

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS
HELD ON 8TH APRIL 2019 AT HOTEL ITC MAURYA, NEW DELHI**

Mr. Vinod Rai – Chairman
Ms. Diana Edulji
Lt. Gen. Ravindra Thodge
Mr. Rahul Johri – BCCI CEO
Mr. Hemang Amin – IPL COO
Mr. Santosh Rangnekar – BCCI CFO
Mr. Gaurav Saxena - BCCI
Mr. Biswa Patnaik – BCCI Legal Advisor
Mr. Indranil Deshmukh (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)
Mr. Vineet Unnikrishnan (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)
Ms. Rachyeta Shah (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)

ITEM 1: MEETING WITH FEMA / TAX CONSULTANT AND OFFICE BEARERS

A. Application to the Reserve Bank of India

The Treasurer, the Acting Secretary and the FEMA/ Tax consultant joined the meeting.

1. The Chairman referred to the discussion with the FEMA/ Tax consultant at the previous COA meeting. The draft application to the Reserve Bank of India (“RBI”) was placed before the COA for review.
2. There was detailed discussion as to the approach to be adopted in the application to the RBI. The Chairman suggested certain changes/ amendments that should be carried out to the draft application.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) the application to the RBI should be revised by the FEMA/ Tax consultant based on the discussion during the meeting as well as the relevant records and documents maintained by BCCI in order to ensure that complete facts are recorded therein;
 - (b) The Treasurer may get back with his views and suggestions on the draft application to the RBI within 10 days;
 - (c) The Treasurer may also meet with the CEO, CFO and Mr. Amin to discuss the matter; and
 - (d) The revised application to the RBI should thereafter be placed before the COA for approval.

The FEMA/ Tax Consultant, the Acting Secretary and Treasurer left the meeting.

ITEM 2: LEGAL MATTERS

A. Cricket Players Association

1. The COA was informed that BCCI is in discussion with E&Y, which has been chosen (pursuant to an RFQ process) as the agency for incorporation and registration services for the proposed Cricket Players Association (“CPA”), to finalise the terms and conditions of their engagement. The COA advised that the incorporation process for the CPA should be completed expeditiously.
2. The COA was informed that the CPA had sought certain clarifications in relation to the mode of the nomination to be made to the State Associations. The views of the COA in this regard were discussed. It was further discussed that wide publicity should be given to the player registration process, once the CPA has been formally constituted.
3. After some discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) A communication should be issued to the Working Group of the CPA informing the CPA of the COA’s views.
 - (b) The advisors to the CPA should be asked to evaluate and assess the viability and efficacy of the course of action preferred by the COA and convey their views on the same.

B. Notices from Ombudsman

1. The COA was informed that vide 2 notices, both dated 27th March 2019, from the Ombudsman in Reference No. 1/2019 and Reference No. 2/2019 in relation to proceedings against Mr. Hardik Pandya and Mr. K. L. Rahul, the Ombudsman has called upon BCCI to remain present at the appointed date to place its stand on the references before the Ombudsman.
2. There was detailed discussion as to the extent of information required to be placed before the Ombudsman. It was discussed that the procedure of asking BCCI to provide views/ stand is not formalised in the constitution of BCCI, therefore, BCCI can consider only placing facts before the Ombudsman for his consideration.
3. The notice dated 1st April 2019 from the Ethics Officer in relation to the complaint against Mr. Sourav Ganguly was also discussed as also the complaint filed against Mr. V.V.S Laxman. It was observed that the stringent conflict provisions may deter credible persons from accepting to act as members of the Cricket Advisory Committee (“CAC”), however, in relation to the present complaint, BCCI would have to proceed on the basis of the provisions of the constitution and present its stand accordingly.

4. After some discussion, the COA decided that the BCCI would place the facts in relation to the proceedings against Mr. K. L. Rahul and Mr. Hardik Pandya for the Ombudsman's consideration.

ITEM 3: CRICKETING MATTERS

A. Meeting Request from Cricket Australia

1. The COA was informed that the CEO and Chairman of Cricket Australia have requested for a meeting with the COA to discuss various outstanding issues. The issue relating to the request from Cricket Australia to re-schedule the tournament in January 2020 to March 2020 was discussed.
2. The Chairman expressed the view that BCCI stands firm on its position in relation to the proposed tournament in 2020 and that it is for Cricket Australia to adopt further steps as it deems appropriate.
3. After some discussion, the COA rejected the request made by Cricket Australia for a meeting between the COA and the CEO and Chairman of Cricket Australia.

B. BCCI Title Sponsor – Invitation to Tender and BCCI Official Partner – Expression of Interest

1. The COA's approval was sought for the issuance of the Invitation to Tender for the BCCI Title Sponsor and the Expression of Interest for the BCCI Official Partner.
2. After some discussion, the COA granted approval for the issue of the Invitation to Tender for the BCCI Title Sponsor and the Expression of Interest for the BCCI Official Partner.

C. Follow up on WADA / NADA

Dr. Abhijit Salvi (BCCI) joined the meeting.

1. The COA was informed that the International Cricket Council ("ICC") has sent the draft agreement between BCCI and the National Anti-Doping Agency ("NADA") for BCCI's review. Once the agreement is finalised and approved by the COA, the agreement would be forwarded to the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA") to obtain NADA's approval and confirmation.
2. The changes to be made to the agreement were discussed. It was further discussed that it should be made clear that the arrangement contained in the agreement would be for a 6 month trial basis. Further, the sample collection would be undertaken by Doping

Control Officers and chaperones who are IDTM certified and BCCI approved and that such collection would be done only in the presence of BCCI's Anti-Doping Managers and that BCCI will decide which matches this testing can be undertaken.

3. The Chairman stated that it should be made clear that this arrangement is only on an experimental basis and that the Apex Council of the BCCI, once elected, would take a decision in this regard.
4. After some discussion, the COA directed that the draft agreement between BCCI and NADA with the revisions as discussed, to be circulated to the COA, prior to sending to ICC for further action.

Dr. Abhijit Salvi left the meeting.

D. Cricket Committee as per Constitution

1. The COA was informed that BCCI would require the cricket committees for the upcoming domestic season and that it is recommended that ad-hoc cricket committees, should be constituted. It was discussed that in the directions dated 23rd August 2018, the COA had directed that in the event any urgent decision cannot await the appointment of the new committees, the COA may constitute ad-hoc committees to assist the COA.
2. After some discussion, the COA directed that recommendations of persons who may be considered to be appointed to the Cricket Committee may be placed for COA's consideration at a subsequent meeting.

E. Cricket Advisory Committee

1. The COA was informed that the terms of reference for the CAC were being prepared so as to ensure that the same are in compliance with the requirements of the BCCI Constitution.
2. The COA took note of the same.

F. Letter from Bangladesh Cricket Board

1. The COA was informed that BCCI has received an invitation from Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) to participate in the T20 tournament being organised in March 2020 between Asian All Star XI and rest of the world XI to commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of the Founding Father of Bangladesh.



2. It was discussed that BCCI can respond stating that it is agreeable in principle to participate in the tournament. However, this decision may be left to the general body / management of BCCI, once the BCCI elections take place.
3. After some discussion, the COA granted in-principle approval to participate in the T20 tournament proposed by BCB.

G. Letter from Cricket Club of India (CCI)

1. The COA was informed that BCCI is in receipt of a letter dated 11th March 2019 received from the Cricket Club of India (“CCI”) requesting for handing over of the premises occupied by the BCCI at the CCI. The COA was also informed that no amount is being paid by the BCCI to the CCI for the use of the premises.
2. It was discussed that BCCI should vacate the premises and hand it over to the CCI. The COA was informed that certain records of BCCI are currently being kept at the premises occupied by BCCI at CCI. The COA expressed the view that the records should be handed over to P.N Writer & Co.
3. The issue of additional space required by BCCI for its operations was discussed. It was suggested that an estimate may be obtained for the work of re-modelling the first floor of the BCCI’s headquarters and placed for COA’s consideration
4. After some discussion, the COA decided that the premises at the CCI, currently occupied by the BCCI should be vacated and handed over to the CCI.

H. Central Players Contracts – Family Provision

1. The COA was informed that the Captain and the Coach of the Senior Men’s Team have requested that the players’ contracts should be revised to include a clause whereby families of the players are not permitted to travel with the team in the first 20 days of ICC tournaments. The COA was informed that since the current policy restricts visits from players’ families to after the first 2 weeks of the commencement of the tour, the Captain and Coach are effectively requesting that the 2 weeks’ period be extended to 20 days.
2. The COA was further informed that the Captain and the Coach of the Senior Men’s Team are requesting that the families of the players should not be permitted to travel in the same bus as the team, when they travel from one place to the next. It was discussed that the Head Coach may be tasked with the enforcement of the rules in this regard.
3. The COA was informed that the office bearers of the BCCI had expressed a desire to travel to the United Kingdom for the ICC World Cup 2019. It was suggested that the

office bearers can travel to the United Kingdom for 1 week for the ICC World Cup, at BCCI's expense.

4. After some further discussion, the COA:
 - (a) approved the revision to the family clause in the players' contract; and
 - (b) decided that the office bearers of the BCCI would be permitted to travel for 1 weeks' time to the United Kingdom for the ICC World Cup, at the BCCI's expense.

ITEM 4: FINANCE MATTERS

A. Payment of professional fees women's team coach – February 2019 onwards

1. The COA was informed that Mr. W. V. Raman has not been paid his salary since February 2019. It was discussed that this payment is a financial obligation on BCCI's part and should be paid. It was further discussed that the appointment process followed for the appointment of W. V. Raman should be referred to the Ombudsman. However, in the meantime, payments should be made to W.V. Raman.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) Mr. W. V. Raman should be paid for the services rendered by him since February 2019; and
 - (b) the issue relating to the process of appointment of Mr. W. V. Raman should be referred to the Ombudsman.

B. Update on summary of draft budget for FY 2019-20

1. The CFO informed the COA that there is a shift in accrual of revenue for FY 2019-20 viz-a-viz FY 2018-19 (i.e. timing difference) mainly due to BCCI's contractual arrangements. Also, due to change in IPL matches Schedule for Season 2019 wherein few matches i.e. 1/3rd matches were played in FY 2018-19 resulted in shift in revenue from FY 2019-20 to FY 2018-19.
2. The COA took note of the same.

ITEM 5: ANY OTHER MATTERS

A. Grant of membership to an association from Union Territory of Puducherry



1. The COA noted that Cricket Association of Pondicherry (“CAP”) had been inducted as an associate member of the BCCI vide the COA’s order dated 25th October 2018. The COA also noted that it has received several representations from the CAP seeking full membership to the BCCI. The COA deliberated and considered the representations made by the CAP. The COA was of the opinion that it would be appropriate for CAP to be made full member of the BCCI and conferred a vote.
2. In view of the aforesaid the COA decided that CAP is granted full membership to the BCCI.

B. ICC – Economics of World Cricket

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the discussions at the meeting of the ICC working group, the Acting Secretary had received a request from the ICC for disclosure of certain information. The COA was further informed that the Acting Secretary has responded stating that BCCI is willing to share information that is available in the public domain.
2. The COA took note of the same.

B. Finance Team-Building Offsite

1. The proposal for the annual team-building offsite for the Finance Team was placed before the COA. The need for organising the team offsite for the finance team was discussed. The COA observed that the expenditure for the same should be limited to the extent possible.
2. After some discussion, the COA granted approval for the team-building offsite for the Finance Team.

C. Amount due to Associations

1. The issue relating to release of funds to State Associations was discussed. The discussions with the Learned Amicus Curiae on the subject were referred to.
2. The COA also discussed the variance in the amounts which are disbursed to the State Associations and referred to the decision taken at the AGM of BCCI, on the basis of which the funds are disbursed. It was suggested that the disbursements to the State Associations should be on the basis of the cricketing activities conducted by the State Association. After a detailed discussion in this regard, it was decided that the COA could lay down the principles in relation to fund disbursement to State Associations and place it before the Hon’ble Supreme Court for consideration.

3. After some discussion, the COA decided that funds should be disbursed to the compliant State Associations in tranches.

D. IPL Playoff Matches

1. The COA was informed that the playoff matches have been scheduled in Chennai and Hyderabad. However, conducting the match in Chennai may be a problem. Therefore, alternate venues may have to be considered. After some discussion, it was decided that BCCI would check possibilities of arranging the playoff matches at different venues after consultation with the relevant State Associations, and would update the COA in this regard.
2. The COA took note of the same.

Meeting concluded.

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