



MINUTES – 2022 AGM MEETING OF THE USA CRICKET

AGM, October 9th, 2022

Attendance

USA Cricket Board Directors

Atul Rai, Interim Chair Club Director (AR), Avinash Gaje Individual Director (AG), Venu Pisike, Individual Director (VP), Nadia Gruny, Player Director (NG), Srinu Salver, Player Director (SS), Kuljit Singh, Individual Director (KS), Sushil Nadkarni, League Director (SN)

USA Staff Members:

Richard Done, Cricket Operations Director (RD), Jamie Llyod (JL) - Development Manager, Julie Abbott (JA) - Women's Coordinator, Dhruv Barot (DB) - Membership Manager

ICC Presence:

William Glenwright (WG) - Head of Global Development, International Cricket Council, Fara Gorski (FG) - ICC Americas Regional Manager

Minutes captured by: Kuljit-Singh Nijjar

Agenda

1. USA Cricket Chair: Meeting Introduction
2. ICC Strategic Priorities (Speaker - William Glenwright)
3. Youth Cricket Updates
4. Coach & Umpiring Education
5. Cricket Committee Updates
6. Membership Committee Updates
7. Women's & Girls Committee Updates
8. Finance Committee Updates
9. Questions from Members

Minutes

USA Cricket Chair: Meeting Introduction

- AR briefed the attendees that meeting minutes will be updated on usacricket.org after the AGM.
- AR voiced that the Nominating and Governance committee shall create a schedule to ensure that the delayed 2021 elections will be completed.
- AR gave a shout-out to DB for simplifying the member registration process, which has played a significant role in increasing our current membership registration to 14,000.



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- AR plans to reorganize & launch several committees (League Committee, Zonal Committees, Ethics & Grievance committee, etc) to ensure broader representation.
- AR mentioned that the goal is to publish a domestic calendar with a zonal structure (for men, women, and youth) by early 2023.
- Q2 Financial report and 2021 audited financial report have been submitted to ICC.
- AR claimed that we shall receive funding shortly. We look forward to working with ACE to develop a long-term contract that is fair to USA Cricket.
- We plan to balance the budget for 2023 and appoint a CEO who can strategically help in growing this game.

ICC Strategic Priorities (Speaker - William Glenwright)

- WG claimed that tapping into the USA market is 1 of 6 strategic priority pillars for ICC.
 - Several initiatives have been implemented in the USA that we hope will be key drivers to the growth of the game. An example is the 2024 Men's T20 World Cup, which will be hosted in the USA & West Indies.
 - We want to make the game more accessible to girls in the USA and other parts of the world.
 - We're also working to include cricket within the LA 2028 Olympic Games, which will be a great way to tap into the American market.

Youth Cricket Updates

- VP identified 3 key areas that Development Committee is focusing on: (1) Youth Cricket, (2) Umpiring & Volunteer Coordinators, (3) Coach Education
 - Youth Cricket - Zonal U13 & U15 Competitions
 - 2000 players registered & participated in the trials across U13 & U15
 - 300+ people registered interest in coaching/umpiring
 - \$100K in cash and in-kind sponsorship was pledged
 - Umpiring & Volunteer Coordinators
 - 42 volunteer youth coordinators were appointed
 - 6 zonal umpire coordinators were appointed to support our umpire education program (one for each zone)
 - 21 women volunteer coordinators have also been providing support at the zonal level, playing a huge role in the success of interregional & regional cricket competitions
 - Cricket Heroes (plan to scale this program in elementary schools in 2023)
 - This pilot program was run in 3 cities: New York, New Jersey, Houston

Coach & Umpiring Education



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- VP mentioned that 535 folks registered for the online umpiring fundamentals course, and 103 successfully completed Level 1 Certification exam in 2022
 - We're planning to launch Level 2 Certification exam in early 2023 with a goal to increase our certified umpires
- We're planning to conduct in-person workshops in 6 cities during 2022 for individuals to become certified coaches.
 - 321 have completed ICC Coaching Foundation certificate and 203 passed ICC Coaching Course Level 1 (online)

Cricket Committee Updates

- RD mentioned how it was an incredible achievement to receive the ICC Americas Development Award for the 2021 Women's Intra-Regional Series.
- RD gave a shout-out to NG & SS for serving on the Cricket Committee in 2021 & 2022.
 - Welcomed Golam Nowsher to the committee.
- RD voiced key games that USA Men's Team played as part of the CWC League 2
 - Managed to secure the 2nd ICC ODI-Accredited Ground in US (Moosa Stadium)
 - Sanctioned 20 events from applications to USA Cricket (men's and women's)
- RD stated that due to budget constraints, U19 & Men's Nationals have been postponed to 2023
 - Yet, U15 & U13 zonal events have been organized across the USA in 2022
 - This has been led by the USAC Development Committee
 - We continue to look for sponsorships & community support to organize events.
- RD described the significant progress that women's program has made in cricket, with the U19 team going to South Africa for WC in Jan 2023.

Membership Committee Updates

- AG discussed membership portal updates that have simplified the end-to-end process of registering. He also highlighted the membership increase of 30% year over year and other growth metrics pertaining to registration.

Women's & Girls Committee Updates

- NG mentioned that we will be hosting the 2nd Sistar Mortgage Under 19 Women's National Championship in Los Angeles.
 - Leading into the Sistar Mortgage Women's National Championships, 283 women and girls registered for Domestic Pathways, and 58 of them were U13.



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- 20 women volunteer coordinators have been integral to the delivery of intraregional and regional competitions.
 - 56 individuals have registered to coach intraregional teams, which speaks to the growth of engagement in women's cricket.
 - 6 women volunteer coordinators received leadership training.
 - 6 women will go to Brazil to participate in the ICC coach tutor training, so they can deliver ICC Level 1 coaching fundamental courses throughout the USA.
- 24 women registered for the USA Cricket Level 1 Umpiring Fundamentals Course.
- 68 women registered for the ICC USA Cricket Foundation Level 1 and Criio Cricket Course.
- Our women's team earned ODI status.
- Our U19 women's team earned automatic qualification to the ICC U19 World Cup due to being the only Associate member in the Americas region who has a domestic U19 program.
- The board made a strategic decision to invest in our U19 women in preparation for first ever U19 World Cup and because 73% of our senior team comprises U19 women.
- NG highlighted that Cricket West Indies and USA Cricket share a vision to develop women's cricket in the region and thanked them for their partnership
 - Three U19 events between the regions were created across the year.
 - NG thanked Caribbean Premier League for their partnership which provided 3 spots for USA players in the 6ixty and WCPL competitions.
- Our Women's senior team moved up the T20I rankings from 33 to 24.
- In 2023, we will continue work on the implementation of the plan to Shape the Future of Women and Girls in American Cricket.
- NG thanked volunteers and the wider cricket community for their support of the development of women's cricket.

Finance Committee Updates

- KS claimed that our total actual revenue in 2021 was about \$2.6M, and expenses were around \$4.1M.
 - We had a deficit in net assets of \$650,000 during 2021.
 - Budgeted income was about \$3.4M, but we actually received \$2.3M in income.
 - Major variances were caused by the following:
 - ICC Reimbursements (ICC gave only \$115,054 whereas we budgeted \$607,290. This is because several events were canceled/rescheduled during 2021).
 - Sponsorships (We received \$829,241 whereas we budgeted \$1,118,595)
 - Donations (We received no money whereas we budgeted \$50,000)



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- KS highlighted that our budgeted expenses were about \$4.3M, but we actually incurred close to \$4.1M in expenses.
 - Major variances were caused by the following:
 - Ireland Series (This series was originally not planned, so our budgeted expense was \$0. Since series occurred, we incurred a cost of \$400K)
 - Admin Costs (We incurred \$658,000 more than what we expected)
- KS indicated that after reconciling all transactions and analyzing the different bank statements / invoices, he found expenses to be about \$1.3M as of 2022 Q2.
 - This implies we had a surplus of \$247,513 with a stronger cash position of about \$360K as of 2022 Q2.
 - However, as of 2022 Q4 end, we have a negative cash flow.
 - Additionally, we have about \$831K in accounts payable and \$733K in accounts receivable.
 - We will follow a structured process when hosting future cricket events/series/tournaments to ensure that we're optimizing on the costs while also complying with ICC guidelines.

Questions from Members

- Parents have to incur expenses, especially when it comes to sending their kids to tournaments. How can we ensure that we're not restricting the game to the elite few who can afford the travel and associated expenses annually?
 - VP claimed that USA Cricket wants to cut down the cost & burden on parents. It has started organizing zonal and other domestic tournaments, which should minimize the cost.
- Has Mr. Paraag Marathe resigned from the Board? If so, were there any conflicts that he had with ACE?
 - AR mentioned that Mr. Paraag Marathe has not resigned (he is still on the board, but no longer the Chair).
- Mr. Vijay Srinivasan claimed to spend \$5M for USA Cricket over the last 3 years. How was the money spent year over year?
 - VP mentioned that financials will be posted soon to provide more clarity here.



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Board Approval

- At the USA Cricket Board Meeting on June 29th 2023, members approved the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Kuljit Nijjar, Interim Chair, Individual Director (KN), Venu Pisike, Individual Director (VP), Nadia Gruny, Player Director (NG), Srinu Salver, Player Director (SS), Patricia Whittaker, Independent Director (PW), Pintoo Shah, Independent Director (PS), Anj Balusu, League Director (AB), Arjun Gona, Individual Director (AG)

Absentees –: Atul Rai, Club Director (AR), David Haubert, Independent Director (DH)



Motion to approve the Minutes of the USA Cricket 2022 AGM

Proposed by: VP

Seconded by: SS

Yes – (VP, PS, NG, AB, SS, AG, PW)

Absent: AR, DH (David Haubert approved the meeting minutes by email)

Signature:   6/30/2023

Name: Kuljit-Singh Nijjar

Title: Interim Chair - USA Cricket

