



MINUTES – MEETING OF THE USA CRICKET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In person Meeting - September 28th, 2024.

Attendance

@Hilton San Jose, CA

Venu Pisike, Chairman (VP), Nadia Gruny, Female Player Director (NG), Srinivasan, Male Player Director (SS), Atul Rai, Club Director (AR), Anj Balusu, League Director (AB), David Haubert, Independent Director (DH), Pintoo Shah, Independent Director (PS) and Johnathan Atkeison (CEO).

Special Invitees: Rahul Khona, Manoj Kumar and Sesha Kalapatapu

Minutes Captured by: AB

Welcome Note and Agenda

AB welcomed the Members, managed roll call and announced a quorum is met.

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Chairman's Report
3. Treasurer Report (Actuals vs Budget)
4. CEO Report
5. ACE Update and next steps
6. USOPC Update
7. Membership Dues
 1. 2024 renewal
 2. 2023 dues
8. Appointment of Constitution Review Working Group
9. Approval of Sanctioning Policy
10. Committee Updates
 1. Committee Reports (Women's Cricket Committee, Men's Cricket Committee and Development Committee)
 2. TORs
 3. Appointments
11. USAC Corporate Office relocation
12. USAC Men's U19 Selection Panel Appointment
13. AGM 2024
14. AOB

Agenda

VP presented a motion to amend the agenda, and the motion was seconded and approved to proceed.

Motion Passed by unanimous vote (7-0)



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Conflict of Interest Disclosure

All board members have confirmed that they have no conflicts of interest regarding the proposed agenda items.

Approval of Minutes

VP proposed the approval of the minutes from the meetings held on July 10, July 24 and August 17, 2024. The motion received majority support for the meetings held on July 10 and July 24, with AR abstaining from the vote on July 10 and July 24 minutes due to their absence at those meetings and unanimous support for the meeting held on August 24.

Chairman's Report

VP presented Chairman's report,

1. ICC Compliance Notice
2. T20 WC and ICC Investigation
3. ICC AGM Updates
 - a. Associate Member Meetings
 - b. Associate Member International Cricket Commercialization Program from ICC
 - c. Meeting with Associate Members regarding the minimum number of ODIs to be played by the USAC Women's team before October 31, 2024, and discussion on the potential Women's WCL 2 in the future.
 - d. ICC Americas Regional Members Meeting
 - e. Meeting of North American members to explore the possibility of an Americas T20I Championship

Treasurer Report

PS presented the financials for January to August 2024. The projections indicate that USAC will achieve a positive net income by the end of FY2024, accounting for all planned activities for the remainder of the year. Additionally, the FY2023 tax returns are set to be completed and filed. Updated FY2024 financials to be presented to the board via email for approval.

CEO Report

JA presented the following to the board and discussed at length on the action items for the CEO

1. Review and approval of the FY2024 budget.
2. Updates on the organizational structure and staffing needs.
3. Timeline and considerations for the FY2025 budget preparation.
4. Overview of the 30/60/90-day plan and key objectives.
5. Discussion on the MoU with Cricket South Africa and its implications for development.
6. Key takeaways from recent meetings with major cricketing organizations and stakeholders.
7. Proposed activities and strategies for the Men's National Teams for FY2024.
8. Insights into the technology enhancements and membership portal updates.
9. Identification of focus areas and strategic initiatives for Q4.



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ACE Update and Next Steps

Presentation by Sesha Kalapatapu (USAC Attorney)

Sesha provided an overview of the discussions with ACE throughout 2024, covering the following key points:

1. **Notices and Responses**
 - Details on formal notices exchanged and responses received.
2. **Financial Obligations**
 - Overview of ACE's reporting and payment obligations to USAC.
3. **Commercial Rights and Obligations**
 - Clarification on the commercial rights held by both parties.
4. **USAC Event Sanctioning**
 - Addressed perceived conflicts of interest regarding USAC's sanctioning of events.
5. **Communications by ACE**
 - Discussion on ACE's representations on behalf of USAC to third parties and the use of the USAC logo and stationery.
6. **Breaches of the Short Form Agreement**
 - Identified breaches of the current Short Form Agreement with ACE.
7. **Concerns Regarding USAC Obligations**
 - Areas of concern related to USAC's compliance with the ICC Associate Membership Agreement and 501(c)(3) requirements in relation to the ACE Short Form Agreement.
8. **Recommendations for Resolution**
 - Proposed resolutions for breaches and non-negotiable terms leading to the Long Form Agreement.

Presentation by JA

JA presented the MoU with ACE concerning the CWC League 2 hosting and the Nepal T20I series. This MoU will serve as a standard operating procedure for collaboration between ACE and USAC.

- **Next Steps:**
 - JA will prepare a long-term budget and roadmap to enhance collaboration between ACE and USAC by November 30, 2024.
 - The Board will review the long-term budget and plan at the next meeting for potential adoption.

USOPC Status Update

Rahul Khona provided an update on the NGB certification process and the current status of the USAC application. JA has been actively engaging in meetings with the USOPC to advance the application process. This structured approach will help ensure that USAC meets the necessary standards for NGB certification.

Next Steps

1. **Board Review of Policies**
 - The Board will review the necessary policies to ensure compliance with USOPC and approve them for adoption.
2. **Constitutional Amendments**
 - Amendments will be made to the constitution to meet USOPC compliance requirements.



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3. **Establish Top Priorities**
 - Identify key priorities with associated timelines for implementation.
4. **Regular Progress Updates**
 - Provide the Board with regular updates on progress toward compliance and the application process.
5. **Operational Proof of Compliance**
 - Gather and present operational evidence to demonstrate compliance with USOPC requirements.
6. **USOPC Feedback**
 - Await feedback from USOPC on the submitted information in support of USAC's application.

Membership Dues

The board has discussed various options for collecting past dues(FY2023) and actioned on.

FY2024 renewal – Board has discussed thoroughly the process involved, points of concerns raised by board members, and decided that no action to be taken.

Constitution Review Working Group Appointment (“CRWG”)

VP presented the need to appoint CRWG and sought board’s approval on the proposed members of the CRWG. Player directors to nominate a representative to CRWG. Board approved the CRWG members with majority vote (5-2)

Sanctioning Policy

VP presented the USAC sanctioning policy with changes to the fees structure. The board reviewed the policy and approved to adopt with a majority vote (5-2).

DH left the meeting at 4:20PM PST

Committee Updates

NG presented the YTD Women’s Cricket Committee report; Women’s franchise league concept was presented by NG and to develop a proposal for the board.

SS presented the YTD Men’s Cricket Committee report;

AR presented a grass roots program proposal as part of the report; Board has requested to present next steps including a financial model to review and decide upon.

Board deferred approval of Terms of Reference (TORs) and Development Committee Appointment to email approval.

Board approved the appointment of Anahita Arora to Women’s Cricket Committee with unanimous vote (6-0)

USAC Corporate Office - Relocation

Board approved the proposal of USAC Corporate office from Dallas, Texas to Denver Colorado with a majority



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vote (6-0)

Men's U19 Selection Panel appointment

The board deferred U19 Men's Selection panel Committee Appointment to email approval.

AGM 2024

The board discussed the AGM 2024 to be held in December 2024. Date and Location to be finalized in the due course.

AOB

The board deferred the AOB agenda items due to lack of time and quorum.

Motions

Motion: To approve Minutes of Meetings – 07/10

Proposed by: VP and Motion was seconded

- Opposed by: None
- Abstain: None

Result: Motion Passed with majority vote(7-0)

Motion: To approve Minutes of Meetings – 07/24

Proposed by: VP and Motion was seconded

- Opposed by: None
- Abstain: AR

Result: Motion Passed with majority vote(6-0-1)

Motion: To approve Minutes of Meetings – 08/17

Proposed by: VP and Motion was seconded

- Opposed by: None
- Abstain: AR

Result: Motion Passed with unanimous vote(6-0-1)

Motion: To write off any bad debt (FY2023 membership dues) associated with all the leagues who did not make a prior agreement with USAC to come current on their past dues, as of today Saturday September 28, 2024.

Proposed by: VP and Motion was seconded

- Opposed by: DH & NG
- Abstain: None

Result: Motion Passed with majority vote(5-2)



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Motion: To appoint Constitution Review Working Group (“CRWG”) - Anj Balusu – Chair, Nisarg Patel - NGC Member, Rahul Khona - USOPC liaison and a Player representative. Player directors nominated Ms. Sara Farooqi as Player representative on October 04, 2024

Proposed by: VP and Motion was seconded

- Opposed by: NG and AR
- Abstain: None

Result: Motion Passed with majority vote(4-2)

Motion: To approve the revised USAC Sanctioning Policy

Proposed by: VP and Motion was seconded

- Opposed by: DH and NG
- Abstain: None

Result: Motion Passed with majority vote(4-2)

Motion: To appoint Anahita Arora to Women’s Cricket Committee

Proposed by: NG and Motion was seconded

- Opposed by: None
- Abstain: None

Result: Motion Passed with majority vote(6-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 05:15PM PST