

MINUTES – MEETING OF THE USA CRICKET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Conference Call – August 03rd, 2023

Attendance

In-person:

Venu Pisike, Chairman (VP), Kuljit Nijjar, Individual Director (KN), Arjun Gona, Individual Director (AG), Atul Rai, Club Director (AR), Nadia Gruny, Player Director (NG), Srini Salver, Player Director (SS), Anj Balusu, League Director (AB), Patricia Whittaker, Independent Director (PW), David Haubert, Independent Director (DH),

Absent: Pintoo Shah, Independent Director (PS)

Minutes Captured by: VP

Welcome Note and Board Meeting protocols

- VP welcomed the Members and announced a quorum is met.
- VP shared and explained a few guidelines and protocols for virtual meetings.
- Board Meetings be limited to once a month. In-person meetings will be planned once a quarter.
- Focused Group Meetings may be scheduled as needed to brainstorm and get consensus on critical policy matters before formally presenting in the board.

NG welcomed the idea of streamlining board meetings. Recommended, members to share meeting papers prior to board meetings for any agenda items they wanted to propose so Members can come prepared.

Tournament Sanctioning

AG has shared the report on the status of currently approved and in-process sanctioned tournaments. VP presented the proposal of Masters T10 tournament and proposed a motion to approve.

Appointments

VP has brought to board's attention about few appointments which are critical for operations and governance.

Legal Counsel Media Manager

Board has discussed the process and possible conflicts if any, and a decision is postponed for next meeting.



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Committees

VP has presented the current committees and their current status. Since most of the committees are formed in 2020 and past their 3 yr term, it is time to reappoint the committees keeping next few yrs in mind.

PW raised the need to involve CEO in the process and VP acknowledged and agreed to keep the new CEO in loop once he is engaged.

VP said a media release be sent soon requesting members of USA Cricket to express their interest. VP also requested Board Members to lead one committee of their interest and let him know the committee(s) they would like to involve with by August 10th, 2023.

Constitution Review/Amendments

VP has brought to the attention of the Members the need to revisit the USA Cricket constitution which was adopted in 2017. Since then, there were many issues found in interpreting certain sections some of which lead to Litigations.

Current and previous board members, and members of the organization expressed the need to amend the constitution to address the gaps, issues and grey areas.

VP suggested 2 members from NGC, one or two from the board and one or two from the Community to form the WG and set some timelines and scope.

Tentative scope defined:

Scope:

- Review current constitution.
- Consider recommendations from 2021 WG
- Consider recommendations from board and members of USA Cricket
- Review current zonal system
- Prepare and submit recommendations to board by Sept 30th

Key considerations:

- Membership and its categorization
- Define Conflict of Interest, and clarify which COI can be managed while serving in a position and which is not.
- Current Zonal system and decentralization options to manage local cricket
- Board of Dir's terms and elections
- Composition of Committees and their roles
- Roles of USA Cricket officers and CEO



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Updates

Updates on ongoing items presented to the board.

- 1. CEO update Immigration process going on, planning to finalize the agreement and engage remotely until visa is approved.
- 2. ICC AGM ICC will provide the minutes of the AGM. Kuljit and Srini are asked to submit a report with their observations and meetings.
- 3. MLC inaugural Season
- 4. U19 Qualifiers
- 5. Membership Renewals

Florida Aug 12th meeting Agenda

VP recommended the agenda for the upcoming board meeting in Florida. Board members will also meet with ICC and CWI separately.

Motions

1. USA Cricket sanctions the Master T10 tournament to be held in Florida from Aug 18-27, 2023 on below proposed fee and conditions.

Organizers will pay \$200K as the initial payment and pay 10% on any additional revenue received over \$2M with in 60days of the tournament. USA Cricket reserves the right to audit the books of the tournament.

Proposed by: VP Seconded by: KN

Motion passed unanimously.

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