

**Briefing Notes on
the HKRA/ HKSA Relationship and the Associated Problems
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Dear Members,

Following my issuance of the Notice to all of you last month, there has been a general feedback that many members wanted to know more about the background and critical incidents that have attributed to the current HKRA/HKSA relationship. To address members' common concern and clarify the situation, I feel much obliged to brief you on the following issues:-

Unreasonableness of the M&A of SA

- The right to change representatives by member associations was precluded. This irregularity remains unchanged when we were rejected to put up our new representatives, i.e. I being RA Chairman and Mr. John Tang, RA Hon Treasurer to replace Mr. Edgar Yang, RA Hon Secretary and Mr. S.F. Kwan, outgoing RA Council member;
- The original idea of RA and GC representatives taking chairmanship and the post of honorary secretary in alternate years had never been materialized. This led the GC Chairman at the helm ever since the formation of the SA in 1994;
- The stipulation of passing resolutions by 2/3 majorities could not be achieved due to the existence of only 8 voting members in the SA Council;
- There was no provision to ratify RA's status as the managing member for the rifle and pistol disciplines. This made the SA Council control all;
- There was no mention that Kau Wah Keng (KWK) is the national range for rifle and pistol disciplines. This led to SA's claim that KWK belongs to a "private club" and therefore could not qualify for Government subsidy for upgrading. In this connection, I need to point out that prior to the formation of the SA, KWK under the RA has been enjoying direct subsidy from the Government!

- There is no provision that the annual budget for Government subsidy should be compiled from estimates submitted by member associations. This being the case, RA had never been consulted.

SA's Poor Financial Management

- It had been common knowledge within the shooting circle that SA has been carefree and lavish on their spending over their activities not within the approved list. The SA's financial problem surfaced when their audited accounts of 2003/04 recorded an accumulated **deficit (over-spending) of some \$400,000 (subsequently claimed to increase to \$600,000)**. This reflects that there was little or no financial control at all. Competition and training activities, which are the source of expenditure, were decided by one or two office-bearers arbitrarily within the overall funding parameters. Eventually, there was no account presented to the SA's AGM in 2005 (though it is mandatory for the AGM) because of the resignation of the auditor! Unfortunately, our representatives did not object to the anomaly and the AGM in question proceeded.
- At the subsequent SA Council meeting held on 16.3.2006 when the "new audited accounts" were ready, a document was produced as an instrument to receive that set of accounts, notwithstanding the fact that those new accounts were never circulated to member associations prior to the meeting and that a RA mandate had never been given to our representatives to accept the accounts in question. However, the new audited accounts suddenly became solvent with a surplus of \$90,000! The explanation as cited in the auditor's report being that the deficit of \$600,000 was caused by double entries and hidden expenditure on double pays to staff since 2001!

Failure of Certain RA Representatives on SA council in safeguarding the rights and benefits of RA members

- When Mr. C.K. HO enlisted me in April 2004 to run for Hon Secretary of RA, I noted that the Association was in tatty because the way in which our representatives had dealt with SA was tantamount to running the Association into the ground – from the Controlling Body to no existence. KWK had virtually become the SA range! When being quizzed, the then representatives' answer was invariably "*this is SA's matter, you don't need to know*".

- Since taking up Hon Secretary of RA in 2004, I found many malpractices of our representatives sitting on the SA Council, namely –
- The then incumbent RA representatives to SA sided with GC representatives to stonewall our proposal of replacing the existing representatives with **new** representatives to SA's Council following the re-shuffle of our own Council in 2004, thus making things difficult for us. The hurdle was overcome only when I instructed the RA representatives concerned to either resign immediately or be expelled from the RA in accordance with our M&A so as to make way for the newly elected representatives to fulfill SA's M&A requirement for replacing them;
- They had failed to uphold RA's request for reduction of the annual subscription from \$50,000 to \$5,000 and, **during my absence**, misled/lobbied other RA Council members to yield to SA's demand for the unfair subscription. Despite this incident, our previous statement of protest against the annual subscription in question, among other things, still stands;
- They failed to perform the monitoring role by raising query and/or objection to the financial anomaly as revealed in SA's audited accounts. Worse still, they had been keeping ALL information from the RA Council.

Current Situation

- While action is being made to address our common concerns to relevant authorities and iron out irregularities within our purview, I take this opportunity to assure you all that I am committed to re-establishing HKRA's rightful position in the sport of shooting, regain the Association's dignity and respect and revitalize the KWK activities for members of HKRA.
- Since we did refuse to pay the exorbitant subscription for the current year until my statement of protest (**see the attached Chinese Statement I verbally made at the SA AGM on 29.12.2004**) has been properly resolved, the Association is legally not a member of the SA at present. As such, there is no need for, and right of, RA to have representative to SA. Any RA personnel who claims to

represent the Association in dealing with SA business is illicit and shall be regarded as a misrepresentation and/or a blatant violation of the RA Council's decision, which will be subject to disciplinary action.

- I have also made my pledge with the Government that “**NO**” Hong Kong shooters, whether they be RA members or not, shall be deprived of their rights and opportunities to participate in training and other shooting activities.
- Last but not least, I shall keep you posted of further development in due course. If you have any questions or wish to express your opinion, feel free to drop me a line or use the suggestion box on our official website.

Yours Truly,

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Chairman, HKRA
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致：香港射擊聯合總會週年大會

香港射擊總會聲明

香港射擊總會就我會提名代表由零四年八月十二日至十一月九日(近三個月),未能進入香港射擊聯合總會理事會之事件,香港射擊總會作出以下嚴正聲明:

一. 香港射擊聯合總會是由香港射擊總會及香港槍會組合而成。在成立之初,香港射擊總會作出重大讓步,由射擊運動之控制團體,退而成為與香港槍會一同出掌香港射擊聯合總會。但初成立的香港射擊聯合總會訂立的會章有不妥之處,未有維護成員應有的權益,當時執行理事會,未有遵循互助互惠的精神來訂立合適的規定,以解決當時發生的問題,現在反而引用這些不合時宜的規條,處處留難,引致以上不愉快之事件。

二. 香港射擊總會認為,由零四年八月十二日至十一月九日,近三個月,令香港射擊總會無法行使其權益,變相被剝奪了在香港射擊聯合總會之代表權,現香港射擊總會就此事提出嚴正抗議,並對事件極表遺憾。現香港射擊總會以正式會員份,要求香港射擊聯合總會,對會章內和成員權益有衝突的條款作出適當修改:

a.

1. 任職香港射擊聯合總會的會員代表,應由香港射擊總會提名委任,不需香港射擊聯合總會大會及理事會通過或批准。香港射擊會有權隨時撤換代表。
2. 香港射擊聯合總會會章應規定,管理成員(Officer),即主席,秘書長及司庫,應由香港射擊總會及香港槍會各自委派代表擔任,連任及更換事宜由各會決定,不需由香港射擊聯合總會理事會每年選舉產生。且每年輪任如下:

職務	是年	易年
主席	香港槍會	香港射擊總會
秘書長	香港射擊總會	香港槍會
司庫	香港槍會	香港射擊總會

3. 為加強香港射擊聯合總會的日常運作管理,要求主席一職改為禮義式官職(即 ceremonial),如現時各會會長一職相同,理事會日常事務則由秘書長負責管理,一如“聯合國”運作模式。
4. 香港射擊聯合總會會章應註明,步槍及手槍項目,由香港射擊總會主理;飛碟項目由香港槍會主理,避免管理上的一切矛盾。

如以上要求,得不到香港射擊聯合總會的正面回應,香港射擊總會擬作進一步抗議。

香港射擊總會

二零零四年十二月二十九日