

HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Notice to All Members

Please note the following resolutions passed at the Emergency Council Meeting of the Association held on 4 July 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse of The Hong Kong Volunteers Association:

1. The Current HKRA/HKSA Status

The HKRA has been the Controlling Body of the shooting sport in Hong Kong until 1994 when the HKRA representing the Rifle and Pistol disciplines and the HKGC representing the Clay discipline joined hands to form the HKSA.

As a result of the Council's earlier decision not to pay the exorbitant annual subscription of HK\$50,000 demanded by the *HKSA* for 2006, the HKRA's membership with the *HKSA* has been ceased, ipso facto, since 31 March 2006.

Pursuant to Article 15 of the Memorandum and Articles of the *HKSA*, neither HKRA nor the *HKSA* has any discretion over the above situation. That being the case, the HKRA no longer requires any representation on the *HKSA*'s Council. Obviously, the problem of proper representation would need to be addressed and the unsatisfactory situation must be resolved. In this regard, it was unanimously decided that the HKRA would be more than willing to discuss with the HKGC once again on the issue if the HKRA was approached by the latter.

2. The HKSA's M&A and the Shooting Activities under the Current Status

The Council noted that the HKRA had on the occasion of the *HKSA*'s AGM in 2004 made a statement protesting the same occurrence and demanded, among other things, that the *HKSA*'s Memorandum & Articles (M&A) be revised to reflect the need to protect the rights of the members. Up to the present, however, this demand had never been properly acknowledged and was never acted upon.

In view of the foregoing, The Council has decided that all the *HKSA* activities at Kau Wah Keng Range should cease **with immediate effect**. It was also decided that the HKRA would advise the proper authorities of this situation. The Chairman has therefore addressed the issue to the following organizations:

The ISSF;
The SF&OC of Hong Kong;
The Company Registrar, HKSARG;
The Leisure & Cultural Services Department, HKSARG; and
The Arms Licensing Office, HKPF.

With the HKRA no longer being member of the *HKSA*, it has called into question as to whether the *HKSA* could still be competent to represent the sport of the shooting in Hong Kong without our Association's support. Notwithstanding this, **the Council resolved that the HKRA would continue to function as a sports body and would continue to provide the same degree of support whatever Hong Kong need. However, the HKRA will not operate under the *HKSA*.**

Meanwhile, it was agreed that the Chairman would continue to deal with the constitutional matters

3. KWK Range and Armoury Facilities

It was unanimously agreed that **the KWK Range would be closed to all HKSA activities with immediate effect**. Both the Shooting Committee and the Management Committee would take all necessary action to uphold this resolution. Mr. Rai, the Club Manager was instructed to ensure that this instruction be strictly carried out.

4. Licences, Ordinances and Insurance Implications

The Chairman was authorized to seek the advice of the proper authorities in the letters to them of the current situation. It was agreed that in view of the special nature of the HKRA, various ordinances, especially the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, would be infringed upon if other bodies without proper status, including the *HKSA*, were permitted to use the range facilities.

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