



MINUTES – MEETING OF THE USA CRICKET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Conference Call – March 6th, 2023

Attendance

USA Cricket Board Directors

Atul Rai, (Chair) Club Director (AR)

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 Gruny, Player Director (NG), Atul Rai, Individual Director (AR), Patricia Whittaker (PW), David Haubert (DH) and Pintoo Shah (PS) Independent Directors

Minutes captured by: Kuljit-Singh Nijjar

Minutes

VP gave an update about what the appointed working committee has been working on:

1. Educating new members regarding the history of the contract, negotiations done and the current situation. The group decided that everybody will have to be committed and make time as these are essential for USA Cricket to run elections.

2. Will organize an introductory meeting with ACE. Have them provide in writing any further proposals.

3. Need to review the 80-page document response from ACE Vijay

4. Request Atul and Vinay to draft and forward to the group any conversations/discussions with ACE or any outcome of those conversations. Whatever input from them will aid in the group's setting of timelines.

AR said 2 conversations took place with ACE reps (Vijay & Samir Mehta) but there was no substance on those convo's but he will be emailing Vinay copying everyone and see if he can provide input from his end.

5. Considering the sensitivity of the matter, nobody other than the 6 members of the committee plus the CEO should be individually engaging any conversation with ACE; If there is any discussions that will occur, it will be in the presence of at least 2, preferably 3 members of the committee plus CEO.

6. No timelines set yet but the goals this week are to analyze the current information and set an initial/introduction call with ACE.

7. AR will email NGC to relay any information from the Attorneys, have them do what they want to do with it and ask them to come back with a timeline by Wednesday latest.

Update on the new Technological Partner to Replace Funngage:

Rationale: The current portal, Funngage is not providing the functionality plus too many unresolved issues. Payment hasn't been made for the last 8 months hence the service is down.

To be dealt with urgency as the new membership has to go on. Since the last 3 weeks, new registration has stopped as no OTP are generated; Only renewal of membership are happening as it does not require an OTP verification.

Concerns: KN says Funngage had asked to be given a chance and asked for a meeting several times but the board did not respond a single email. Raised why the issue of no new membership happening was not mentioned to the board until now.

AR said long meetings and election lawsuit have caught so much attention that this issue was not dealt with sooner.

DB said the first 2-year commitment for \$25,000 each ended in September, 2022. There has been no payment made for the Technology fees since July. If they will terminate the contract with Funngage, dues will essentially be paid. AR said There was no money in July and August, hence no payment has been made since then.

Resolution: DB will have to contact CricClubs and CricHeroes and have them present to the board members on Thursday if possible. Provide a summarize points of the vendors including Funngage which can be used as side-by-side presentation for the board to see. The board will have to make final decisions after.

Nadia's Unaddressed Concerns:

1. Request for Mr. Salver to not double with the Female Matters program and other related matters until this matter is resolved. [NG referring to few emails making serious allegations that she shared]

VP & AR shared the same opinion that a personal matter raised are to be dealt with by the Ethics committee, non-personal matters should be dealt by the cricket committee and it should be looked into with importance and urgency. If no resolution is forthcoming, the board can then step in. Protocols/guidelines/resolutions about Mr Salver issue will be tabled for another day since SS dropped from the meeting.

Cricket Committee:

1. VP Cricket Committee has been dysfunctional for the past few months, delaying decisions such as appointing the coaches for the hubs even though the selection trials of the Under 19 team was completed in December 2022. This is particularly concerning given the importance of an upcoming national tournament this summer. VP has raised this issue with the Cricket Committee members, but have yet to see any improvement.

SN: As the Chair of the Cricket Committee, I have noticed that there are several activities happening with the national team that the Cricket Committee is not being informed of. This includes the Bangladesh tour, the India tour, the budgets around these tours, the appointments, and letters sent to the players. I have asked that all of this be brought to the Cricket Committee and have set up meetings to discuss these matters. Unfortunately, these meetings have been delayed due to some members not providing their availability. I would like to make sure it is recorded in the meeting minutes that this issue was brought to the attention

of the Board.

AR acknowledged the legitimacy of the complaints by SN. He suggested the Cricket Committee to convene an internal meeting immediately among its members to resolve the issue and come to an amicable solution. AR suggested that anyone from the Board can join the meeting to assist in finding an agreeable resolution. If the Cricket Committee is unable to reach a consensus, then the board can step in ensuring the committee operates effectively is essential.