

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS  
HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2017 AT J. W. MARRIOTT, SAHAR, MUMBAI**

**Attendees:**

Mr. Vinod Rai – Chairman  
Ms. Diana Edulji  
Mr. Vikram Limaye  
Dr. Ramachandra Guha  
Mr. Rahul Johri – BCCI CEO  
Ms. Karina Kripalani – BCCI Legal Advisor  
Mr. Indranil Deshmukh (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)  
Mr. Adarsh Saxena (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)

**ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman and the COA resolved that the said signed minutes should be put up on the BCCI website in the interests of transparency.

**ITEM 2: MATTERS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

CFO joined the meeting.

- A. Item 6(B) of the minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and Item 2(B) of the minutes of meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 – New Hires
1. The CFO informed the COA of the requirement of hiring 5 persons in the finance team, in addition to the new hires discussed by the COA in previous meetings and also the need for restructuring the finance team in terms of reporting, reorganizing duties of finance staff.
  2. The COA asked the CFO to make a recommendation for the above to the CEO and once, after CEO's approval, the same should be sent to the Acting Secretary for his approval.
- B. Item 6(H) of the minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Item 5(C) of the minutes of meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 and Item 2(A) of minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Payment for ICC T20 World Cup Tickets
1. The COA was updated on the status of this payment and asked that appropriate follow up action be taken in terms of the earlier decision taken by the COA on this issue.

2. Based on the CFO's recommendation, the COA decided that BCCI may accede to the request made by the ticketing agent for releasing existing bank guarantee of Rs. 3 crores on the ticketing agent providing a fresh bank guarantee for Rs. 1 crore.

CFO left the meeting.

### **ITEM 3: MATTERS RELATING TO THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

The resolutions passed during the Special General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (as forwarded by the Acting Secretary vide his email dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017) were perused by the COA. The COA decided that it would discuss the same with the Acting Secretary.

### **ITEM 4: MEETING WITH OFFICE BEARERS**

The Acting Secretary joined the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the Acting Secretary and noted that the Acting President as well as the Hon. Treasurer had communicated their inability to attend the meeting.

#### **A. ICC Related Matters**

1. The COA and the Acting Secretary discussed the resolutions passed by the Special General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 pertaining to ICC related matters. It was observed that the mandate given to the Acting Secretary by the said resolutions was extremely restrictive and did not provide sufficient elbow room to negotiate with the ICC and other cricket boards to either find a middle ground or agree to an alternate option.
2. The COA briefed the Acting Secretary on the meetings/ discussions it has had with representatives of the ICC and other cricket boards.

#### **B. Decisions taken during the Special General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

1. The COA referred to the resolutions passed during the Special General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and observed that the resolution whereby the Acting Secretary had been authorized to appoint separate lawyers on behalf of the BCCI in addition to the lawyers that the COA had already appointed was contrary to Paragraph 4 of the Directions dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 issued by the COA.
2. The Acting Secretary explained that the said resolution (as also certain other resolutions) had been passed in the context of certain past events and conduct pertaining to the COA and should be viewed in that context. The Acting Secretary

went on give certain illustrative examples of the past events and conduct that he was referring to.

3. The COA observed that whilst the views of the office bearers and those of the COA may differ on various issues, the correct approach would be to refer the matter to the Hon'ble Supreme Court instead of passing resolutions and/or taking actions that were clearly contrary to the directions issued by the COA. The Chairman also stated that whilst there may be 2 different points of view within the BCCI as aforesaid, they would need to work together.

C. Letters/ Notices Received by the BCCI from the office of the Collector of Stamps, Mumbai

The Acting Secretary was briefed on the letters/ notices received by the BCCI from the office of the Collector of Stamps, Mumbai. The COA explained the potential liability arising from the deficit stamp duty and decided that the whilst the Office Bearers should urgently decide on the issue of pending stamp duty of old contracts, BCCI should pay the applicable stamp duty as per the Maharashtra Stamp Act on all its new contracts.

D. Operational Issues

(i) **Authority for Calling Meetings:**

It was clarified that the as per Paragraph 8 of the directions dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017, the meetings of any committee/ sub-committee or the General Body could be called by the person who would normally call the same. However, the COA could also call for such meetings as and when required.

(ii) **Authority for Signing Appointment Letters:**

It was clarified that the signing authority for contracts and appointment letters is the Acting Secretary, subject to compliance with Paragraph 5 of the directions dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The Acting Secretary was also informed that the COA has, in its earlier meetings, approved certain new hires and directed the CEO to start the process for short-listing candidates.

(iii) **Handling of Staff Salary Revision for the year 2017-2018:**

The Acting Secretary was informed that the COA had, in its earlier meetings, approved staff salary revision for the year 2016-2017 and also decided that the process of staff salary revision for the year 2017-2018 should be commenced for those who had joined prior to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

**(iv) Tickets for IPL Matches to be Played in New Delhi:**

1. The request for the BCCI to purchase tickets at its cost for IPL Matches to be played in New Delhi so that the same could be made available for distribution to various persons from whom requests were likely to be received for complimentary tickets was discussed.
2. The Acting Secretary mentioned that the requests for complimentary tickets were most in New Delhi as compared to other cities and hence the request had been made by the Acting President, who is based in New Delhi.
3. The COA expressed the apprehension that acceding to such a request would set a precedent for similar requests in relation to other cities like Mumbai, which would also have to be acceded to. The COA also observed that a certain number of tickets were in fact received by BCCI free of cost and they same were already being utilized for distribution on complimentary basis.
4. The COA decided not to purchase tickets for making the same available for distribution to various persons from whom requests were likely to be received for complimentary tickets.

**(v) Email from IPL Chairman regarding Allowance to IPL Staff:**

1. The CEO informed the COA and the Acting Secretary that the IPL Chairman had addressed an email dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 suggesting that as per past practice till 2015, the staff that works on IPL should be given an allowance of Rs. 2,75,000/- each instead of TA/ DA that needs to be claimed on submission of a claim form by each of them.
2. After discussion and based on the recommendation of the CEO, the COA approved the suggestion of the IPL Chairman.

**(vi) Pending Contracts:**

The CEO apprised the COA and the Acting Secretary of certain contracts that were pending signature and the Acting Secretary said that the same would be approved/ signed shortly.

**(vii) Pending Payments:**

The CEO apprised the COA and the Acting Secretary of certain payments that were pending. Certain queries that the Acting Secretary had in relation to one of the payments was answered by the CEO. The pending payment of Shri Rajiv Kumar

Singh was also discussed and approved after necessary clarifications were obtained from the Acting Secretary.

E. Any Other Matters

1. The draft handbook on core principles and policies for the BCCI that had been prepared by an external agency was briefly discussed and the COA observed that there should be a proper system that is followed for appointment of persons and there should be a correlation between their qualifications, designation and payment structure.

The Acting Secretary left the meeting.

**ITEM 5: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

CFO joined the meeting.

- A. Reimbursement of Expenses incurred by Karnataka State Cricket Association for IPL 2016 Play-Off Matches

Based on the CFO's recommendation, the COA approved payment of the amount payable by the BCCI to the KSCA in terms of the contract for IPL 2016 Play-Off matches.

- B. Reimbursement of Expenses incurred by Andhra Cricket Association for matches played at Vishakhapatnam during IPL 2016

After discussion, the COA decided that since the matter relates to expenses incurred on behalf of BCCI for IPL 2016 and there is no existing contract, the matter should be referred to the IPL Governing Council to take an appropriate decision

- C. Infrastructure Subsidy Claim received from Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association and KSCA

After discussing the legal advice received in relation to the orders dated 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 as well as the subsequent order dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the COA decided that the claims from MPCA and KSCA could only be paid once they adopted the recommendations of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee and/or complied with the orders dated 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

**ITEM 6: IPL RELATED MATTERS**

1. The CEO informed the COA of the proposed timelines for the IPL Media Rights ITT and IPL Title Sponsor ITT.
2. The COA took note of the same and said that once the tender documents were ready, they should be sent to the IPL Governing Council and thereafter to the COA for approval.

#### **ITEM 7: LEGAL MATTERS**

1. After discussion, the COA decided that it would send an email to the Acting Secretary pointing out that the resolution passed at the Special General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 whereby the Acting Secretary had been authorized to appoint separate lawyers on behalf of the BCCI in addition to the lawyers that the COA had already appointed was contrary to the directions dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 issued by the COA and should not be given effect to without first obtaining appropriate directions from the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
2. At the same time, the COA asked the CEO to copy the Acting Secretary on all emails relating to legal matters other than matters pertaining to the COA and connected matters.

#### **ITEM 8: ANY OTHER ITEM**

##### **A. Meetings between COA and Member Associations**

1. The COA mentioned that he would like to meet with the representatives of the Members of BCCI in smaller groups and suggested that such meetings be scheduled zone-wise sometime in the first week of May.
2. The CEO said that he would work out the dates for the said meetings.

##### **B. Engagement of Tax Advisors for Second Opinion**

After discussion, the COA decided that the tax advisor recommended by the CFO should not be engaged and instead alternatives should be identified and recommended by the CFO.

Meeting concluded.

