

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS
HELD ON 24TH AND 25TH OCTOBER 2017 AT ITC MAURYA, NEW DELHI**

Attendees:

Mr. Vinod Rai – Chairman
Ms. Diana Edulji
Mr. Rahul Johri – BCCI CEO
Mr. Santosh Rangnekar – BCCI CFO
Mr. Hemang Amin – IPL COO
Ms. Anaisha Paranjape – BCCI Operations
Ms. Karina Kripalani – BCCI Legal Advisor
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 27TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th September 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 1A: MATTERS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Prof Shetty joined the meeting.

A. Item 4(A) of Minutes of Meeting dated 8th September 2017 – Women’s Cricket

After discussion, the COA decided that:

- (a) An advertisement should be released inviting applications for the position of Team Manager for Women’s Team, which advertisement should prescribe a minimum number of years of cricket experience.
- (b) A dedicated physiotherapist and trainer for the Women’s Team should be appointed at NCA.

Prof. Shetty left the meeting.

B. Item 5(A) of Minutes of Meeting dated 27th September 2017 – Re-Designation of Employees

CEO and CFO presented a list of proposed re-designations of employees

The COA noted the same and instructed the CFO to revise the chart with certain further details that they sought and decided that the COA would consider the revised list once circulated by the CFO.

C. Item 2(B) of Minutes of Meeting dated 27th September 2017 – Affiliation of Association from Pondicherry

Prof. Shetty joined the meeting.

After discussion, the COA decided that:

- (a) The Cricket Association of Pondicherry should be granted Associate Membership for the Union Territory of Puducherry; and
- (b) The reasoned decision of the COA should be communicated to all the three claimants.

Prof. Shetty left the meeting.

D. Item 6(F) of Minutes of Meeting dated 27th September 2017 - Applicability of GST on Payment of Travel Allowance/ Dearness Allowance

The COA was briefed on the opinion received from Mr. V. Sridharan on the issue of applicability of GST on payments of TA/ DA by BCCI and noted the same.

E. Item 4(D) of Minutes of Meeting dated 22nd July 2017 – Support Staff Contracts

After discussion, the COA decided that:

- (a) The revised terms of engagement of the following support staff are approved – (1) Anand Date; (2) Yogesh Parmar; (3) Rajnikant; (4) Abhay Sharma; (5) Sunil Subramanian; (6) Paras Mambhrey; (7) Patrick Farhart; and (8) Raghavendra Dvgi;
- (b) Increment based on performance should be maintained for all and none of the support staff contracts should provide for a fixed annual increment; and
- (c) The re-designation of Mr. Shankar Basu as the strength and conditioning coach, would be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

F. Item 6(F) of Minutes of Meeting dated 29th August 2017 – Payment for ICC T20 World Cup Tickets

The COA noted the reply received from Mr. Anurag Thakur enclosing a reply from Mr. Krishna Pophale and decided that the pending payment to the ticketing agent may now be processed.

G. Item 8(F) of Minutes of Meeting dated 8th and 9th August 2017 – Bills of Senior Advocate Puneet Bali

After discussion, the COA decided that the bills of Senior Advocate Mr. Puneet Bali till 31st October 2017 may be cleared but all bills raised thereafter should be brought to the COA for approval.

ITEM 2: COA MATTERS

A. Suggestions Received to the Draft BCCI Constitution

1. The COA noted the suggestions received to the draft BCCI Constitution and provided its comments on the same.
2. The COA also issued necessary instructions in relation to the upcoming hearing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 30th October 2017.

B. Matters relating to Bihar Cricket Association

After discussion, the COA decided that:

- (a) The responses received to the COA's email dated 21st September 2017 would be considered at a later date;
- (b) A suitable reply should be sent to the Ombudsman of BCA requesting that the issues raised in his email be addressed directly to the BCA; and
- (c) The issues raised by Mr. Aditya Verma need not be considered at this stage since there was currently no Ombudsman of BCCI.

ITEM 3: CRICKETING MATTERS

Prof. Shetty joined the meeting.

A. Letter received from Department of Sports regarding National Anti-Doping Agency

After discussion, the COA asked that all relevant details regarding the BCCI's Anti-Doping Rules, etc. be placed before the COA for discussion at a subsequent meeting of the COA.

Prof. Shetty left the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and re-convened on 25th October 2017.

B. Conflict of Interest Issues

After discussion, the COA decided that:

- (a) BCCI should ask all the selectors to complete and submit the disclosure form that had been sent to all BCCI staff earlier but had not been sent to selectors. The COA will discuss issues relating to conflict of interest, if any after the receipt of duly filled disclosure forms;
- (b) On account of insufficient information currently available with the COA, the issue regarding clubs under DDCA being owned by the Acting President should be kept on hold and may be discussed once sufficient information is available;
- (c) The contracts between BCCI and its commentators should be examined to see if they permitted BCCI commentators to (i) write sponsored columns for newspapers; and/or (ii) participate in sponsored awards/ ratings programs; and
- (d) The Hon'ble Supreme Court should be requested to appoint an Ombudsman (which is one of the directions that the COA has already sought in a status report) at the earliest possible opportunity.

C. BCCI Quota of Passes

After discussion, the COA decided that an email should be sent by the COA to the Acting President and Acting Hon. Secretary requesting them to make available to the BCCI staff 25 best hospitality tickets from each of their respective quotas and the 25 non-hospitality tickets from the Hon. Secretary's quota for fair and effective allotment of the complimentary tickets amongst stakeholders

D. Team Rajasthan

The COA noted the email sent by the Acting President proposing an appointment in place of one of the existing members (who is not available to provide his services) of Team Rajasthan and decided that an email should be sent to the Acting President asking for the rationale for the proposed appointee.

E. Anti-Corruption Unit

Mr. Neeraj Kumar joined the meeting.

1. The issue relating to security requirements and arrangements during the warm up game at the Cricket Club of India (“CCI”) was explained to the COA. The report regarding alleged misconduct by the curator at the Pune stadium was also discussed.
2. The COA noted the difficulties regarding the working of the Anti-Corruption Unit (“ACU”).

Mr. Neeraj Kumar left the meeting.

ITEM 4: LEGAL MATTERS

A. Matter relating to Hyderabad Cricket Association

The COA was updated on the matter relating to the Hyderabad Cricket Association (“HCA”) including that the application for allowing the HCA administrators to continue till the recommendations of the Hon’ble Justice Lodha Committee are adopted by HCA had been filed.

B. Matter relating to S. Sreesanth

1. The COA was updated on the matter relating to S. Sreesanth including that the Division Bench of the Hon’ble Kerala High Court had allowed the appeal filed by BCCI against the order of the Learned Single Judge (who had set aside the life ban imposed on S. Sreesanth).
2. After discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should file a caveat in the Hon’ble Supreme Court.

C. Matters relating to Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association

The COA was briefed on the on the matters relating to Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association (“JKCA”) including that administrators had been appointed by the Jammu & Kashmir High Court but were yet to take charge.

ITEM 5: ADMINISTRATIVE/ HR MATTERS

A. Appointment of Mr. Sohum Desai

After discussion, the COA decided that all the documents/ emails/ communications relating to the appointment of Mr. Sohum Desai should be examined and the issue would be discussed thereafter.

B. Appointment of Marketing Head – BCCI and Director – National Cricket Academy

After discussion, the COA decided that the last round of interviews for the positions of (i) Marketing Head – BCCI; and (ii) Director – National Cricket Academy should be scheduled on 2nd November 2017 and the COA would be part of the same.

ITEM 6: IPL MATTERS – UPDATE ON THE MEETING OF THE IPL GOVERNING COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH OCTOBER 2017

A. Opinion relating to Pending Request from an IPL Franchisee for Transfer of Shares

The COA noted the decision(s) of the IPL Governing Council (“**IPL GC**”) regarding the opinion to be sought relating to the pending request from an IPL Franchisee for transfer of shares.

B. Dispute with Erstwhile Kochi IPL Franchisee

1. The COA noted the decision(s) of the IPL GC regarding the proposed settlement offer received from the representatives of the erstwhile Kochi IPL franchisee including the request for a joint meeting between the IPL GC and the COA in order to obtain the COA’s inputs on the proposed settlement offer.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that an email should be sent to the IPL GC stating that the COA had no further inputs to provide on the issue and a decision on the proposed settlement offer received from the representatives of the erstwhile Kochi IPL franchisee may be taken by the General Body.

C. Proposed IPL Player Regulations for 2018 Season Onwards

The COA was briefed on the discussions with IPL franchisees regarding the proposed IPL Player Regulations for 2018 Season onwards as well as the view expressed by the IPL GC to discuss the same at a joint meeting of the IPL franchisees before finalizing.

D. Home Venues for Rajasthan Royals & Kings XI Punjab

The COA was briefed on the issues related to the venues for the 2 teams as well as the IPL GC’s views on the same.

E. Release Fee to Overseas Boards for Player Availability

The COA was briefed on the modalities of Release Fee to overseas boards for player availability including that the IPL GC has asked the management to work out a model for the same.

F. Player Injury Compensation

The COA noted the IPL GC's decision to pay compensation to certain players in the absence of insurance.

ITEM 7: FINANCE MATTERS

Mr. Sriraman Parthasarathy, Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP (“Deloitte”) and Mr. Krishna Prakash Easwaran, Director, Deloitte joined the meeting.

A. Approval of Accounts for FY 2016-17

1. The draft audited financial statements for the Financial Year 2016-2017 i.e. the Income and Expenditure Account for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017, the Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2017, notes on the said financial statements and the draft Auditors' Report were placed before the COA. The COA was informed that the Finance Committee had approved the same.

2. After discussion, the COA decided to pass the following resolution:

“RESOLVED that draft audited financial statements for the year ended 1st April, 2016 to 31st March, 2017 i.e. Income and Expenditure Account for the period from 1st April, 2016 to 31st March, 2017 and Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2017, notes on the said financial statements and the draft Auditors' Report and the audit observations along with the replies of the Board on the same be and are hereby approved.

The approved audited financial statements for the year 2016-17 along with notes thereon and Auditors' report on the same be and are hereby referred to Annual General Meeting.”

3. The COA also decided that timely action/ deliberation needs to be taken against each of the audit qualifications and that BCCI should take appropriate actions to resolve/ minimise the qualifications.

Mr. Sriraman Parthasarathy and Mr. Krishna Prakash Easwaran left the meeting.

B. Update on Finance Committee Meeting

1. The COA was informed that the following decisions had been taken during the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 6th October 2017:
 - (a) Accounts of BCCI (Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account) for the Financial Year 2016-17 were approved;

- (b) Amount due to State Associations (26 in number) for FY 2016-17 was approved;
 - (c) Allocation of surplus funds was approved;
 - (d) Budget for the Financial Year 2017-18 was approved; and
 - (e) Payment of hosting fees to State Cricket Associations of Rs 1.50 crore for T20 international matches effective from current season 2017-18 was approved.
2. The COA also noted that certain other items had been discussed during the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 6th October 2017 but no decision had been taken on the same.

C. Account Status of Cricket Club of India

- 1. The COA was briefed on the reply dated 5th October 2017 received from CCI to the BCCI's letter dated 3rd October 2017 regarding the monies outstanding and payable by CCI.
- 2. After discussion, the COA decided that the matter should be referred to the office bearers for their recommendation.

D. Increase in DA for Commentators

After discussion and based on the recommendation of the CEO and the CFO, the COA approved the increase in DA for commentators from Rs. 3000/- per day to Rs. 4000/- per day.

E. Update on Various Financial Matters

(1) RE-DESIGNATION OF MR. MAHESH MUNGAD:

Based on the recommendation of the CFO, the COA approved the re-designation of Mr. Mahesh Mungad from "Accounts Consultant" (on retainer) to "Assistant General Manager" (as a permanent employee) along with increase in compensation.

(2) APPLICABILITY OF TDS ON TA/ DA FORMS AND THE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN MODE OF TIME OF PAYING TA/ DA:

Based on the recommendation of the CFO, the COA approved the following:

- (a) TA/ DA of employees would be accumulated for a month and be paid on a monthly basis after deduction of taxes; and

- (b) However, for personnel such as umpires, etc. who are on tour and may need TA/ DA for day to day expenses, such payment may be made at shorter intervals as considered appropriate by the CFO.

(3) VERIFICATION/ CERTIFICATION OF EXPENSES RELATING TO CRICKET OPERATIONS:

1. The CFO drew attention of the COA to Item 6(B) of the Minutes of the COA meeting held on 12th April 2017 on the issue of payments for cricket operations and pointed out that one of the parameters laid down therein was the fact that the payments were relating to cricket operations should be verified and certified by Dr. M. V. Sridhar and Prof. Ratnakar Shetty.
2. Based on the recommendation of the CFO, the COA decided that the fact that the payments are relating to cricket operations should now be verified by Prof. Ratnakar Shetty and Mr. Vijay Tiwari.

(4) SALES TAX/ VAT LIABILITY:

1. The CFO briefed the COA on the demand raised by the Assistant Commissioner of Sales Tax in March 2016 with respect to media rights and informed the COA that the same had been duly communicated to the office bearers. He also informed the COA that BCCI had filed a reply to the aforesaid demand and that the matter is being dealt with in consultation with tax experts.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that the matter should be referred to the office bearers.

(5) IPL 2017 PRIZE MONEY FOR BEST PITCH & GROUND AWARD:

After discussion and based on the recommendation of the CFO, the COA approved the release of payment of Rs. 25 lakhs each towards prize money for IPL 2017 Best Pitch & Ground Award to the Mumbai Cricket Association, Cricket Association of Bengal and Punjab Cricket Association.

(6) LIST OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS THAT HAVE PROVIDED UNDERTAKING IN SUPPORT OF THEIR REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS:

The COA was updated on the State Associations that have provided undertaking in support of their respective reimbursement claims.

(7) UNIFORM SERVICE AGREEMENTS:

The COA was informed that work on creating a uniform service agreement had begun and BCCI is in process of streamlining the agreements.

ITEM 8: ANY OTHER MATTER

A. Next COA Meeting

After discussion, the COA decided that the date of the next COA meeting would be decided subsequently

Meeting concluded.

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