



# MINUTES – MEETING OF THE USA CRICKET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*By Conference call – November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

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## Attendance

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### USA Cricket Board Directors

Paraag Marathe, Chair, Independent Director (PM); Avinash Gaje, Treasurer, Individual Director (AG); Venu Pisike, Individual Director (VP); Suraj Viswanathan, Secretary, Individual Director (SV); Srinu Salver, Player Director (SS); Sushil Nadkarni, League Director (SN); Ajith Bhaskar, Club Director (AB)

Apologies: Catherine Carlson, Independent Director (CC); Rohan Sajdeh, Independent Director (RS); Nadia Gruny, Player Director (NG); Iain Higgins, CEO (IH)

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## 1. Welcome (PM)

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PM explained that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the issue of the correct voting threshold for the recently concluded Member Resolution regarding the temporary waiver of certain eligibility requirements in the constitution.

He explained that he had shared with the Board the advice provided by IH on how best to manage this situation, which itself was based on independent legal advice received from Steve Smith ('**SS**'), the lawyer who had helped to put the constitution together. He summarized the advice that

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He then invited others to provide their own input and perspective.

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## 2. Discussion (PM)

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SV provided a summary of the background to and challenges relating to the Member Resolution.

AG pointed out that the constitution required a 67% vote for it to be amended, and that he didn't think the Board had authority to override that position for a constitutional change.

VP explained that he wasn't happy with the advice from SS and that he had sought alternative advice. He felt that SS's advice should be more definitive before it could be relied upon by the Board.

PM agreed to liaise with SS to see whether he would be willing to be more definitive about the advice and appropriate course of action, so that the Board could have more confidence in making a decision

one way or another. PM agreed to obtain that further advice and report back to the Board so that a decision could be made.

Some concerns were expressed generally about the correct approach to take in announcing this matter in the media and that the specific numbers (as opposed to the %) had not been shared with the Board.

AG also noted that the Board needed to acknowledge that there remains a lot of mistrust in the community and that further efforts needed to be made to repair that mistrust. The Board noted that it wasn't helpful that there appeared to be some distrust of one another within the Board itself.

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### 3. AOB

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None.