



# MINUTES – MEETING OF THE USA CRICKET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Marriott, Cypress, TX – November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

## Attendance

In-person: Venu Pisike, Chairman (VP), Kuljit Nijjar, Individual Director (KN), Arjun Gona, Individual Director (AG), Nadia Gruny, Player Director (NG), Atul Rai, Club Director (AR), Srinu Salver, Player Director (SS), Patricia Whittaker, Independent Director (PW), David Haubert, Independent Director (DH)

ICC Americas: Fara Gorski, Regional Manager

Via Zoom: Pintoo Shah, Independent Director (PS), Anj Balusu, League Director (AB), Dr. Noor Murad (CEO Appointee)

Minutes Captured by: VP

## Welcome Note and Agenda

- VP welcomed the Members and announced a quorum is met.
- VP requested the board to approve the agenda.

## Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VP proposed the approval of below meeting minutes

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

Proposed by VP Seconded by SS  
Approved unanimously.

April 26<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup> 2023:

Proposed by VP, seconded by AG  
Abstained: AR  
Approved by majority.

## Chairman's Report

VP has presented and provided updates on below items.

1. Hosting of first U17 & U23 National Championships.
2. Insurance: DO Policy - premium increased to 10K/yr due to Kirk Grieves Lawsuit
3. , for which USAC Utilized DO policy for engaging the attorney. Current policy expires Dec 1st



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4. Discussions with CWI/CC on long term relations: Established relationship with T&T and Guyana. Received invitation to meet CWI President and CEO during their England series in December.
5. Met with Canada President and Management and agreed to engage for the future engagements. Will work to draft a plan by end of the year.
6. Film 45 approach about producing a documentary to promote USA team ahead of world cup. It's the same team who we signed a MoU early this year, they are gather stories. They will identify the broadcasting partner by end of the yr then will enter into formal agreement.
7. Breybourne stadium in Chicago (City of Oswego) - A private stadium is being approved by the city of Oswego. USAC provided support letters and David Haubert had conversations with the city officials to support the initiative.
8. U19 women's have direct entry to 2025 U19 WC. A ICC Americas development tournament is in plans for age groups those who will be eligible for 2027 WC
9. Trinidad & Tobago will be hosting our U19 Boys (Nov 18-29) in preparation to the world cup
10. EM apparel contract is terminated after they failed to ship the uniforms to U17/23 on time. The shipments costs became expensive for USAC. Found a new partner, introduced him to Anj & Pintoo. The new partner agreed to sponsor U19 Boys uniforms for world cup while Anj is working to draft a longer-term partnership with them
11. Received 4th quarter funding from ICC
12. Requested updated insurance quotes from the agent.

### Recommendations:

Membership - Insurance needs to be simplified, may need to align with constitutional changes to membership. Also, need to put together a membership benefits package for 2024 based on which Membership fee can be determined. Need to have a Membership committee.

Operational staff - need to increase operational staff to support many upcoming activities. Volunteers are being overused and afraid we may run into availability of quality volunteers soon.



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## Committee Reports/Proposals

Below committees have presented their 2023 activity reports and proposals for 2024

Development Committee:

Members expressed the need to have plans with targets to increase umpires, coaches and tutors. And have metrics to measure the performance.

Women & Girls Committee

Members recommended creating Women & Girl events around increasing the numbers.

Cricket Committee

Discussion was brought around National player eligibility. Board acknowledged to seek Legal opinion and USOPC guidelines for setting eligibility criteria based on the legal status.

## Finance Report

The Finance Report including YTD P&L, Balance sheet and current cash position was presented to the Members.

## 2024 Calendar & Events

A draft calendar of 2024 and proposed National events are presented to the Members. A final calendar will be presented in early January after new committees reviewing and confirming the events. Board acknowledged that Constitution amendments may impact the calendar to some extent.

## 2024 Budget

PS presented a draft budget for 2024. The budget will further tweaked after the finalization of strategy and seeking ICC inputs.

## Foundational Plan

Draft foundational plan is presented by NM. It was agreed to finalize and lock in the strategic pillars/areas by end of November after further seeking inputs from Community, Board Members and Staff. A plan for the period 2024-28 to be finalized by end of the year.



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## Membership Portal

This item is moved to next board meeting due to the unavailability of final evaluation results.

## ACE Contract

VP updated the board with the latest information on discussions with ACE. ACE is yet to make the payments towards 2023 as per the agreement made in April 2023.

VP also informed the board that USAC legal counsel has given their opinion on the short term contract which soon be shared with board and ACE.

## Constitution Amendments

NG leading the CRWG has presented their second draft of recommendations. Board has provided feedback and clarity on several amendments.

CRWG will present the draft during the AGM and seek feedback from the Members. A final version of amendments will be presented to the Board by Nov 30th.

Member feedback due: Nov 22nd 2023

Final version submission: Nov 30th 2023

Members ratification: Mid December 2023

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