



# MINUTES – MEETING OF THE USA CRICKET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Zoom Conference Call - November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

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## Attendance

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### USA Cricket Board Directors

Paraag Marathe, Chair, Independent Director (PM), Suraj Viswanathan, Secretary, Individual Director (SV), Catherine Carlson, Independent Director (CC), Nadia Gruny, Player Director (NG), Rohan Sajdeh, Independent Director (RS), Sushil Nadkarni, League Director (SN), Ajith Bhaskar, Club Director (AB)

Did not attend: Avi Gaje (AG), Individual Director

### USA Cricket

Iain Higgins, CEO (IH)

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## 1. Approval of proposed revisions to the USAC constitution

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IH reminded the Board it had previously appointed an independent Constitutional Review Working Group ('**CRWG**') to review the USAC constitution and propose amendments that: (1) eliminate the various areas of ambiguity that exist and could be the source of a future legal challenge; and (2) address issues caused by the delay to the 2020 Election and help to set up a path that enables the fair and effective management of both the 2020 Delayed Election and the 2021 Election.

He explained that the CRWG had presented its first set of proposed amendments to the Board meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and that, based on feedback received from the Board, the CRWG had proposed two further rounds of changes each to the Board subsequently, in all cases supported by the CRWG's rationale. On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Board had been sent a final set of proposed changes and rationale from the CRWG and a consolidated set of proposed amendments to the constitution.

The Board resolved to approve the final consolidated set of amendments proposed by the CRWG and to circulate them to the USAC membership for approval.

**FOR:** PM, RS, CC, NG, SV, AB, SN

**AGAINST:** SS, VP

VP explained that he was not supportive of the proposals put forward by the CRWG because he did not believe that Clubs with members under the age of eighteen should be eligible for a Club Vote.

IH explained that he had prepared a draft media release announcing the CRWG work and a script that would be used by members of the CRWG in a video to help explain the work and independence of the CRWG and the rationale behind all of the changes that were being proposed.

These would therefore need to be released over the next few days, with the note to members to follow shortly after.