



MINUTES – MEETING OF THE USA CRICKET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Conference call – Jan 17th, 2023

Attendance

USA Cricket Board Directors

Atul Rai, (Chair) Individual Director (KN)

Avinash Gaje, Individual Director (AG), Venu Pisike, Individual Director (VP), Srinivas Salver, Player Director (SS), Sushil Nadkarni, League Director (SN), Kuljit Nijjar, Club Director (KN), Nadia Grunz, Player Director (NG), Atul Rai, Individual Director (AR), Patricia Whittaker (PW), David Haubert (DH) and Pintoo Shah (PS) Independent Directors

Meeting Captured by Kuljit-Singh Nijjar

Chair AR: He talked about upcoming 2024 world cup, and USA being a co-host and lot of things to accomplish with USA as a brand. He spoke about importance of junior cricket and establishing pathway for youth. He spoke about USA cricket being one of the six pillars of ICC cricket, and ICC has earmarked a significant part of their resources.

He asked the new members to introduce themselves:

David Halbert, Patricia Whitaker, Pinto

All the members welcomed them to the board.

VP: Venu explained the zones of USA cricket and the youth pathway program. The proposal has been submitted to the cricket committee and waiting on the approval. Also, he spoke about U19 trials conducted in December 2022, and the zonal training groups formed. The world cup qualifiers are in July 2023 and national tournament to be conducted before that. He spoke about the proposal of men's and women's tournaments and involvement of local leagues. He spoke about tournament for college kids who need to continue playing cricket and hence a national tournament for U23 age group. A tentative calendar will be published tomorrow. women's budget, I think pretty much covered through the already committed sponsorships through Fair Break and Sister.

T20 men's national tournament: A inter-zonal national tournament and inter-league national tournament.

For youth pathway U11, U13, U15, U17, Venu spoke about hub level, intra zonal and national tournaments. U11 will be only at the hub level. The proposal is to have governance from all academies in a hub and include youth coordinators as officers. As academies have more control of local resources, it is wise to include them in the operations.

SN: Cricket committee will meet soon and work on the pathway proposal

DH: When will we get exact dates for all these local tournaments?

PW: What is the plan for T20 men's world cup in 2024

SS: from this Pathway tournaments, right, we will identify, um, the best players in the country and, uh, simultaneously, you know, we have our, uh, T 20 team, um, you know, in place, and again, during, or you know, uh, uh, while we having these T 20 tournaments, we will identify some more talent and that, you know, group



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will be, those players will be added to the, the, the actual squad we have. And also, I think there's a proposal to, uh, identify, uh, a team. So we have a bigger pool of players, uh, you know, um, uh, available when the, when the time, um, the World Cup comes up. And, um, um, I was gonna say, um, yeah, not just about the, the, these tournaments, I mean these national tournaments and zone tournaments, you know, we also, uh, have our international calendar, which is, uh, what we are going to discuss on the cricket committee. You know, once that is discussed, you know, we will have, uh, uh, international, uh, tournaments for our, uh, uh, teach 20 teams. So, you know, all these put together, you know, it will be, um, uh, you know, uh, our preparations, uh, for the two 20 World Cup next year.

Julie: She spoke about the girl's and women's pathway program

July for the regionals, August for the nationals, and October for the women, and U19

AG: The density of players should be considered and teams should not be limited to zones and should be on a wider selection of players.

VP: The proposal by Avinash on teams beyond zonal groups should be considered by the cricket committee and come up with proposal.

Members discussed about re-zoning to increase to 8 zones and this is a constitutional matter, which has to be discussed on how to modify the constitution, or come up with proposal to set a level field for all players. This should be discussed along with operations team.

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