



MINUTES – MEETING OF THE USA CRICKET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Conference call – April 26th, 2023

Attendance

USA Cricket Board Directors

Kuljit Singh Nijjar, Interim Chair, Individual Director (KN), Atul Rai, Club Director (AR), Anj Balusu, League Director (AB), Arjun Gona, Individual Director (AG), David Haubert, Independent Director (DH), Nadia Gruny, Player Director (NG), Patricia Whittaker, Independent Director (PW), Srinu Salver, Player Director (SS), Venu Pisike, Individual Director (VP)

Absentees – Pintoo Shah Independent Director (PS)

Meeting Captured by Kuljit-Singh Nijjar Individual Director (KS)

Agenda

1. ACE-USAC 2023 Mediation (ICC)
2. Men's World Cup Qualifiers Preparation
3. Player Contracts
4. 2023 Budget
5. Apparel Sponsorship
6. Finance/League/Membership Working Group
7. ICC World Cup Documentary Series Opportunity (ACE Term-Sheet)
8. Update on CEO Search and Bookkeeper/Accountant
9. AOB

ACE-USAC 2023 Mediation (ICC)

- VP mentioned that as part of the Mediation Agreement, ICC has appointed Fara Gorski as its representative mediator.
 - USAC & ACE have accepted this appointment by ICC
- PW believes that we need an immediate audit to address several pressing issues, so it is critical to find a bookkeeper/accountant to ensure we're compliant with ICC
 - KS & PS have hired a new accountant who will begin work as of May 1st
 - New CEO will be hired soon
- VP said we should let Fara know that three representatives from USA Cricket will attend the ACE-USAC 2023 Mediation (ICC) meeting at a later date.

Men's World Cup Qualifiers Preparation

- SS stated that Men's Team is going to Zimbabwe for the World Cup Qualifiers on June 11th
 - Cricket Committee discussed how to help prepare USA Men's Team:
 - Facilitating a 50 over series against Canada
 - The USA Cricket Board would need to approve the budget for this series.
 - KS emphasized that USA Cricket owes money to players/vendors since last year, and it is critical to compensate them before we decide to use any funds for practice series.



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- SS informed that we will receive funding from ICC and event sanctioning in the future, so we can pay out the paybles later in the year.
 - However, it is important for us to prioritize the USA Men’s Team preparation for the World Cup Qualifiers since this is upcoming and a huge achievement for American cricket.
- NG made a counterargument that at the end of 2022, we established the principle that money needs to be in the bank before we commit to funding an event.

Player Contracts

- VP stated that ACE has agreed to pay USA Cricket, and we can use this money to fund our players. This would be spent on player & staff salaries.

2023 Budget

- KS informed that PS is currently working on the detailed budget, so updates will be shared next time.
- SS & AB suggested that we should help PS finalize the budget by providing him the right financial information on pathway programs, domestic events, international tournaments, etc.
 - We should all collaborate on the budget and update the various line items.
- NG reiterated that it is critical for us to complete the budget by mid-May.
 - We would also need to share the budget with ICC as part of the quarterly reporting and seek approval.

Apparel Sponsorship

- VP informed that **EM Sports** (EX Global) will offer apparel and kit bags to the US national team each year for the next 2 years (*05/2023 – 05/2025*).
- SS stated that we should efficiently manage the inventory and avoid ordering too much apparel for a particular series.
- PW mentioned that this apparel is priced too high.
- We should evaluate how other vendors/sponsors are pricing their apparel and potentially seek a change in partnership.
- VP clarified that this apparel is premium & high-quality, so prices are reasonable (*not high in comparison to apparel that was used by the previous vendor*).
- PW highlighted that we would also need to prove to the IRS that any sponsorship funding we receive as a non-profit is legitimate.

Finance/League/Membership Working Group

- KS informed that Yogesh Patel will be able to provide an external perspective by serving on the Membership Working Group.
- PS can serve as Chair on the Finance Committee. AB will support PS on finance items.

ICC World Cup Documentary Series Opportunity (ACE Term-Sheet)



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- AB highlighted that we would need to engage ACE & seek their consent since this documentary is revenue-generating & related to commercialization, and ACE currently owns the commercial rights.
- NG The documentary series would be created after the World Cup and broadcasted on Apple TV.
- NG Series will follow USA team through the World Cup, from their preparation right through to the moment they either win or are knocked out.
- NG The tournament itself will be a big part of the story.

Motions

- SS: "USA Cricket should approve the budget for the Men's World Cup Qualifiers Preparation and help facilitate a 50 over series between USA and Canada."
 - Proposed by: SS
 - Seconded by: AB
 - For: VP, PW, DH, AG, AR
 - Against: KS, NG
 - Absent: PS
 - Passed with 7-2