## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017 AT BCCI HQ, MUMBAI

#### Attendees:

Mr. Vinod Rai - Chairman

Ms. Diana Edulji

Mr. Rahul Johri - BCCl CEO

Mr. Santosh Rangnekar - BCCI CFO

Ms. Anaisha Paranjape – BCCI Operations

Ms. Karina Kripalani – BCCl Legal Advisor

Ms. Prabhjyot Chhabra - BCCI Legal Advisor

Mr. Indranil Deshmukh (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)

Mr. Adarsh Saxena (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)

# ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 AS WELL AS 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 as well as 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman and the COA resolved that the said signed minutes should be put up on the BCCI website in the interests of transparency.

## ITEM 2: MATTERS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. <u>Item 2A(B) of Minutes of Meeting dated 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Appointment of Soham Desai</u>

After discussion, the COA decided that there is no need to revisit the appointment of Mr. Soham Desai because there was no wrongdoing on the part of either Mr. Soham Desai or Mr. Shankar Basu in relation to the same.

B. <u>Item 2A(D) of Minutes of Meeting dated 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Retirement Letters</u>

After discussion, the COA reiterated that Ms. Edulji and the CEO would meet with any affected persons to implement the retirement policy in an amicable manner.

C. <u>Item 5(E) of Minutes of Meeting dated 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Matters relating to Bihar Cricket Association</u>



After discussion, the COA approved the draft email to the two rival factions of BCA communicating its stand on the three issues referred to in its email dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and decided that the same should be released.

## ITEM 3: MATTERS ARISING OUT OF ORDER DATED 29TH NOVEMBER 2017

## A. Reply to be filed by the Treasurer

After discussion, the COA decided that it would wait for a reply to be filed as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and then decide on the further course of action.

## B. Chart Reflecting COA's Comments on Draft Constitution and Suggestions Thereon

After discussion, the COA issued appropriate instructions in relation to the chart reflecting the COA's comments on the draft Constitution and suggestions thereon.

## C. Application filed by the Uttarakhand Cricket Association

After discussion, the COA decided that CAM Team should go through the application filed by the Uttarakhand Cricket Association and advise on the steps to be taken by the COA for looking into the same.

## D. Application filed by Association of Chhattisgarh Cricket

After some discussion, the COA decided that CAM Team should go through the application filed by the Association of Chhattisgarh Cricket and advise on the steps to be taken by the COA for looking into the same.

## **ITEM 4: CRICKETING MATTERS**

#### A. Travel of India Under-19 Team prior to ICC Under-19 World Cup 2018

After discussion, the COA decided that as per the recommendation of Mr. Rahul Dravid, the early travel of the India Under-19 Team to New Zealand for the period 29<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at a cost of approximately Rs. 40 lakhs is approved.

#### B. India Women's Team Tour of South Africa

After discussion, the COA decided that the early travel of the India Women's Team to South Africa for the period 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 is approved in principle subject to the budget being submitted to the COA for confirmation.

Mr. Gaurav Saxena joined the meeting.



#### C. Contract with Sports Mechanics

After discussion, the COA decided that the relevant existing contracts of BCCI should be examined to see if the proposed engagement of Sports Mechanics (especially the additional services now sought to be added to their scope of work) was workable.

## D. Athlete Analysis and Monitoring Database for BCCI

After discussion, the COA decided that a detailed note on the Athlete Analysis and Monitoring Database should be prepared describing the features being incorporated to ensure accuracy of the data being gathered as well as ensuring that it is accessible only to authorized persons.

Mr. Gaurav Saxena left the meeting.

## E. Anti-Corruption Unit

After discussion, the COA decided that:

- (a) The CEO should follow up with the office of the Hon. Chief Minister of Maharashtra regarding the letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 addressed by the then President of BCCI.
- (b) A search committee comprising the Chairman and a retired police officer above 65 years of age should be constituted to look for a replacement to take over once the current head of the Anti-Corruption Unit retired and such replacement should be offered a contract of 3 years duration.

## **ITEM 5: LEGAL MATTERS**

Mr. Hemang Amin joined the meeting.

## A. Remittance from Sony Pictures Networks Private Limited

After discussion, the COA decided that:

- (a) BCCI should release the bank guarantee provided by Sony under the MRLA; and
- (b) BCCI should enter into discussions with Sony to see what amount out of Rs. 125 crores may be offered by Sony as part of an amicable resolution to the matter.



#### B. Commentator Contracts

After discussion, the COA decided that it would not impose any prohibition on commentators from either (i) writing sponsored columns for newspapers; and/or (ii) participating in sponsored awards/ ratings programs.

## C. Order dated 29th November 2017 passed by the Competition Commission of India

After discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should file an appeal against the CCI's order dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the earliest.

#### ITEM 6: ADMINISTRATIVE/ HR MATTERS

## A. <u>Advertisements for Manager – Human Resources and Inventory Manager – National</u> Cricket Academy

After some further discussion, the COA decided that:

- (a) The advertisements for the positions of Manager Human Resources and Inventory Manager National Cricket Academy should be finalized.
- (b) Once the said advertisements had been put up on the BCCI website, the same should also be circulated by email to all BCCI employees.

#### **ITEM 7: FINANCE MATTERS**

#### A. Potential Income Tax Demand

The COA was briefed on the potential income tax liability/ demand for this year and took note of the same.

#### B. Payment to Selectors

- 1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the decision during the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017, five out of the six selectors whose services had not been utilized after January 2017 in light of the recommendations/ directions of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee to reduce the number of members of the Selection Committee from 5 to 3 had been paid their dues up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Only one selector had not been paid because he had not yet raised his invoice(s) for the same but he would be paid upon receipt of the invoice(s).
- 2. The COA was also informed that pursuant to the decision during the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017, the said selectors would be asked to continue raising invoices on a monthly basis till the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of BCCI.

The COA took note of the above.

## C. <u>Document Storage Quotations from Other Vendors</u>

- 1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the decision during the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017, the CFO had approached four other service providers and they were expected to give their respective technical and financial proposals shortly. Thereafter, the said proposals would be compared with the proposal already received from P. N. Writer & Company ("Writer").
- 2. After discussion, the COA decided that the Finance Department should do a comparative analysis of all the five proposals based on relevant criteria (such as reputation in the market, list of clientele, scope of services, technical expertise and price) after visiting the facilities of the service providers (if considered necessary) and the CFO should thereafter present this comparative analysis to the COA.

## D. Invoice of Baker and Mackenzie for Written Opinion on Tax Liability

- 1. The COA was informed that the firm Baker and Mackenzie had provided certain services to BCCl in connection with the two cricket matches organized by BCCl in Florida, United States in August 2016. In addition to the earlier agreed services, the said firm had, on the request of the CFO, also provided a written opinion to the effect that BCCl did not have any tax liability in the United States because the activity of organizing the aforesaid two cricket matches had not exceeded the stipulated period of 30 days. As this written opinion was not part of the earlier agreed scope of services, the said firm had now raised an invoice for USD 9386.
- 2. After discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should make payment against the aforesaid invoice raised by Baker and Mackenzie.

## E. Request for Funds from Goa Cricket Association

After discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should release an amount of Rs. 2.73 crores to the Goa Cricket Association in tranches as per earlier directions/ procedures put in place for release of funds for cricket operations.

## F. Excess Payment to Mr. Gunjan Rishi

After discussion, the COA decided that the CFO should send an email to Mr. Gunjan Rishi seeking refund of the excess payment of Rs. 2.79 lakhs that has been made to him.

## G. Request made by a Former Player



- 1. The COA was informed that as per the existing policy for payment of one-time benefit to former players, there were slabs based on the number of matches played by the concerned player. A former player who was currently falling in the slab which entitled him to payment of Rs. 35 lakhs had requested that a particular match which is otherwise not to be considered as an official match for the purpose of deciding the slab in which he falls should be considered as such and he should be given Rs. 50 lakhs (based on higher slab) instead of Rs. 35 lakhs (based on current slab) as one-time benefit.
- 2. After discussion, the COA decided that it would not be appropriate for BCCI to deviate from the existing policy for payment of one-time benefit on a case by case basis.

## H. Signing of Financial Statements of BCCI

- 1. The COA was informed that although the Treasurer had, during the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017, agreed to sign the financial statements of BCCI for financial year 2016-2017, he had only signed the Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Statement and Notes to Accounts but had not signed the Letter of Representation, Subsequent Events Confirmation Certificate, Legal Matters Update Certificate, Statutory Compliance Representation and Audit Observations with Replies (BCCI, IPL and NCA).
- 2. After discussion, the COA decided that a reminder email should be sent to the Treasurer for signing the remaining documents forming part of the financial statements.

## I. Linking of Aadhaar No. with all Individual Yes Bank Card Holder Accounts

After discussion, the COA decided that:

- (a) Since Yes Bank (like all other banks) would be communicating with all their customers/ account holders for linking of Aadhaar Nos., the concerned employees can do so directly without BCCI's involvement.
- (b) However, since BCCI had obtained the Yes Bank Cards for all its employees, the Finance Department may assist any employee (if so requested) for assistance in either linking of Aadhaar No. or closing the Yes Bank Card Holder Account

#### **ITEM 8: ANY OTHER MATTER**

A. PIL filed in Gujarat High Court against Saurashtra Cricket Association

- 1. The COA was informed that the PIL that had been filed in the Gujarat High Court against the Saurashtra Cricket Association had been permitted to be withdrawn by the petitioner on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017.
- 2. The COA took note of the above.

## B. Next COA Meeting

After discussion, the COA decided that it would meet next on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at the NCA in Bengaluru.

Meeting concluded.