



## Touch Singapore (TSG) Annual General Meeting 2019 Minutes

Date: 12 December 2019

Venue: Shake Farm, 126 Telok Ayer Street

Time started at: 7.15pm

Time ended at: 8:40pm

ITEM 1	<b>WELCOME BOARD AND ATTENDEES</b>
	<p><b><u>TSG BOARD Present:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. President (P): Jeslyn Lim</li><li>2. Secretary General (SG): Terence Toh</li><li>3. Marketing Director (MD): Chris Hallewell</li><li>4. Judiciary Director (JD): Derelyn Chua</li></ol> <p><b><u>TSG BOARD Absent with Apologies</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Treasurer: Chris McNamara (Work)</li><li>2. Referees Director: Lynda Scott (Unwell)</li><li>3. Coaches Director: Anne Goh (Work)</li><li>4. National Events Director: Jason Hoang (Work)</li><li>5. International Events Director: Sophie Sorgo (Overseas)</li><li>6. Elite Development Director: Chris Wall (Work)</li></ol> <p><b><u>ATTENDEES:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Tee Liang Sheng- Legiste</li><li>2. Mattias Chia - Legiste</li><li>3. Zhou Zhengyi - Legiste</li><li>4. Ayodhya Abeyaratne – MBFC Touch</li><li>5. Alex Lim - MBFC Touch</li><li>6. Megan Lim Tham Sheng Wen – MBFC Touch (Minutes Taker)</li></ol>



<b>ITEM 2</b>	<b>ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORT FROM 2018</b>
<p data-bbox="320 327 363 360"><b>2.1</b></p> <p data-bbox="320 394 363 427"><b>2.2</b></p>	<p data-bbox="395 327 994 360"><b>Liang Sheng</b> asked if there's a referee report</p> <p data-bbox="395 394 1342 461"><b>TSG SG confirmed</b> that the referee report will be uploaded online along with the annual report for the community to access.</p> <p data-bbox="395 495 1273 562">With no further questions asked, the annual report was passed and accepted by <b>Ayo (MBFC)</b>, seconded by <b>Megan</b>.</p>
<b>ITEM 3</b>	<b>VOTING TO THE CHANGE OF STRUCTURE IN TSG</b>
<p data-bbox="320 797 363 831"><b>3.1</b></p>	<p data-bbox="395 797 568 831"><b>Ayo (MBFC)</b></p> <p data-bbox="491 842 1331 898">Q1: For national development, what does it mean? What will the clubs benefit out of this?</p> <p data-bbox="491 931 1337 999">Q2: For referee course, does the committee have plans for more people to be trained to be qualified to conduct?</p> <p data-bbox="395 1066 496 1099"><b>TSG P:</b></p> <p data-bbox="491 1111 1382 1234">A1: National Development Director to come out with long term plans and sustainable pathway for schools and clubs to help them to build and have a strong supply of players. For clubs to have bigger pool of players to choose from and for national development.</p> <p data-bbox="491 1267 1385 1402">A2: Yes, this will require qualified personnel from FIT to come in and conduct the course for referee course presenter and need more people in the touch community to referee and work towards higher referee qualifications as well</p> <p data-bbox="395 1469 501 1503"><b>Megan:</b></p> <p data-bbox="491 1514 1299 1603">Q3: Can the International director can be more involved in the upcoming Asian cup or perhaps reach out and see if FIT or organising nation need more help?</p> <p data-bbox="491 1637 1310 1738">Q4: Many Australians around Asia, for example, Mark Tipple (China), is there any way we can involve them to grow touch in Singapore?</p> <p data-bbox="395 1805 496 1839"><b>TSG P:</b></p> <p data-bbox="491 1850 1350 1906">A3: FIT and the organising nation will be in charge and Singapore will give help if required from them.</p> <p data-bbox="491 1939 1342 2007">A4: The focus is on getting touch to be played more in schools to grow the sport and resources will be dedicated to that.</p>

**Liang (Legiste)**

Q5: Is TSG going to fill up sub-committee in the newly proposed structure?

Q6: What's the National Direction towards Asian club champs?

**TSG MD**

A5: The sub-committees and roles are recommended and idealistic to fill up everything, but these are all volunteer positions. Touch is driven and run by the community, so this is an opportunity for individuals to step forward to volunteer and contribute to Singapore Touch.

A6: We are awaiting FIT to confirm the Divisions to be contested at the Asian Champs. Chris Wall as Elite Director, will be mapping the pathway for Asian Champs. EOI will be sent out after FIT confirms the Divisions. Interested coaches, managers and officials can nominate themselves for the respective roles which will be reviewed and decided by the TSG Coaching Commission.

**Khairullah (Todaks)** submitted a paper to highlight some issues regarding the youth development touch pathway. Some of the questions he raised were

- Good initiative but from the point of a view of the women's head coach or from the elite director? Cause the pathway is only for girls
- Suggested that the pathway be for both genders

**TSG P**

- Pathway was brought up as the elite director, and not a pathway to choose women's opens players
- This initiative involves a new innovative coaching pedagogy - teaching concepts. Drills might not be touch related but instead will use different sports to teach the concepts which will subsequently be applied to Touch. This is an experimental concept.
- TSG ideally wants it to be for both genders as well and will convey points to Elite.

**Voting was called to go ahead with the newly proposed Executive Committee Structure**

Yes:

- Tee Liang Sheng- Legiste

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayo- MBFC</li> <li>• Jeslyn Lim – Honey Badgers</li> <li>• Terence Toh - Todaks</li> </ul> <p><b>A quorum was reached with no objections and the New Executive Committee Structure was passed.</b></p>
<b>ITEM 4</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>
4.1	<p><b>Ayo (MBFC)</b>  Q1: Will there be a Men’s Premiership for next season? What happens if some clubs do not send in men’s Premiership team again this season too? Are there any backup plans?  Suggested that TSG demand certain teams to come up if there are not enough teams in a certain category.  Q2: Brought up the rule of players not being able to play 2 grades down but there were a few offenders is there anything we can enforce to stop it?</p> <p><b>TSG SG</b>  A1: TSG had tried to encourage teams to stay up but there were exceptional circumstances. For last season, TSG asked Honey Badgers and Legiste to stay in the Premiership but both teams stated they were developing a new crop of players. TSG respected their decision to stay in B and therefore had to be creative to create a fair and equitable competition for all Men’s Premiership and B Teams.</p> <p>Honey Badgers won B Division while Legiste finished 3rd and will have their key players back, so it will be reasonable to expect their return to the Premiership this season and cast last season as an anomaly.</p> <p>Backup plan: No, there are too many possibilities. TSG will handle the situation if it arises.</p> <p>A2: Teams and clubs must take more ownership in this area to ensure a fair playing environment for all. Control measures can be put in place, but will all clubs and teams will be willing to put up with additional administrative process to play matches every week? Can be discussed at State of Game Meeting on 18th Jan.</p> <p><b>Liang (Legiste)</b>  Q3: Brought up the problem of the men’s prem structure last season, stated that even though the B teams have a handicap, they not concerned about being 5-0 up and unhappy cause they know they are getting smoked.</p>

Q4: Suggested that certain teams are doing better in the league, we should bump the team up.

Q5: Suggested that a certain team have more than 20 players in 1 season and asked if it can be prevented.

Q6: Raised an issue regarding the rule about national players not being able to play in B, states that some national players will want to play down, and other countries doesn't have this rule

### TSG SG

A3: As per explanation to Ayo (MBFC), the format was the best way forward in the circumstances. The priority of TSG and the league is to promote and encourage participation. The format was generally successful as the handicap encouraged the B teams to be competitive throughout the 40 mins while also ensuring every match required the Premiership teams to perform their best to secure the result to qualify for the final. Hopefully this will be the last time we have to implement this format.

A4: This is in place, to either regrade teams up or down if required. Monsoon Titans were regraded to Women's C Division last season after 3 games.

A5: As per explanation to Ayo (MBFC), Integrity among teams is the best policy but TSG can explore additional admin processes to manage this if all teams agreeable.

A6: The gulf between the Premiership and B Grade is wider as compared to Australia and NZ leagues so therefore not entirely applicable. The objective of the league is to ensure all teams and players have a positive playing experience at their own playing standards. The floating rule was in place in the past but there were multiple reports of top players overly influencing the results of matches rather than focusing on development.

With the current dearth of teams in the Premiership as mentioned above, the priority would be to encourage players and teams to play up rather than down.

### Megan

Q7: Request for a WhatsApp/tele group for referees in case of an emergency or jam that they won't be able to make it for the game they signed up so someone can replace them

### TSG JD

A7: Not possible due to the personal data protection act (PDPA), unless the referees are agreeable with it. Else we can consider using the Slack app which does not require phone contact details.

## TSG P

In closing regarding the rules:

- Every club/team have different needs and situations. It is impossible for TSG to please everyone. TSG have and will continue to make decision based on balance and most importantly for the benefit for the sport.
- Moving forward, the league rules will be published. TSG will have a State of Game discussion on 18th Jan to check in with club's representative to discuss what and how we can all work together to impact and contribute positively to the growth and development of Singapore Touch.

**With no further matters, the Annual General Meeting was declared closed at 8.40pm.**