



MINUTES – MEETING OF THE USA CRICKET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Conference call – March 31st, 2023

Attendance

USA Cricket Board Directors

Atul Rai, Interim Chair, Club Director (AR), Kuljit Nijjar, Individual Director (KN), Venu Pisike, Individual Director (VP), Nadia Gruny, Player Director (NG), Srinu Salver, Player Director (SS), Patricia Whittaker, Independent Director(PW), Pintoo Shah, Independent Director(PS), Sushil Nadkarni, League Director(SN). David Haubert, Independent Director(DH)

Absentees –Avinash Gaje Individual Director (AG),

1. USA Cricket Governance challenges and Vote of no confidence

- i. PS: We need deep discussion on governance challenges, need clarity on appointing of new CEO etc.
- ii. DH: We need to address communication gaps, lack of transparency, and agree on how we get to better place from here on. If we hire CEO, how do we pay for it?
- iii. VP: Focus should be on lack of governance, transparency and not moving the needle on ACE negotiation for last 7 months and not just CEO topic.
- iv. AR: I have accomplished a lot over last 7 months including compliance and US Olympics membership status.
- v. KN: We got zero information from CEO or Atul on ACE negotiations over last 7 months and all suddenly it has become emergency to address it in the last minute.
- vi. SN: Given the history of ICC-USAC relation, ACE may sue USAC if MLC/MILC are not sanctioned and that can force ICC to suspend USAC.
- vii. DH: Based on the last few months of actions or lack of it, it is clear that board lost trust on Interim chairman and it is sad, but we need to move forward with new leadership.
- viii. KN: CEO resigned with zero updates on ACE negotiation and didn't provide any role transition but instead paid \$90k bills an hour before he quit without any information to the board.
- ix. AR: I am not answering for CEO but on ACE I spoke to Vijay, engaged ICC but waited for CEO to join. Late October I asked CEO to engage ACE, and I told him clearly that I don't understand the ACE contract so he should do his due diligence. CEO met with ACE principles couple of time but eventually he resigned.
- x. KN: CEO was brought in to raise sponsorship and fix ACE contract. Atul asked to trust his judgement and forced this CEO on USAC and he has delivered nothing.
- xi. VP: apart from not delivering value, CEO went to another IPL CEO and bad mouthed the board and when it was time to hold him accountable, he quit and now we have no choice but to hold Atul accountable.
- xii. AR: CEO couldn't perform due to interference of Kuljit



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xiii.VP: Atul should stop blaming fellow board members, it is time for Atul take accountability or step down. I am moving a motion of no confidence.

xiv.DH: anyone wants to take a stand against the motion. none said anything against the motion.

xv.NG: Last 7 months failure can't be just attested to Atul only, we all failed. In the past Venu used to question on various topics and we should have done the same with the current CEO and Interim chair from day 1.

xvi.Motion to remove Atul as Interim chair.

Proposed by: VP

Seconded by: DH

Yes - KN, PW, SS, SN, VP, DH

No - None

Abstain – NG, PS

xvii. Motion to appoint KN as interim chair

proposed by: VP

seconded by: SS

Yes – (VP, PS, NG, SN, SS, DH, PW)

No – (AR)

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