

MINUTES OF THE 26th APEX COUNCIL MEETING (EMERGENT) OF BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA (BCCI) HELD ON THURSDAY, 19TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 1.00 P.M. (IST) VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCING

Present:

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| 1. Mr. Roger Binny | Honorary President, Chairperson |
| 2. Mr. Rajeev Shukla | Honorary Vice President |
| 3. Mr. Devajit Saikia | Honorary Joint Secretary |
| 4. Mr. Khairul Jamal Majumdar | Councillor |
| 5. Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni | ICA Representative (Female) |
| 6. Mr. Dilip Vengsarkar | ICA Representative (Male) |

BCCI staff members were invited to speak on specific Agenda items, as and when required.

1. CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Roger Binny, the Honorary President, BCCI (the “Chairperson”) presided over the meeting. He greeted all the members present in the Apex Council and welcomed them to the 25th Apex Council Meeting of the BCCI.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Chairperson informed the members that Mr. C.M. Sane, CAG Nominee, was not present for the meeting due to personal reasons. Therefore, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Sane.

3. QUORUM

After ascertaining that the requisite quorum for the meeting was present, the meeting was called to order.

Thereafter, Mr. Devajit Saikia, the Honorary Joint Secretary, BCCI, welcomed all the members.

With the permission of all the members present, the notice convening the meeting, having already been circulated, was taken on record.

4. ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 25TH APEX COUNCIL MEETING.

Mr. Saikia took up the first item on the agenda which was confirmation of the minutes of the 25th Apex Council Meeting held on September 25, 2024. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

Mr. Majumdar suggested certain edits to the minutes of the 25th Apex Council Meeting.

After some deliberation, the members agreed that minutes of the 25th Apex Council Meeting held on September 25, 2024, shall be revised in line with Mr. Majumdar's suggestions and such revised minutes would be confirmed and approved.

5. ITEM 2: APPOINTMENT OF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Mr. Saikia took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding appointment of the Electoral Officer. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

Mr. Saikia apprised the members regarding the following vacancies in the Apex Council:

- (a) Honorary Secretary, BCCI: Mr. Jay Shah has tendered his resignation as the Honorary Secretary of BCCI effective from December 1, 2024. This decision has been made in light of him being elected as the ICC Chairman.
- (b) Honorary Treasurer, BCCI: Mr. Ashish Shelar has tendered his resignation as the Honorary Treasurer of BCCI, effective from December 16, 2024. This decision has been made in light of his recent appointment as a minister in the Government of Maharashtra.

Mr. Saikia further added that as the posts of the Honorary Secretary, BCCI and Honorary Treasurer, BCCI have been vacated, and pursuant to Rule 14 (9) of the BCCI Rules and Regulations the same are required to be filled at a Special General Meeting by way of elections, within 45 days. Accordingly, Mr. Saikia proposed that a Special General Meeting be held on January 12, 2024 in Mumbai, and Mr. Achal Kumar Joti may be considered for appointment as the BCCI Electoral Officer for the BCCI Special General Meeting.

After some deliberation, the members unanimously agreed to pass the following resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT in pursuance of the powers granted to the Apex Council under the Rules and Regulations of the BCCI, it has been resolved that a Special General Meeting of the BCCI shall be held at 12:00 PM on January 12, 2024, at the BCCI headquarters at Cricket Centre, Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai – 400 020, India."

"FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in pursuance of the powers granted to the Apex Council under the Rules and Regulations of the BCCI, it has been resolved to appoint Mr. Achal Kumar Joti, former Chief Election Commissioner of India, as the BCCI Electoral Officer for the upcoming Special General Meeting scheduled to be held at 12:00 PM on January 12, 2024."

6. ITEM 3: APPROVAL FOR APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS THROUGH TENDER PROCESS: (a) DIGITAL PROPERTIES (WEB AND APP) (b) PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES (c) VIDEOGRAPHY SERVICES (d) PERFORMANCE ANALYST AND (e) VIDEO EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

Mr. Saikia took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding the appointment of certain service providers for various function of the BCCI, through a tender process. The

papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

- (a) Digital Properties (Web and App): Mr. Hemang Amin, CEO (interim) BCCI, apprised the members that the service agreement with the current service provider (i.e., Tech Mahindra, for both BCCI and IPL Digital Properties) expires on December 31, 2024. Accordingly, the approval of the members is sought for initiating a tender process by issuing a 'request for proposal' for onboarding a new service provider, for servicing both BCCI and IPL Digital Properties, for a period of 5 years. Mr. Amin also alluded to the challenge in hand, that being the BCCI currently being in the middle of the season, both internationally and domestically, and thus the service agreement between BCCI and Tech Mahindra may be extended on the same terms and conditions as the existing service agreement.

Mr. Amin notified the members that once the new service provider is onboarded, such new service provider will need a lead time of approximately 6 months for the transition and migration, in order to move the data from the existing platform to a new platform. Given the abovementioned factual background, it was suggested that the service agreement between BCCI and Tech Mahindra be extended by 6 months (i.e., August 31, 2024).

The members unanimously approved to extending the term of the service agreement between BCCI and Tech Mahindra till June 30, 2025, which was due to expire on December 31, 2024, and for commencing the tender process for onboarding a new service provider, for BCCI.

- (b) Photography Services: Mr. Amin apprised the members regarding the appointment of an agency for photography services for covering international bilateral and domestic cricket in India.

Mr. Saikia mentioned that currently, the Apex Council is without the Secretary and the Treasurer and it might be prudent to take key decisions once the new Secretary and Treasurer are elected.

As an interim measure, the members unanimously approved to extending the term of the existing service provider till June 30, 2025.

- (c) Videography Services: Mr. Amin apprised the members regarding the appointment of an agency for videography services, wherein the BCCI hires an agency to shoot and create content for BCCI while the national team is playing, particularly for marquee events. He further added that for the videography services it is recommended to undertake a similar approach as proposed for photography services above.

Mr. Saikia reiterated his position about key decisions being taken once the entire Apex Council is available and requested that the matter be deferred till then. The members agreed to the suggestion of Mr. Saikia.

Mr. Amin sought the approval of the Apex Council for extending the term of the existing service provider.

The members unanimously approved to extending the term of the existing service provider till June 30, 2025.

(d) Performance Analysis Services: The members unanimously agreed to take the issue concerning the tender process for team India's performance analysis services in the next Apex Council meeting once the full quorum of Apex Council is available.

(e) Video Equipment and Services: The members agreed to issue the tender documents for video equipment and services once the tender documents are ready.

7. ITEM 4: APPROVAL FOR EXAMINATION OF UMPIRES AND MATCH REFEREES

Mr. Abey Kuruvilla briefed the members that at the moment there is a shortage of match referees and umpires required for covering the total matches played in India.

Mr. Shukla added there is a need to regularly conduct such exams and encourage other former Ranji and international players to participate in such examinations. Mr. Vengsarkar agreed with Mr. Shukla's observation and stated that there is a need for such examination and classes for match referees and umpires maybe be taken up by the Centre of Excellence, Bengaluru and State Cricket Associations.

Mr. Kuruvilla addressed this issue and apprised the members that last year an examination, for umpires was held specifically for former players and former players were inducted as umpires. He further added that there is a need to give an opportunity to umpires participants from the general category to join the BCCI panel. This is imperative to improve the quality of local umpires and thus there is an ardent need to conduct this examination.

Upon due deliberation, the members unanimously approved for conducting an examination for umpires and match referees in the general category.

8. ITEM 8: TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRPERSON MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA.

With respect to any other business which the Chairperson may consider necessary to be included in the agenda, the following issue was discussed:

(a) Discussion on the Performance of the Senior Indian Women's team: Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni sought the permission of the Chairperson to discuss the recent performances of the Senior Indian Women's team, in light of the upcoming ICC Women's World Cup, 2025. The Chairperson noted that this is a pertinent issue and same shall be discussed with the relevant stakeholders.

9. VOTE OF THANKS

The Chairperson thanked the Apex Council members and there being no other business, the meeting came to an end.

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