

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 1ST JULY 2017 AT BCCI OFFICE, CRICKET CENTRE, WANKHEDE STADIUM, MUMBAI

Attendees:

Mr. Vinod Rai – Chairman
Ms. Diana Edulji
Mr. Vikram Limaye
Mr. Rahul Johri – BCCI CEO
Ms. Prabhjyot Chhabra – 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 24TH JUNE 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th June 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

A. Item 3(D) of minutes of meeting dated 21st May 2017 and Item 3(A)(viii) of minutes of meeting dated 12th June 2017 – Admission of an Association from Puducherry as an Associate Member of BCCI

1. The CEO informed the COA that the Affiliation Committee was expected to submit its report in a few days on which of the two associations from Puducherry, viz. the Pondicherry Cricket Association (“PCA”) or the Cricket Association of Pondicherry (“CAP”) it recommends for affiliation with BCCI.
2. The COA noted the above and observed that the submission of the report should be expedited in order to enable the COA to take a decision and include the same in the status report that is intended to be filed in the Hon’ble Supreme Court prior to 14th July 2017.

ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION RELATED MATTERS

A. Update on the SGM held on 26th June 2017 and Next Steps

1. The COA noted that as per their request, the audio recording of the SGM had already been shared with the members of the COA in advance of the meeting. The COA observed that none of the matters that the COA had asked the constituent members of BCCI to adopt had even been voted upon.

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2. After discussion, the COA decided that this should be highlighted in the status report that is intended to be filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court prior to 14th July 2017 along with relevant details regarding the conduct of those office bearers who attended the meeting as well as the conduct of others who had played a crucial role in ensuring that none of the matters that the COA had asked the constituent members of BCCI to adopt were not even put to a vote.

B. Way Forward for the Upcoming Hearing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 14th July 2017

1. The COA observed that as long as implementation of the reforms process remains dependent on resolutions being passed by the General Body, there was unlikely to be any progress on the same.

2. After discussion, the COA decided that appropriate directions to address this situation and enable progress on implementation of reforms should be sought from the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the status report that is intended to be filed prior to 14th July 2017.

C. Way Forward in Tackling Conflict of Interest Issues

1. The COA noted that the constituent members of BCCI had even failed to act as per the existing Memorandum and Rules and Regulations of BCCI ("**Existing BCCI Constitution**") by not having appointed an Ombudsman since September 2016 although one is required to be appointed at every AGM.

2. After discussion, the COA decided that the intransigence on issues as fundamental as conflict of interest should be highlighted in the status report that is intended to be filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court prior to 14th July 2017.

ITEM 4: OTHER COA MATTERS

A. Steps Taken by COA

After discussion, the COA decided that an updated compliance report should be included as an Annexure to the status report that is intended to be filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court prior to 14th July 2017.

ITEM 5: CRICKETING MATTERS

A. One Time Benefit (OTB) for Men Cricketers and Monthly Gratis for Women Cricketers



1. As requested, the COA was provided with an update on the status of OTB for Men Cricketers and Monthly Gratis for Women Cricketers by informing that the same were pending with the Hon. Treasurer.
2. On enquiring as to why these payments had been held up by the Hon. Treasurer, the COA was informed that there were also some other payments that were pending with the Hon. Treasurer. For example, a payment to Copyright Integrity International (“CII”) under an agreement dated 15th March 2017 (which has been signed by the CEO on behalf of BCCI in accordance with the then directions of the COA) was pending because the Hon. Treasurer was insisting that the said agreement should also be signed by the Hon. Acting Secretary in order to process the said payment.
3. The COA took a dim view of the aforesaid conduct and enquired about whether the Hon. Treasurer was acting within the scope of his roles and responsibilities. The COA was informed that as per the extant directions dated 6th April 2017, the Hon. Treasurer was bound to process the payments once the same had been jointly approved by the Hon. Acting Secretary and the CEO.
4. The COA enquired about how it can deal with this situation where the Hon. Treasurer was not abiding by the directions issued by the COA and was informed that as per the extant directions dated 6th April 2017 issued by the COA, it was open for the COA to direct the payment to be processed through alternate signatories that are already in place.
5. Based on the CEO’s suggestion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) the CEO should meet with the Hon. Treasurer in person and take up the above issues; and
 - (b) if the Hon. Treasurer continued to conduct himself in the above manner, the COA would be constrained to take further steps.

B. Update on Appointment of Mr. Rahul Dravid as Coach for India ‘A’ and India Under-19 Teams

The COA was updated on the appointment of Mr. Rahul Dravid as Coach for India ‘A’ and India Under-19 Teams.

C. Update on the Process for Appointment of Team Manager

1. The COA noted the views expressed by certain representatives of the constituent Members of BCCI regarding appointment of Team Manager as also the discussions on the subject during the SGM held on 26th June 2017.

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2. After discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) the recommendation jointly put up by the CEO and the Acting Hon. Secretary to the effect that the BCCI continue with its existing policy for appointing Team Managers on rotation basis whilst strictly applying the criteria of one tour/ series per Manager/ State Association was not acceptable;
 - (b) the process for appointing a professional Team Manager needs to be expedited in light of the upcoming tour of Sri Lanka;
 - (c) the qualifications for the post of Team Manager should be presented to the COA for approval; and
 - (d) after the COA has approved the qualifications, BCCI should invite applications for the post of Team Manager.

D. Release of Funds to Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association

1. The COA was informed regarding the requests received from the Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association (“**J&KCA**”) for receipt of grants/ financial support to keep the cricket activities at the grassroots level going and for preparing their teams for the BCCI Tournaments.
2. The COA observed that it has already sent an email to all State/ Member Associations regarding the compliances to be completed before funds can be disbursed to them (as per orders passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court) and asked whether the J&KCA had complied with the same. The COA was informed that the J&KCA has not done so.
3. After discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) whilst the COA recognizes the importance of cricket at the grassroots level, it was not open for the COA to detract from the orders passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court and release funds to J&KCA until the required compliances are completed; and
 - (b) the CEO should inform the J&KCA of the above and reiterate the compliances to be completed before funds can be disbursed to them by BCCI.

ITEM 5: LEGAL MATTERS

A. Update on Dispute with Erstwhile Kochi IPL Franchise

1. The COA was updated on the discussions between BCCI and representatives of the erstwhile Kochi IPL Franchise.

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ITEM 6: ANY OTHER MATTER

A. Next Meeting of COA

After discussion, the COA decided that it would meet next on 15th July 2017.

B. Resignation of Mr. Vikram Limaye

The COA noted the resignation letter filed by Mr. Vikram Limaye in the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Mr. Limaye stated that he would continue to discharge his responsibilities as a member of the COA until he is relieved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Vikram Limaye for his invaluable contribution as a member of the COA.

Vikram