. Reciprocal rights are respected but there's a process. If a member of the FCCHK behaved in this manner to staff then they would quickly find themselves answering to the Board.

Recommended the Board send a letter to FCCT to:

1. enquire if this person is indeed a member.

2. inform them that, if so, he is not welcome back.

3. reminding them to remind their members that while we love to host guests from our reciprocal clubs, there is a process and that there's no place for disrespecting staff.

Boxing Breakfast

Reviewed the proposed menu and pricing. Suggested it be pared back and simplified significantly. We need to get the advertising out for this.

Lockers

No fee increase was recommended.

Insurance

No action was recommended.

10. Next meeting. 12th April, 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Discussions at the BOG meeting:

CS reported there had been a long committee discussion regarding renovations. GC had met with one of the contractors who had recommended closing the kitchen for 1-2 months or maybe more as there were access issues. There had been an extended discussion about the Main Dining Room (MDR) where the Verandah needed improved audio-visual, soundproofing and air conditioning. Designers needed to be consulted to see what could be done, but everyone had been in favour of getting rid of the stage, which the Board also supported; the committee had also suggested a collapsible stage. The summer months would be the best time to undertake the renovations, but the contractors needed to be consulted first and CS outlined other details of necessary work.

(JG left the room 11:07 a.m.)

The Board discussed whether the work could be done in summer 2016 and GC thought it would be very tight as Government permissions needed to be sought after taking measurements; therefore summer 2017 was more likely. It would also be Club's 100-year anniversary on 1st July 2017 and it was agreed it would be a good idea to hold a big party before closing the Club for the summer.

(JG returned 11:09 a.m.)

NW thanked CS for the work he and the committee had done. CS advised a sub-committee needed to be set up to undertake the renovation work.

NW fully supported sending a letter to the Thai guest member regarding his behaviour in the Club.

It was resolved to accept the report of the House Committee	
Proposed by NK	Seconded by AL
	Unanimously Accepted

F&B (note: Includes WINE)

INH reported:

F&B Committee Meeting: Thursday, 10th March 2016 at 1 p.m.

In attendance: Juliana Liu, Nick Gentle, Nan-Hie In, Douglas Wong, Chester Grucza, Walter Kent, Cammy Yiu, Gilbert Cheng, George Cheng, Joanne Chung, Clement Li

1. February minutes approved
2. Review of upcoming promotions

- St Patrick's Day, new cheese selection, asparagus, Easter buffet, curry lunch buffet (priced at 148, to start on 5 April), Manny Pacquiao breakfast, Lebanese cuisine, Correspondent's Choice Wine Social, Burgundy wine dinner, Publisher's Choice Wine Social, Michel Rolland wine dinner
- Discussion of pricing of curry buffet dinner to start on 13 April. Final pricing TBC. Wine committee will try proposed Indian wines. Also choice of lassis and beer

3. Wine discussion

CY led discussion of upcoming wine socials and Icon wines shortlist, which will be determined next month. Six premium wines to be added to menu, with approx. price of 1,000 per bottle

4. Update on new menu

Updated menu to start on 14 March, highlighting vegetarian and vegan options. Have decided to go with LV as symbol for lacto-ovo vegetarian selections and V for vegan selections. Subsequently, have also agreed on A as symbol for any dishes that include alcohol

5. Review of sales report

- Bottomline: total F&B gross in February at 2.9 million vs 2.5 million, up 13.4% year on year. Largely due to stronger revenue for dinner banquet event and one more day (leap year) than last year.

6. Comments

- Guest had unknown allergic reaction to beef bourguignon. She is undergoing allergy testing. Full ingredients list provided to guest
- Eight positive comments on banquets/events
- One complaint that banquet guest that his request to alter table configuration could not be honoured due to lateness of the request. No action needed
- No other comment on individual dishes (first this whole year)

7. AOB

Review of existing booking procedures for new website.

Wine Committee Meeting on 1st March 2016

Members attending: Cammy Yiu, Marcel Thureau, Nan-Hie In, Walter Kent, Joel Leduc, Adrian Peirse, Zeb Eckert, Philip Nourse, Robin Howes, Anthony Beaurain, Chester Grucza,

Apologies: Juliana Liu, Nic Gentle, Gilbert Cheng

FCC Staff Attending: Alex Lee, Clement

By Invitation:

Agenda - 6:30 p.m. - start

Review of sales figures and other issues

Review of samples received for Alsace WOM, and Correspondent Choice Wines

1. **Review of Minutes from last meeting – 2nd February 2016**
 - 1.1. Minutes approved.

2 **Review of Recent Events / Tastings**

No events in February.

3 **Review of Wine and Beverages Sales**

3.1. Review of New Correspondent and Publishers choice (2015-2016 series), February sales are good - 658 bottles.

3.2. WOM February - German & Austrian wines - 82 bottles including home delivery

Wine & Beverages Events Schedule

March 2016 - WOM - Italian White to go with Asparagus promotion

31 March 2016 - Ca Del Grevina Wine Dinner, Host: **ZE**. Standby Host: **CY /Joel**

21 March 2016 - Correspondents' Choice Wine Social, Hosts: **Wine Committee**

25 April 2016 - Publishers' Choice Wine Social, Hosts: **Wine Committee**

2 May 2016 - South African wine dinner, Host: **TBA**

25 May 2016 - Michel Rolland's collection around the world trip wine dinner Host: **CG**. Standby Host: **CY**

02 June 2016 - Riesling wine dinner, Host: **CY**. Standby Host: **NHI**

TBA - French may wine dinner

5 **Other Business**

5.1. Whiskies and well as other spirits, for possible deletion /addition to menu: **WK & NHI** will finalise list for further reviewed and in next meeting.

5.2. Wine menu wording , description and organisation being reviewed – **ZE**

5.3. Beer menu wording, description and organisation being reviewed – **AP**

5.4. Italian white wines confirmed for WOM March 2016

5.5. Alsace wines shortlisted for WOM June 2016

5.6. Chateau Musar red & white, from Lebanon, to accompany Lebanese Cuisine Promo in April

5.7. Premium/ Icon wines shortlisted, list will be given to staff for follow up. Final list will be determined next month.

5.8. Correspondence choice wines shortlisted, list will be given to staff for follow up for wine social.

Schedule for meetings, sample delivery, tasting & WOM

Date	Detail	Tasting	Wine Of Month
July & Aug 2015			Rose
24-24 Aug 2015	Champagne sample delivery to FCC		
Tues - 1 Sept 2015	Committee Meeting	Champagne	
15 Sept 2015	Wine dinner -Tim Adams, Australian Wine, Host: Zeb . Standby Host: Joel		Rose
September 2015			
9 Sept 2015	Beer Sub Committee Meeting		
8-22 Sept 2015	Premium wines samples delivery to FCC		
15-22 Sept 2015	Correspondents choice wines samples delivery to FCC – Round 1		
Tues – 6 Oct 2015	Committee Meeting	Premium wines / Correspondents choice- Round 1	Champagnes

Wed – 28 Oct 2015	Wine dinner -Basile Guibert of Mas de Daumas Gassac from Languedoc, France Wine. Host: Adrian . Standby Host: Chester		
Wed – 4 Nov 2015	Committee Meeting	German wines workshop	Champagnes
Thurs– 5 Nov 2015	Argentina wine gala, Host: Juliana		
23-27 Nov 2015	Publishers choice wines samples delivery to FCC – Round 1		
Tues – 1 Dec 2015	Wine Dinner - Marchesi Lamberto Frescobaldi Italian Host: Phil . Standby Host: Tony		
Tuesday – 1 Dec 2015	Committee Meeting		Argentinian wines
26 Dec 2015	Premium Wines Social		
28-31 Dec 2015	Correspondents choice wines samples delivery to FCC – Round 2		
Tues – 5 Jan 2016	Committee Meeting	Portuguese wines / Port	
25-30 Jan 2016	Publishers choice wines samples delivery to FCC – Round 2		Portuguese wines
Premium Wines Social - Part II	Wine Dinner - Kings of Piemonte Host: Marcel . Standby Host: Adrian		
26 Jan 2016	Premium Wines Social - Part II		
Tues – 2 Feb 2016	Committee Meeting	Premium Wines samples final review	German & Austrian Wines (to go with CNY menu)
Tues – 1 Mar 2016	Committee Meeting	Correspondents choice samples tasting and short listing	
21 March 2016	Wine Social: to short-list Correspondents choice – top 3 red & 3 white to be WOM for April		Italian Whites (to go with Asparagus menu)
Tues – 5 Apr 2016	Committee Meeting	Publishers choice samples tasting and short listing	
12-15 April 2016	Rose Wines samples delivery		
25 April 2016	Wine Social: to short-list Publishers choice – top 3 red & 3 white to be WOM for May		
April 2016			Correspondents choice – top

			3 red & 3 white
Tues – 3 May 2016	Committee Meeting	Choose Rose for July, Aug, Sept WOM	
2 May 2016	South African wine event		Publishers choice – top 3 red & 3 white
25 May 2016	Michel Rolland's collection around the world trip wine dinner		
02 June 2016	Riesling wine dinner		Alsace Wines
June / July 2016	New Correspondent & Publishers choice introduced		Rose for July, Aug, Sept

Discussions at BOG meeting:

INH reported that revenue increased by 13.4% largely due to an increase in banqueting bookings. She outlined the lunch and dinner curry buffet prices, but it was recommended that prices be increased to around HKD300 with the dinner curry buffet being promoted and launched first.

There would be a new Correspondents' Choice wine and some of the whiskeys would be replaced.

The Manny Pacquiao boxing breakfast would be a big event and the prices outlined. It was recommended that prices should be more competitive in future and should be increased or the food offering toned down.

It was resolved to accept the report of the F&B committee	
Proposed by CS	Seconded by JG
	Unanimously Accepted

CONSTITUTIONAL

CB reported:

**Constitutional Committee Minutes
Meeting Monday, 14th March 2016**

Present: Nick Gentle, Cliff Buddle
Attending: Joanne Chung, Gilbert Cheng

1. Meeting called to order
2. Apologies for absence: Kevin Egan was unable to attend due to ill health
3. Last minutes were approved.

4. Policy Document:

CB reported he had received the outstanding reports and would work to finish compiling the document.

It was noted that while policies were often discussed at Board meetings, very few actual policies were spelled out in the minutes. Policies are often referred to by committees but they are not recorded in the minutes, which is problematic.

Examples were:

- Mention of some guidelines for funding Club events, formulated by Tim Huxley and discussed in the 2013 and 2014 minutes but not actually recorded.
- An archive policy mentioned by Carsten Schael in the same series of minutes.

5. Discipline Amendments

It was noted that the last meeting had found there was no need to make amendments to the Articles and that it is within the powers of the Board to create and crew a disciplinary committee, which can then formulate a set of appropriate rules for matters when they arise. The key principle being that issues should be resolved through an informal and conciliatory approach where possible before moving to a formal disciplinary process. Obviously serious matters should be referred to appropriate authorities if required.

The committee recommend that the Board establish the disciplinary committee as soon as possible. And suggest names be advanced of appropriate members who could be approached to be on it.

6. C&J Scheme

A question was referred to the committee from membership regarding the C&J scheme and whether it is within the powers of the club to re-evaluate a C&J scheme recipient if they put in a spouse card application. Should the total household income be reassessed and the status of the C&J awardee reconsidered if their estimated means would allow them to pay the full monthly subs? (proposal below)

This month we are introducing the revised C&J discount scheme which allows the BOG discretion in choosing who is eligible. The key judgement is the household income of the applicant and their spouse, if a spouse member is applying. One concern is that a low paid journalist could apply on the basis of solely them joining, but once approved then request that their highly paid professional spouse join as a spouse member. Clearly this is an entitlement conveyed in the articles.

A proposal for dealing with this is to make any subsequent application by a spouse member under the discounted C&J scheme subject to the same income assessment as was the case for the original member. If the estimated household income based on the two of them means they are not eligible for the discounted scheme then they would required to pay the full monthly subs.

Article 7 is very clear in that the Club "shall" grant the spouse card. This does not seem to contemplate an extra level of review. It's not a "may" situation. Once a person is in, they get the right.

The committee was of the opinion that the time for evaluating an applicant's entitlement for the C&J discount is at the time of the original application. The ideal scenario, and membership has been proactive in approaching this, is one where the C&J discount is opt in for journalists facing genuine hardship and not offered to every applicant.

What is offered to every applicant, however, is the right to a spouse card. Membership applications should probably be viewed with the assumption that every member will exercise that right.

If someone chooses to opt for the discounted scheme then the onus should shift to them to show cause as to why they should receive the discount. It can be made very clear that part of the assessment is an estimation of the household's capacity to pay given the right to sign up a partner/spouse. This is to be evaluated on a case by case basis.

The committee was also mindful of the limited resources (and powers) of the membership committee to actually delve into a person's (or couple's) financial position.

Moreover, there's a lot to be said for finality. People's circumstances change all the time and it's beyond the resources of the club to be chasing every C&J scheme member to ensure their continued hardship.

The committee appreciated the thinking behind the proposal but after consideration recommends not going down that path.

7. Payment terms

There was further discussion regarding the proposal to suspend a member's signing rights as soon as their autopay is rejected. Gilbert furnished some detail on how the payment system works.

Essentially, if an autopay request is successful, the money flows to the club from the requesting bank almost instantly (generally within 24 hours). If it is unsuccessful then there is a lag of up to 10 days before an official notification arrives. If an autopay failure notification arrives then the club informs the member and a penalty of \$300 is applied.

If the bill isn't settled immediately then the person is referred for posting and then there'll be a recommendation on suspending the privileges. This leads to a problem because while all this is going on, the member in question can continue racking up bills on credit.

Article 58 gives the club the power to suspend a member's credit facilities "at any time" if it's warranted. The committee was of the opinion that the proposal is within the circumstances contemplated by this Article.

The committee asked if, given the fact that most times an autopay fails it is by accident and not design, it would be possible for members to be informed that there may be a problem BEFORE the official notification comes back and they lose their signing privileges and incur the penalty. The rationale being that it should be clear whether the autopay has succeeded within a couple of days of the request going in. Gilbert said he would look into it.

The committee also agreed with the proposal to change By Law 18 d to read 'HK\$1200' instead of 'HK\$500' to save on credit card fees.

8. Any other business

No.

9. Date of next meeting: April 11, 6:30 pm.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Discussions at the BOG meeting:

CB reported that nearly all the policy documents had been collated, but after pulling it all together, it may not be as substantial as was hoped. NW reminded committee convenors to send all their committee policies to CB.

Regarding disciplinary amendments, CB reported that as it had been decided by the Board that there was no need to amend the Articles of Association, a Disciplinary committee could put procedures in place to improve the disciplinary process; therefore, committee members were being sought. NW recommended that the disciplinary process be worked out first before setting up the Disciplinary committee.

(INH left the room at 11:19 a.m.)

For the C&J scheme, there had been a proposal from SP regarding spouse membership and whether it was possible to reassess the terms on which a member joined. It may be possible to look at income when a new member joined, but it was problematic to revisit it later.

Regarding payment terms, there had been a question as to whether there was a time lag before sanctions started and signing rights are renewed; GC confirmed it was already being done.

(INH returned 11:22 a.m.)

TH had suggested an amendment to by-law 18d to increase visitors' bill payments with the use of credit cards to over \$1,200 rather than \$500. By-law 18d was read out and the Board discussed briefly.

It was resolved to increase the \$500 amount in by-law 18d to \$1,200.

Proposed by CB	Seconded by CS
	Unanimously Accepted

EP asked whether there was a policy regarding members joining committees and NW explained although there were no fixed guidelines, experience was needed and the make-up was subject to approval by the Board.

It was resolved to accept the report of the Constitutional Committee	
Proposed by NK	Seconded by INH
	Unanimously Accepted

WALL

JG reported:

Wall Committee meeting, held on 8th March 2016

Members attending: Carsten Schael, Jim Gould, Robin Moyer, Bob Davis, Nic Gaunt, Becky Gaunt, Cammy Yiu.

Also attending: Gilbert Cheng, Joanne Chung

1. Current Exhibition

Human Rights Press Awards retrospective. Opening ceremony held on 7th March.

2. Upcoming Exhibitions

2.1. April – Fishbeck: “Hong Kong – People of the 1960s.”

2.2. MAY – Leong Ka Tai: “Cuba”.

2.3. JUNE – Annual Human Rights Press Awards 2016. The exhibition will first be shown in May at the HK Maritime Museum before moving to the Club.

3. Exhibition Proposals

3.1. Peter Yung (long-standing Club member) – Xinjiang/Silk Road, Angkor, old railway terminus at TST. Angkor set chosen for 2016 exhibition – date tbc.

3.2. Paula Bronstein. (Last exhibited at the Club in 2010.) Afghanistan collection – from a new book to be released in June. Exhibition proposed, and agreed, for July.

4. Other Business

4.1. The remaining budget will used to purchase replacement frames, lights, archival storage material for photo prints and possibly some additional prints for the collection.

4.2. Several images on permanent display would benefit from captions and new frames.

4.3. Lap Sap Chung display case now completed and placed on wall of Main Bar.

5. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 5th April 2016

Discussions at the BOG meeting:

JG reported that the current exhibition, HRP Retrospective, had an opening ceremony on 7th March and guests had been very impressed. Upcoming exhibitions were outlined and there was a change in the

schedule with the Leong Ka Tai exhibition being brought forward to April and May was still tbc. The upcoming exhibitions for July and August were outlined.

There was some money left over in the budget, so the committee were acquiring new frames, lighting and archive storage material, as well as new captions on some displays. The Lap Sap Chung display case was now on the wall.

It was resolved to accept the report from the Wall Committee	
Proposed by DW	Seconded by CS
	Unanimously Accepted

FCC CHARITY COMMITTEE

NW reported

Due to time constraints, the Charity Committee Meeting was held over two separate meetings with Tim Huxley, Tara Joseph and Elaine Pickering.

The preparation of documentation to register the FCC Charitable Trust is nearing completion. The lawyers preparing the documentation had sought clarification as to whether programmes under the Club's previous charitable activities were registered as individual charities as there was no evidence that they were. This was confirmed.

The final documentation should be prepared in the next two weeks. A discussion was held regarding the structure of the Trust and it was proposed that subject to Board approval, the following be invited to be the initial trustees:

The Club President
Tara Joseph
Elain Picketing
Peter Bennett
Claire Williams
Elizabeth Thomson

The regularity of meetings, term limits and scope of authority of the trustees would be incorporated into the trust documentation. Trustees are required under the terms of registering a charitable foundation and there are specific responsibilities and obligations assigned to them, however it is not intended that this be an exclusive clique and the intention of broadening the base of our charitable activities and involving the broader membership remains fundamental to this initiative.

The proposed causes which would be supported were discussed. At this stage, there would appear to be a desire to work with organisations in Hong Kong involved in poverty alleviation and geriatric care as these are areas which are rather neglected compared to other charities. It was proposed that Peter Bennett, whose foundation audits a large number of organizations each year would be consulted on possible suitable causes, although, again, we are very open to suggestions from members. It was also suggested that if effective causes which have charitable status which have a particular link to creative fields and journalism, these should be looked at.

With respect to fund raising, this would be separate to the work of the trustees and would require a separate events committee. The aims of the FCC's charitable activities should be modest to start with. Offers to help from organizations such as the Welsh Male Voice Choir had been received and it was felt

that the cornerstone event should be something along the lines of the Club's 70th Anniversary party, held at the FCC and involving as many members as possible. A request for volunteers for the events committee would be made in the near future.

TH would provide material for the Club's website to keep members updated on the activities and develop of the charitable activities.

Discussions at the BOG meeting:

NW outlined the committee and Charitable Trust set-up and explained he would speak with EP, TH and TJ after the Board meeting regarding planning events. It was agreed that a party taking over the whole building like the 70th anniversary party was a good idea.

It was resolved to accept the report of the FCC Charity Committee	
Proposed by NK	Seconded by AL
	Unanimously Accepted

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Regarding the MDR, CS suggested it could be used for regular broadcasting events and gave examples of another club doing the same. It could be developed into a signature event and raise the Club's profile. The audio-visual elements for the room would need improving and it was agreed that it was a good idea to use it for broadcasting. Therefore, its development would be worked into the renovation plan.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

It was resolved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on 16 th April 2016 at 10 a.m.	
Proposed by AL	Seconded by CS
	Unanimously Accepted

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Consent By the Board,



Authorized Signature
 Date : 16 APR 2016