

CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF UTTARAKHAND, DEHRADUN

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF UTTARAKHAND HELD ON SUNDAY, 21ST MARCH, 2021 AT 11:00 A.M AT HOTEL PACIFIC, DEHRADUN.

PRESENT MEMBERS		
Mr. Jot Singh Gunsola	Dr. Anshuman Dogra	
Mr. Mahim Verma	Dr. B.C.Ramola	
Mr. Deepak Mehra	Dr. Girish Goyal	
Mr. Ajay Pandey	Mr. Gurcharan Singh	
Mr. Amar Singh Mengwal	Mr. Harsh Goel (Almora)	
Mr. Amit Kapoor	Mr. Inder Mohan Barthwal (Haridwar)	
Mr. Arjun Negi	Mr. Kabir Shelly	
Mr. Arun Negi	Mr. Kumar Thapa	
Mr. Arun Tiwari (Chamoli)	Mr. Madan Kohli	
Mr. Dhiraj Bhandari	Mr. Manas Mengwal	
Mr. Dhiraj Khare (Nainital)	Mr. Mukesh Dobhal	
Mr. Dinesh Mehra (Uttarkashi)	Mr. Narendra Shah (Rudraprayag)	
Mr. Ninu Sehgal (Dehradun)	Mr. Neeraj Verma (Champawat)	
Mr. Noor Alam (Udham Singh nagar)	Mr. O.P. Sodi	
Mr. Prem Chand Verma	Mr. P.C.Kothari	
Mr. Rajeev Dutta	Mr. Ashish Rawat (Pauri)	
Mr. Rohit Chauhan	Mr. Suresh Soniyal (Bageshwar)	
Mr. S.K. Gairola	Mr. Tajender Rawat	
Mr. Sandeep Rawat	Mr. Umesh Chandra Joshi (Pitthoragarh)	
Mr. Sanjay Gusain	Mr. Rajbeer Bhandari (Tehri)	
Mr. Sharad Chand Sharma	Mr. Virender Diwan	
Mr. Vivek Verma		
	ABSENT MEMBERS	
Mr. Sanjay Rawat	Mr. B.M.Goyal	
Mr. Prithvi Singh Negi	Mr. Hira Singh Bisht	
Mr. Avnish Verma	Mr. M.C.Shah	
Mr. A.K.Prodhyot	Mr. Rajiv Jindal	
Mr. Sunil Joshi	Mr. Siddharth Bisht	

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Mr. Jot Singh Gunsola - President occupied the chair and on ensuring that the quorum was present, the meeting was called to order.

The President informed the house that the Interim Chief Executive Office will join via video conferencing due to COVID – 19 isolations.

The President extended warm welcome to all the Members to the Annual General Meeting of Cricket Association of Uttarakhand and also requested the Hon. Secretary to start the proceedings by taking agenda items one by one.

The Hon. Secretary welcomed all the members and informed everyone that the AGM of Cricket Association of Uttarakhand which was to be held by 30.9.2020 got delayed due to the COVID19 Pandemic situation.

Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussions and decisions.

ITEM NO. (A): CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING, DATED: 21ST JULY 2020.

The Hon. Secretary informed the house that the minutes of the Special General Meeting dated 21.7.2020 were circulated to the members.

Many members raised the issue of the non-adherence of the Hon. Treasurer to fulfill his responsibilities as a Treasurer and that certain Office bearers like the Treasurer, Vice President and Joint Secretary are absent in the general body and that they should respect and be present in the general body and raise any issue they have. Members also raised concerns that certain people are circulating misinformation in media and causing disrepute to the association

The President, requested the house that the house should proceed as per agenda and any issue other than agenda should be taken up in any other business.

"RESOLVED THAT the house unanimously confirmed the Minutes of Special General Meeting held on 21.7.2020."

ITEM NO. (B): ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020 UNDER REVIEW.

The Report of the Hon. Secretary for the year 2019-20 was circulated to the members. Hon. Secretary informed the house that it was a very tough year for everyone due to COVID19 Pandemic, but despite of many odds Cricket Association of Uttarakhand was amongst the first state association to organize and successfully conducted its activities in Bio-Bubble secure environment considering the health safety of the players, which also motivated many other states as well to conduct their activities.

Mr. Mukesh Dobhal appreciated the efforts of the Hon. Secretary and the office bearers for their tremendous work.

"RESOLVED THAT the House unanimously approved and adopted the Secretary's Report for the year 2019-2020 as circulated."

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ITEM NO. (C): ADOPTION OF THE TREASURER REPORT AND PROVISIONAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR FY 2018 – 19 & 2019 – 20.

The Audited accounts for the FY 2018-19 and Provisional accounts for FY 2019-20 were circulated to the members along with a note from the Hon. Treasurer.

The Hon. Secretary informed the house that since the general body has not appointed Auditor, hence Audited statements were not circulated and that in this same meeting at agenda item (e) the house shall appoint Auditor for the Association to conduct its Audit for FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21.

Hon. Secretary further informed the house that Audited Accounts for the FY 2018-19 can be considered and approved by the house, but since the Audit for FY 2019-20 is pending, it should be deferred in this meeting and taken up in the next general body scheduled to take place before 30.9.2021.

"RESOLVED THAT the House after discussion unanimously approved the audited accounts for the FY 2018-19 and decided to defer until next general body meeting the accounts for the FY 2019-20 as their audit is pending."

Mr. Tejinder Singh Rawat asked the house as to what is the reason the Treasurer is not there for the meeting and why is the house taking up this agenda item to the next AGM because its not approved by the Apex Council. Hon. Secretary said that he himself recommended deferring it to the next meeting as the Auditor is not appointed.

Mr. Vivek Verma appreciated the CAU for the tremendous effort and work done during COVID 19 Pandemic. But he raised his concerns about development of cricket in backward areas of the state. He proposed to form a special committee for backward areas of Uttarakhand and also to register Women's Cricket Club. Hon. Secretary informed in brief about the plan that the association is contemplating to develop cricket in backward areas and women cricket.

Mr. Vivek Verma also raised the issue by pointing out the liabilities and the amount to be paid to vendors, adding that nonpayment to vendors brings disrepute to the association. He also enquired about the Treasurers note that he does not take any responsibility of Rs. 4.49 Cr of payment done by BCCI. Hon. Secretary informed that when the affiliation was granted by the BCCI, all the payments were done by BCCI itself and vendors to be used were also suggested by BCCI or in previous year they were empaneled by UCC. Mr. Vivek Verma said that in the audit report the Auditor should make a special note about it and it will suffice.

Few members noted their observations that the Treasurer has not even submitted his Report as per the requirements and is not available to answer any queries of the house, which is not fulfillment of his responsibilities as a Treasurer.

Mr. Noor Alam added that in the media false information is being shared about financial irregularities happening in CAU, this dents the image and reputation of CAU, action should be taken against people who do such acts against the association.

Mr. Sanjay Gusain addressed the house and expressed how hard it was for CAU to get affiliation from BCCI, how everyone specially Hon. Secretary had worked hard for the development of Cricket in the state of Uttarakhand. He also explained that CAU had conducted may matches and camps. In Vijay Hazare Trophy our team had won all 5 league matches and was very close to defeating Delhi in their home ground. Despite doing so many things, few

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people are busy complaining at various forums and circulating false and misleading information by making allegations without proof. He also questioned how internal office documents get leaked to the media and outside. He demanded that CAU should take strict measures against those individuals.

He also raised a point that in Dehradun there are only 3 or 4 academies out of which only one academy (Abhimanyu Cricket Academy) is capable for conducting camp of 50 players at a time, in this scenario CAU cannot follow the procedure to hire grounds by taking three quotations. Referring to money spending he said that Hon. Secretary is doing a great job and has also brought down the spending on hiring grounds and academy for camp from previous years just to make sure CAU saves more money and uses it for the development of Cricket in the state of Uttarakhand.

Mr. Tejinder Singh Rawat informed the house that he is one of the persons who had made the complaint. He also enquired as to why did the Treasurer and two office bearers of CAU boycotted the AGM.

The President expressed his anguish as to the office bearers boycotting the AGM. He also informed that in the Apex Council meeting held in February it was decided to conduct AGM in the month of March and secondly, they raised some allegations as to accounts and decided to boycott. After receiving the communication from the three office bearers for boycotting the AGM, he consulted the Legal Advisor of CAU, to which he was advised that it is the right of every member to attend or not to attend the general body. President further said that the house is free to discuss any issue and any member is free to raise any issue in this meeting. President also raised his views against the members making allegations without any proof or substance in the media and outside rather than discussing in this forum, which is condemnable and shameful.

Hon. Secretary also added that he has always tried to consult all the office bearers and if anyone has any issues it can be resolved by discussion, all the appointments are done after completing procedure, the Apex Council itself has passed the procedures and policies. Any allegations in that regard are baseless.

Mr. Tejinder Singh Rawat raised his views and many other members rebutted, to which the President had to interfere and bring the house to order. President also suggested to take the next item on agenda.

ITEM NO. (D): ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FY 2020-21

The proposed Annual Budget for FY 2020-21 was circulated to all members.

The house was informed that the budget as circulated is for FY 2020-21, but since the AGM had been deferred to now, mostly the amount has already been spent from the budget amount allocated.

Mr. O.P.Sudi asked whether this annual budget was passed by getting clearance from Apex Council. Hon. Secretary replied that the Apex had discussed the scheduling of AGM in its meeting in February.

"RESOLVED THAT the House after discussion unanimously approved and adopted Annual Budget for the FY 2020 - 2021 as circulated."

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ITEM NO. (E): APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR OR AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR 2019–20 AND 2020–21 AND FIX THEIR REMUNERATION.

Mr. Mahim Verma informed the house that, since Auditor were not appointed by the AGM hence the Audit of FY 2019-20 was not done, also Audit for FY 2020-21 needs to be done, therefore Auditor needs to be appointed to conduct statutory audit for FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 of the Association.

Mr. Mukesh Dobhal enquired if three/five quotations were invited and Comparative statement was prepared and is the L1 suggested to be appointed and is he capable for conducting the audit as per requirement.

The Hon. Secretary informed the house that proper process was followed, CAU invited three quotations and it is recommended to the house that the lowest quote should be appointed.

Mr. O.P. Sudi asked if this appointment was put up in the Apex council, to which the Hon Secretary informed that the appointment of Auditor is to be done by the AGM only.

Hon. Secretary asked Mr. Bhasker Chakrabarty – Sr. Accounts Executive to explain the process carried by the Association, Mr. Bhasker informed the members that they had invited three quotations and after proper comparative analysis, the L1 agency is recommended before the members. Hon Secretary added that M/s Andros & Company is a reputed CA Firm having experience and expertise and is appropriate agency to conduct the audit of the Association.

Mr. Vivek Verma, advised the house to empanel two CA firms at least, because in case of emergency CAU can take help from the other one.

"RESOLVED THAT the House after discussion unanimously approved the appointment of M/s Andros & Company as the Auditors of the Association for conducting the Audit for the FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 for such remuneration as quoted by the firm in its quotation."

ITEM NO. (F): APPOINTMENT OF THE CRICKET COMMITTEES AND STANDING COMMITTEES AS MENTIONED IN RULES 26 AND 25 RESPECTIVELY.

Mr. Mahim Verma – Hon Secretary, informed the house that as per the constitution of CAU, the Apex Council have been entrusted with the responsibility to form Stating Committees and other Committees at the AGM. Therefore, it would be appropriate if the house authorizes the Apex Council to form these committees as and when required. He also informed that one of the selectors has resigned and its vacancy needs to be filled.

"RESOLVED THAT the house unanimously resolved to authorize the Apex Council to appoint any such individual for the any of the committees namely Cricket Committees and Standing Committees as mentioned in Rules 26 and 25 of the CAU Constitution, or fill any such vacancy thereof"

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ITEM NO. (G) (i): CONSIDERATION OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF APEX COUNCIL, THE CEO AND THE COMMITTEES AND TO PROPOSE POLICY DIRECTIONS TO THE APEX COUNCIL.

Hon. Secretary informed the house that the CEO's report for the year 2019-20 and the minutes of the Apex Council meetings were circulated to all the members.

"RESOLVED THAT the House unanimously approved the Report and Recommendations of Apex Council and the CEO's Report for the year 2019-2020 as circulated"

ITEM NO. (G) (ii): CONSIDERATION OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND TO PROPOSE POLICY DIRECTIONS TO THE APEX COUNCIL.

The Hon Secretary informed the house that since Governing Council has not been appointed, there is nothing to be done in this agenda item. Therefore, this agenda item was left aside.

ITEM NO. (G) (iii): CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE OMBUDSMAN AND ETHICS OFFICER AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE THEREIN;

Hon. Secretary informed the house that the Report of the Ombudsman and Ethics Officer as provided to the association was circulated to the members.

"RESOLVED THAT the House took note of the Report of the Ombudsman and Ethics Officer and unanimously approved the same."

ITEM NO. (H): CONSIDERATION OF ANY MOTION, NOTICE WHEREOF IS GIVEN BY AN ORDINARY MEMBER TO THE SECRETARY, TWENTY-ONE DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING.

The Hon Secretary informed the house that since no notice for any motion was received by him from any Member within the stipulated time, there is nothing in this agenda to be taken up.

ITEM NO. (I): PREVIOUS DUES TO BE CLEARED TOWARDS GOLD CUP.

Hon Secretary, informed the house that Gold Cup is one of the most renowned Tournament of the state of Uttarakhand and requested the Sr. Accounts Executive of CAU, to brief the house on the same matter.

Mr. Bhasker Chakrabarty – Sr. Accounts Executive, informed the house that form 1st April 2019 till 13th August 2019 Gold Cup was conducted. After which the Treasurer of Gold Cup Committee informed that Rs 20-22 Lakhs was the amount due to be paid. But CAU was not able to clear the amount since Gold Cup Committee had not submitted the invoices to CAU.

"RESOLVED THAT the pending invoices should be submitted by the Treasurer of Gold Cup Committee and a provision should be made and it should be cleared as soon as possible."

ITEM NO. (J): TO ALLOCATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF 20 LAKHS FOR GOLD CUP AS PER BUDGET PRESENTED.

Hon Secretary, informed the house that every year Gold Cup is conducted and approximate expenditure of organizing the above said tournament comes out to be around 40-45 Lakhs. He

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proposed that CAU should assist an amount of 20 Lakh in favor of the Gold Cup, and asked for recommendations from the house.

Some members suggested that considering the importance of Gold Cup in the development of cricket in Uttarakhand, this amount should be Rs. 25 Lakhs.

"RESOLVED THAT after discussions, the House unanimously agreed to assist an financial assistance of Rs 25 lakh towards organization of Gold Cup Tournament."

ITEM NO. (K): DISCUSSION & FINALIZATION OF CAU TROPHIES & TOURNAMENTS.

The Hon Secretary informed the house that CAU is in process of structuring its tournament schedule for all age groups for men and women, for that various trophies and names of tournaments will have to be decided.

"RESOLVED THAT after discussions, the House unanimously agreed to authorize the Apex Council to decide on the names of the tournaments and trophies as and when it is required. Also, special consideration should be given to the name of individuals who have contributed to the Cricket of Uttarakhand."

ITEM NO. (L) (i): CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE PRESIDENT MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA.

Grant to Districts

The Hon Secretary requested permission from the President to include an agenda which was permitted by the President. Mr. Verma proposed that in order to strengthen the District Cricket Associations under the CAU, as the initial step he proposed that a monetary grant of Rs. 50,000 to 60,000 per month should be allotted to every district in order to run their administrative offices and functioning. He also requested the house to give their suggestions.

Mr. Dhiraj Bhandari agreeing with the proposal of Mr. Mahim Verma added that presently in the hilly areas there are no ground, no academies therefore if the house agrees to give monetary grant to the districts it would definitely be of a great help to conduct cricket activities there.

Mr. Ninu Sehgal suggested that focus should be on weaker districts where there are no ground, no academies, those districts should be kept in priority. Also, any monetary grant that the CAU gives to the district, the district should be accountable to it in order to make the process transparent.

Mr. Umesh Joshi explained problems and issues which hilly areas face and challenges to manage Cricket in these areas. He also appreciated the work done so far for the betterment of Cricket in this region.

Mr. Mahim Verma – Hon Secretary, assured the house that it is topmost priority of CAU to promote and develop the game of Cricket in hilly and backward areas.

"RESOLVED THAT after discussions, the House unanimously agreed to the proposal by Hon. Secretary to provide a monetary grant of Rs. 60,000 per month to all the district bodies affiliated to CAU for their running their administration. Also, a further detailed action plan should be prepared and presented in the next general body meeting.

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Action against Treasurer for his inability to fulfill his responsibility and other members who are bringing the association disrepute

Mr. Harsh Goel seeked permission of the President to include an agenda which was permitted by the President, he raised the issue that the Treasurer is not being fulfilling his responsibility as a Treasurer of the Association, that the Treasurer hardly comes to the office of CAU it becomes difficult for signing cheques, releasing payments, etc. The President and The Hon. Secretary had proposed online banking for the smooth functioning, but the treasurer refused to approve it. He added that one of the previous agenda was 'adoption of Treasurers Report' if the Treasurer is not there, who will the house discuss this report with? He suggested that if the Treasurer is not ready to fulfill his responsibilities in the interest of development of Cricket of the state, action should be taken, and someone else should be given the charge. He pointed out that since the Treasurer is not carrying on his responsibilities properly it has become difficult for CAU to function.

Mr. Dhiraj Bhandari added that anyone who has issues or problems should be present in the general body meeting and should raise his/her concerns and should not blame anyone without any factual proof in hand as everyone has a reputation of his own which should be respected. He also said that the CAU as an Association is supreme and no one is greater than the association, so everyone should work together for the betterment of Cricket in the state. He requested the house that a committee should be formed to take strict action against anyone who is defaming and bringing bad repute to the association. If any office bearer has any issues or problems in fulfilling their responsibilities as office bearers they should resign immediately. Also raising the issue of some office bearers boycotting the AGM, he said that they should be given a show cause notice as to why action should not be taken against them.

Mr. Suresh Soniyal, Dr. Girish Goel, Mr. Madan Kohli and Mr. Sanjay Gusain expressed their opinion on this matter and suggested to take appropriate action against those complaining against the association at different forums and not working in the best interest of the association and bringing bad repute to the association.

Mr. Santosh Gairola requested the house to boycott those who boycotted the general body and all rights of the Treasurer should be taken away with immediate effect and hand over the charge to some other individual as Officiating Treasurer for the time being and also that Mr. Prithvi Singh Negi should be informed to hand over all the documents and files related to CAU within his possession within 48 hours, else initiate legal action against him. He also suggested that all other members involved in bringing bad repute to CAU by making complaints and going to media should be sent show cause notice - as to why action should not be taken against them.

Mr. P.C. Kothari stated that the Treasurer is not working to fulfill his responsibilities as a Treasurer. He is busy complaining to the media and others and bringing disrepute to the association. Treasurer on one hand is not carrying on his functions as a Treasurer, and on other hand he is busy demeaning the association by making complaints to the BCCI Ethics Officer

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on 'Alleged irregularities in the making of Cricket Association of Uttarakhand', which was disposed of by Ethics Officer of BCCI. He further stated that it has come to his knowledge that on basis of the statements and information given by the three office bearers i.e. Treasurer, Joint Secretary and Vice President, using a specific person disrepute is being caused to CAU by raising baseless allegations. He requested to make a committee to look into this matter and take necessary action against those who are defaming CAU.

Mr. Harsh Goel requested the house that in accordance with the Constitution of CAU the charge of Treasurer should be taken from Mr. Prithvi Singh Negi and handed over to Mr. Deepak Mehra – councilor.

President noted the view of the house against those who are causing harm to the reputation of the association, but such matter being technical in nature the President requested the advice of Mr. V.B.S. Negi Senior Counsel and Legal Advisor for CAU.

Mr. VBS Negi joined the meeting. Mr. VBS Negi informed the house about the procedure that can be adopted as per the constitution of CAU and the related legal aspects.

The President thanked Mr. VBS Negi for his advice and time. Mr. VBS Negi left the meeting

After discussion amongst members the house unanimously resolved as under:

"RESOLVED THAT house unanimously resolved to constitute an enquiry panel to enquire about the charges against Mr. Prithvi Singh Negi - Treasurer, raised by various members of the association, for which a three-member enquiry panel be constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Virendra Singh Diwan (Retired IDAS) and Shri. Rajeev Dutta and Shri. Neenu Sehgal as members. Shri. VBS Negi - Senior Advocate shall provide his services and legal advice to this enquiry panel. This enquiry panel shall serve the memo of charges to Mr. Prithvi Singh Negi and after complying with the principles of natural justice shall submit its final report within 90 days, with permission of the President the said period may be extended. On submission of the final report, the President shall take decision as per the relevant provisions of the constitution of CAU. Also, that till the report of the enquiry panel is submitted and till the final decision is taken in this matter Mr. Prithvi Singh Negi shall be restrained from discharging the duties of Treasurer of Cricket Association of Uttarakhand, and the duties and function of Treasurer of Cricket Association of Uttarakhand shall be discharged by the elected Councilors of the Apex Council Mr. Deepak Mehra as the Officiating Treasurer of Cricket Association of Uttarakhand for all purposes during such period."

"ALSO RESOLVED THAT, the house unanimously resolved to authorize the President/Hon. Secretary to issue show cause notice to the members who have complained against the association at different forums and have brought disrepute to the association by their acts as to why actions should not be taken against them, and take appropriate action as per the relevant provisions in the Constitution of CAU."

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ITEM NO. (L) (ii): TRANSACTION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN INFORMAL CHARACTER AS MAY BE PERMITTED BY THE CHAIRPERSON.

Mr. Vivek Verma raised the issue about expenses on account of accommodation and for future with cricket activities increasing CAU should focus to lease / or make their own facility, so that in future accommodation charges can be minimized.

Mr. Sanjay Gusain proposed that CAU should purchase and maintain their own ground / academy.

President informed the house that there are discussions in place with the Government of Uttarakhand to lease Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, whatever the update will be informed to all members.

The President asked the house to observe two-minute silence as a mark of tribute to Mr. Sampat Sundaram – member of the association who passed away earlier in the year.

There being no other item on the agenda to be discussed, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

JOT SINGH GHANSOLA

PRESIDENT

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HON. SECRETARY