



MINUTES – 2023 Annual General Meeting

November 11th, 2023

Location: Courtyard Marriott, Cypress/Houston, TX

Attendance

USA Cricket Board Directors:

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

USA Staff Members:

Jamie Llyod (JL) - Development Manager, Julie Abbott (JA) - Women's Coordinator, Dhruv Barot (DB) - Membership Manager; Kerk Higgins(KH) – Men's Coordinator

ICC Presence:

Fara Gorsi (FG) - ICC Americas Regional Manager

USOPC Presence:

David Patterson (DP) – Senior Governance Advisor; Renee Tomlin(RT) – NGB Compliance Support

Minutes captured by: VP

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Annual Report
3. Development Committee Report
4. Women & Girls Committee Report
5. Cricket Committee Report
6. Finance Committee Report
7. ICC and USOPC Updates
8. 2024 Calendar
9. CRWG Recommendations overview
10. Questions from Members



Minutes

Meeting Introduction & Report – Venu Pisike

- VP welcomed the Members to the 2023 Annual General Meeting
- Introduced the Board, Staff and the Guests
- VP provided report on 2023 activities and progress including
 - Junior Pathways
 - Success of U19 and Senior Men and Women participation in ICC events
 - Update on Elections, Finance
 - Ongoing discussion with ACE
 - Upcoming year end activities of Constitution Amendments, Partnerships and opportunities

Development Committee Report – Jamie Lloyd

- JL provided updates on Junior Pathway programs that are initiated in 2023
 - Established 18 Youth HUBS and 6 zonal committees to carry out junior pathways
 - 42 Youth coordinators involved in helping the HUBs and zonal committees
 - 6000 players participated in U11, U13, U15 and U17 HUB, Zonal and Nationals
- Update on Umpiring and Coaching Program
 - 182 Umpires have passed the ICC Foundation course
 - 40+ umpires including 4 female umpires officiated in National Tournaments
 - 9 Level 1 Coach workshops are conducted across the country
 - 209 Individuals achieved ICC Level 1 Certification
 - First Level 2 course is scheduled for November 2023
- Announced plans on Cricket Heros program for 2024 focusing mainly around the World cup venues
- Announced age group programs for 2024

Women Committee Updates – Nadia Gruny

- NG provided the 2023 activities organized for Women & Girls and the plans for 2024
 - 422 players registered from 22 states
 - 251 Players participated in intra regionals
 - 54 senior and 26 U19 players have competed in the Nationals
 - Senior Women won the Americas T20 WC qualifiers
 - U19 Women participated in the first ICC U19 Women world cup
- Conducted Nationals for Senior Women and U19's
- Explained the plans to increase the participation via various initiatives
- Presented the High Performance programs, priorities and proposed schedule for 2024
- For 2024 National tournaments are planned for U15, U19 and Senior women



Cricket Committee Updates – Srimi Salver

- SS presented the 2023 activities
 - U19 program initiated in Nov 0f 2022 and organized zonal training camps
 - Conducted U19 Nationals in July
 - U19 Team won the Americas qualifiers and qualified for the 2024 ICC U19 world cup
 - Conducted first ever U23 National Tournament
 - Senior Men won the ICC CWC pre-qualifier tournament in Namibia
 - Competed in ICC Global qualifiers held in Zimbabwe
- U19 Team competing in WC in Sri Lanka 2024
 - Plans are underway to prepare the team for the WC thru camps and practice matches
- Senior Men participating in 2024 T20 WC
 - After T20 WC Senior Men’s team will start their campaign in CWC League 2

Finance Report – Kuljit Singh

- KN presented 2022 report and year end cash position
 - Net assets beginning of the year -\$639K, cash on hand \$122K
 - Income \$3.2M from all sources
 - Expenses \$3.4M
 - Year end net assets -\$783K
- 2023 YTD accounts are presented.
 - Net assets beginning of the year -\$783K and cash position \$232K
 - Income \$2.69M
 - Expenses \$2.19M
- Year-end projections
 - Projected Income: \$502K
 - Projected expenses: \$393K

ICC Updates – Fara Gorski

- FG appreciated the support from the community to USA Cricket
- Thanked the Houston Community for hosting the community meeting
- WC venues are being announced and ICC will be looking to partner with USAC and the community to create a legacy program
- Excited about the inclusion of Cricket in the Olympics
- Thanked the USA Board and Staff for able to manage the activities



USOPC Comment – David Patterson

- DP welcomed USA Cricket to Para Olympic movement.
- Olympic inclusion will give opportunities to grow the sport
- He and his team will be working with USA Cricket during and after the process of NGB application.

2024 Calendar – Jamie Lloyd

- JL presented the proposed National Tournament calendar for 2024
 - National Tournaments for Senior Men T20 & 50 Over
 - U23, U19, U15 Age group Pathway tournaments
 - Men's T20 Inter-League Nationals
- International Calendar
 - January 2024 – ICC U19 World cup
 - April/May – Senior Men selection and Preparation Camps/Matches
 - June – ICC Men's T20 world cup
 - September/November – ICC CWC League series

CRWG Recommendations – Nadia Gruny

USA Cricket initiated its constitution review and amendment process in September of 2023. The working group CRWG is chaired by Nadia Gruny. NG provided high level recommendations made by the committee.

- NG presented and explained the process and timelines
- Highlighted the key changes related to USOPC compliance process
- Proposed additional zones to increase the zones from 6 to 8
- Change in Board composition to maintain 33% player representation by increasing the Board size to 12
- Increased accountability of Officers for conducting the elections
- Inclusion of new officer position 'Secretary'
- Committee restructure, Committee term changed to 2 year
- New standing committees proposals
 - Development Committee
 - Women's Cricket Committee
 - Officials and Umpires Committee
- Revised composition of NGC and Audit committee
- Addition of Athletes Advisory Council



Question and Answers:

VP has explained that several questions sent by the members were answered in details during the presentation of various reports, so chose a set of questions which may not have covered for the Q&A session. If any Member feels their questions is not properly addressed requested them to reach out USA Cricket Management.

1. The foundation plan for 2020 says that a college program would be established by 2022. What is the update o this, and what would that program look like?

VP: Unfortunately, not much progress made for various reasons including Covid and increased focus on senior National Teams after they achieved ODI status and limitation on funds and resources.

However, now that the Cricket is included into Olympics we will start putting focus and efforts on this program after 2024 T20 WC.

2. Umpire pathways

2a. What resources have been allocated/planned for umpires/Match referees growth in USA?

JL: Education programs and ICC certification programs will be scheduled. As explained we now have 3 ICC certified tutors and we should be able to start our own programs in 2024.

2b. Where are we with Umpires pathway program & creating UA Cricket umpires panel that's been published in 2021?

JL: We will announce the program by end of this year

2c. How frequently USA Cricket reviews & nominates an umpire to ICC Development panel representing USA, what is the criteria for such nomination & and when is the next schedule for such review/nomination?

JL: We recently able to put forward few more nominations for ICC Development panel. In terms of existing panel, we will plan to review annually starting Q1 of 2024.

3. Is it possible for USA Cricket to host National tournaments on long weekends throughout the year?

JL: We try not to interfere age group tournaments during school year, so as we increase no of pathway tournaments we try to conduct some of them during Long weekends as much as possible.

4. How is USA Cricket planning a broader base of participation in the sport and promote it to broader base?

JL: The Cricket Heroes program can definitely can help to take the game to broader group. This is a elementary school program which we are focusing to expand in WC venues in 2024 and expand.



5a. With the formation of HUBs, the role of VYC no longer seems to be existent. Is USA Cricket going to remove the VYC role in future, if yes what is the plan for the VYCs in future, how do you plan to remap the roles

VP: We are not eliminating VYC's because we need their help for many future programs including WC engagement programs. Bottom line, there are a lot of other areas we need help with.

5b. How can USA Cricket make sure the involvement of Academies in USA Cricket HUB and zones are eliminated or minimal, because we are seeing a lot of issues when academies get involved in selection process, it's not fair and try to push their kids to teams. A lot of politics involved.

VP: The process has just begun in 2023, once the system is matured and all the stakeholders are equally involved these issues will be eliminated. We do feel academy help is required to help with the logistics.

VP thanked all the volunteers, umpires, parents, sponsors and supporters for standing behind USA Cricket and helping to carry out year-long programs. We are looking forward to a promising 2024.

VP also provided an update on CEO onboarding and explained he will soon be traveling to US.



Board Approval

At the USA Cricket Board Meeting on January 06th, 2024, members approved the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the USA Cricket 2023 AGM

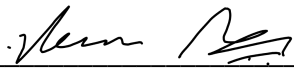
Proposed by: Venu Pisike

Seconded by: Srinu Salver

For: Anj Balusu, Arjun Gona, David Haubert, Kuljit Singh, Nadia Gruny, Patricia Whittaker, Srinu Salver, Venu Piske

Against:

Abstain: Atul Rai (for the reason he was absent in the AGM)

Signature: 

Name: Venu Pisike