MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2017 AT HOTEL TAJ LANDS END, MUMBAI

Attendees:

Mr. Vinod Rai - Chairman

Ms. Diana Edulji

Mr. Rahul Johri – BCCI CEO

Mr. Santosh Rangnekar - BCCI CFO

Ms. Anaisha Paranjape – BCCI Operations

Ms. Karina Kripalani – BCCI Legal Advisor

Ms. Prabhjyot Chhabra – BCCI Legal Advisor

Mr. Indranil Deshmukh (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)

Mr. Adarsh Saxena (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)

ITEM 1: LEGAL MATTERS

A. Matters relating to Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association

- 1. The COA was informed that the Division Bench of the Jammu & Kashmir High Court ("JKHC") had stayed the order of the Single Judge of JKHC, whereby administrators had been appointed in respect of the Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association ("JKCA"), until disposal of the appeal and that arguments in the appeal were expected to be completed that day, i.e. 21st November 2017.
- 2. The COA was also informed that the JKHC had asked for the BCCI's view on whether the JKHC should appoint an Ombudsman for the JKCA or whether the same should be left for the administrators of JKCA to appoint.
- 3. After discussion, the COA decided that the BCCI should express the view that an Ombudsman for the JKCA should be appointed by the Court and directed that the BCCI's lawyers appearing in the matter be instructed accordingly.

B. Emails addressed by the Treasurer

- 1. The COA noted the recent emails addressed by the Treasurer to the CEO and CFO and observed that the same were highly objectionable.
- 2. After discussion, the COA decided that it will address an email placing on record its objection to the Treasurer's conduct and issuing appropriate directions.
 - C. Upcoming Hearing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court



The COA discussed the way forward for the upcoming hearing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 29th November 2017 and issued necessary instructions in relation to the same.

ITEM 2: CRICKETING MATTERS

A. Matters relating to National Anti-Doping Agency

After discussion, the COA decided that it will discuss the issue of whether the National Anti-Doping Agency ("NADA") can conduct sample collection in respect Indian cricketers with the office bearers and ask them to take up the matter in the proposed Special General Meeting ("SGM") that is likely to take place soon.

B. <u>Asia Cup 2018</u>

- 1. The COA was informed that the Asia Cup 2018 was scheduled to be played in India in September 2018. However, it is not clear whether the Government of India will allow the Pakistan team to travel to India for the tournament. If not, then BCCI needs to inform the Asian Cricket Council ("ACC") of the same so that an alternate host country and can be finalized.
- 2. The COA noted the above.

Ms. Anaisha Paranjape left the meeting.

ITEM 3: MEETING WITH OFFICE BEARERS

Mr. C. K. Khanna (Acting President), Mr. Amitabh Choudhary (Acting Secretary) and Mr. Anirudh Chaudhry (Treasurer) joined the meeting.

A. Signing of Financial Statements of BCCI

- 1. The COA was informed that the financial statements of BCCI had been approved by the Finance Committee as well as the COA but were yet to be signed by the office bearers. The COA was also informed that the practice has been for the said financial statements to be first signed by the Treasurer and then by the President and Secretary.
- 2. After a discussion between the Chairman and the Treasurer, the Treasurer agreed to sign the financial statements of BCCI. The Acting President and Acting Secretary confirmed that they would also sign the financial statements once the Treasurer had signed them.

B. Matters relating to National Anti-Doping Agency



After discussion, all present agreed that the issue of whether NADA can conduct sample collection in respect Indian cricketers would be included as an agenda item in the notice convening the proposed SGM and that the relevant papers on the subject would also be circulated along with the agenda.

C. Amount Recoverable from the Cricket Club of India

- 1. The CFO briefed all present on the background to how an amount was shown as recoverable from the Cricket Club of India ("CCI") in the books of BCCI and sought instructions on whether BCCI should pursue the claim against CCI or write off the amount in its books. The amount pertained to expenditure incurred by CCI in preparing the Brabourne Stadium for an ICC tournament, which amount had been reimbursed by BCCI to CCI on the assumption that ICC would, in turn, reimburse the said amount to BCCI. However, ICC had subsequently rejected the claim for reimbursement and the corresponding amounts already reimbursed by BCCI to other State Associations who were similarly placed had already been recovered by BCCI.
- 2. Treasurer and Acting Secretary said that the position of CCI is different from other State Associations because CCI does not receive any amount due to associations. Whenever BCCI has needed a venue for a match, CCI has always provided its Brabourne Stadium. Accordingly, they expressed the view that BCCI should write off the said amount in its books rather than recovering from CCI.
- 3. In light of the views expressed by the office bearers, the COA decided that BCCI should write off the amount in its books and make any resultant payment to CCI.

D. Letter from CCI for Handing Over Possession of Premises

- 1. All present were informed that BCCI had received a letter from CCI requesting that possession of certain premises in Brabourne Stadium (which are currently in BCCI's possession) should be handed over to CCI.
- 2. The Treasurer expressed the view that BCCI should retain possession of the said premises because there was an emotional connection with the same on account of BCCI having started from those premises. The Acting Secretary agreed.
- 3. The Chairman expressed the view that emotional connection did not appear to be a sufficient ground for retaining possession of someone else's premises and that BCCI would then have to pay rent to CCI for the same, provided CCI was willing to give the said premises on rent to BCCI. He further expressed the view that if the office bearers were insistent on retaining possession of the said premises and CCI was willing to give the same on rent to BCCI, it is only fair that the said rent come from the State Associations' 70% share of gross revenue because BCCI had no utility for those premises.



- 4. The Acting Secretary expressed the view that this issue can be put to the General Body once BCCI had an idea of how much rent CCI was expecting for the said premises.
- 5. In light of the above discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should find out whether CCI is willing to let BCCI retain the said premises if rent is paid for the same and, if so, what is the rent they are expecting.

E. Services of P. N. Writer Information & Company

- 1. The CFO informed all present that it was proposed to engage P. N. Writer & Company ("Writer") for storage of old documents/ records of the BCCI as well as scanning of documents. This would free up space on the first floor of cricket centre which was currently being used for storage and enable the same to be used as office space.
- 2. After discussion, the COA decided that the CFO should obtain quotes from a few more service providers and, after comparing the rates offered and corresponding services to be provided, take an appropriate decision regarding engagement of Writer if they are found to be most suitable.

F. Renovation of First Floor of Cricket Centre

- 1. The CFO informed all present that once the space on first floor that was currently being used as storage space had been cleared, plans had been drawn up for converting the same into office space at a budgeted cost of Rs. 1.60 crores.
- 2. After discussion, the COA decided that whilst the budget of Rs. 1.60 crores for renovation of the first floor is approved, the terms of the lease agreement between BCCI and MCA should be examined and a report presented to the COA before commencing the renovation work.

G. Date of Proposed Special General Meeting

- 1. The Acting Secretary explained the importance of holding the proposed SGM before 7th December 2017 as it is important for the General Body to discuss the Future Tour Programme for 2019 to 2023 before the ICC Meetings to be held on 7th & 8th of December 2017.
- 2. The Treasurer pointed out that the Acting President had suggested 1st December 2017 but the Acting Secretary was not available on that date. That is why the Acting President had subsequently suggested 9th December 2017.



- 3. The Acting Secretary said that 1st December 2017 was the only date prior to 7th December 2017 on which he was not available and once again explained the importance of having the SGM before 7th December 2017. He said that he is available on any day from 2nd December 2017 to 6th December 2017 and if the Acting President was not available on 5th & 6th December, the meeting could be scheduled for 4th December.
- 4. On being asked by the Chairman, the Acting President said that he was not available on any day from 2nd December 2017 to 6th December 2017 due to a wedding in the family.
- 5. After some further discussion, the COA decided that it had already directed that an SGM should be convened but it was up to the Acting President and the Acting Secretary to arrive at a consensus on the date for the same.

Meeting concluded.