

MINUTES OF CAU APEX-COUNCIL MEETING

16TH November, 2019

Attendance: All members of the Apex Council were present.

Special Invitee: Mr. Mahim Verma, Vice-President, BCCI.

Introduction

The President congratulated Mr. Mahim Verma on his election as BCCI Vice-President and welcomed Nishtha Pharasi, member players representative on the Apex Council (AP). It was noted that Mr. Mahim Verma & Nishtha Pharasi have resigned from their roles as Secretary & member Women's Selection Committee CAU respectively.

The Treasurer observed that action may be taken as per the CAU constitution regarding the resignation of the Secretary CAU. The AC however, decided to defer the matter for the time being.

1. Agenda

1. General Points

- a. **Supreme Court Case:** It was advised that the case is listed for hearing by the SC on November 27-28th. AC decided this has to be defended vigorously with the BCCI and all steps be taken including hiring the best legal opinion.
The AC noted that the BCCI lawyer has been contacted and the matter is being followed up with urgency.
- b. **AC Nominations:** The AG has been requested to nominate a representative to the AC and this is expected shortly
Male player representative: The ICA will nominate a member
- c. **Appointment of Ethics Officer/Ombudsman:** The President was authorized to suggest the name of a retired SC judge.

2. Operation overview/update-the following was noted

- a. Concern about the CAU teams in BCCI Tournaments.
- b. Outstanding performance of Vanshaj Chauhan & Mohd. Farhan in the U-16 tournament.
- c. Injuries to Unmukt Chand & Deepak Dhapola in the Men's Senior Teams
- d. Facilities at Jain Cricket Academy were not up to the mark.
- e. The registration process of players with BCCI needs to be improved. Going forward registration will be supervised by GM Admin & handled by Rahil Valson Coordinator Cricket
- f. The preparation & training of Ranji & U-23 team will be supervised by Vice-President & Joint Secretary CAU respectively.

3. Team selection

The AC appreciated the guidelines to selectors issued to ensure all team selections are fair, transparent and process driven.

4. Match hosting by CAU

- a. The venues for upcoming matches to be hosted by CAU in different categories were discussed and decided to host all four Ranji trophy matches in Dehradun
- b. In order to concentrate on local cricket, CAU will not hold any more BCCI matches this season.
- c. The arrangements for hosting matches at different venues should be streamlined for better coordination. Meetings have already been held for this purpose.

5. Other Matters

- a. The office appointments of temporary staff are till December 31st on a contract basis.
- b. The salary of Mr. Sumit Bisht to be adjusted/arrears to be paid based on his last pay drawn.
- c. Two persons working at CAU office to be regularized, one as an Account Executive at INR 35,000/Month and the other as Office Assistant at INR 25,000/Month.
- d. All future appointments for office staff will be as per an approved organization structure/staff strength and done through a due process. The vacancies will be duly advertised, applications invited and interviews held for finalizing appointments.
- e. A similar process will be followed for all Cricket Appointments of CAU and Support Staff attached to CAU teams for BCCI tournaments.

6. Administrative measures

- a. The selection of transport vendor done through a proper process was approved.
- b. Regarding clearance of bills pending with BCCI, the Vice-President of BCCI was requested to sort out matters
- c. The AC appreciated steps taken to effect savings (up to INR 50,00,000) on hiring of Support Staff compared to previous years.
- d. It was noted that for the temporary CAU office at IDA hotel till end of December 2019 is at a very nominal rate. Also, housekeeping, wifi, security, refreshments, projectors & printers are being provided by the hotel free of cost.

7. Pending matters

- a. Office Space: The AC discussed options of setting up a permanent CAU office and decided the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium as the first option. The CEO was authorized to progress discussions and take this forward.
- b. Appointment of a Chartered Accountant firm: The Treasurer CAU informed that a party has been finalized and an appointment letter issued. The company will start work shortly.

- c. CAU Bank Account Operations: The Treasurer advised this will be resolved within one week.
- d. CAU AGM: The AC decided that a decision for holding an AGM will be after the BCCI AGM in December.

2. Agenda for approval/decision

- a. Following the resignation of Secretary CAU, the AC authorized the President to attend the BCCI AGM in Mumbai on 1st December 2019. The CEO to inform BCCI accordingly.
- b. Patrons of CAU: The Honorable CM of Uttarakhand will be requested to be the Chief Patron of the CAU. In addition, Mr. Bisht, Mr. PC Verma & Mr. Mengwal were named Patrons of CAU in recognition for their outstanding contribution to cricket.
- c. Gold Cup: The proposal to upgrade and enhance the Gold Cup to showcase CAU cricket was accepted. Specific details for this to be put up to the AC.
- d. Travel/Meeting allowance / entitlement for Apex Council members: The following was approved: -
 - 1. Local member fee for attending meeting INR 5000
 - 2. Outstation Members: CAU approved hotel for one night, travel allowance, incidental charges INR 2000, fee for attending meeting INR 5000.
 - 3. AC members on official duty to avail fuel allowance at INR 15/km, which will be reimbursed monthly on the basis of self-declaration statement.
 - 4. Considering the requirement of official work and frequency of travel from Mussoorie the President is entitled to a transport allowance/reimbursement of up to INR 60,000/Month.
- e. Annual Player Retainer Contracts: The proposal of annual retainer contracts for senior Men/Women players was approved. CEO to put up details to the AC.
- f. Junior Scholarship Scheme for U-16, U-19 Men/Women: The AC approved five scholarships of INR 10,000/Month each for men & women for players with outstanding performances in BCCI tournaments.

Noting the performances of U-16 this season, scholarship for Vanshaj Chauhan & Mohd. Farhan was approved.
- g. CAU cricket nets/academies: The AC appreciated the initiative of setting up of regular cricket coaching facilities in Kumaon & Garhwal for promoting cricket and providing facilities to CAU players.
- h. Formation of Task Forces:
 - 1. Cricket Tournament Structure/Calendar at district/state level
 - 2. Cricket Advisory committee
 - 3. Budgeting & Financial Management Guidelines

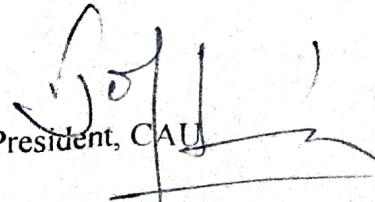
The proposal for setting up three Task Forces & their scope to decide the future roadmap of CAU cricket was accepted. I

The President will nominate the Chairperson/Chairpersons and the members of the Task Forces.

4. The CAU will hold an Annual Cricket Conclave for discussions of cricket activities and development initiatives. The Conclave will include
 - a. Captains/Coaches meeting.
 - b. Seminar, Workshops and Certifications for capacity building of CAU personnel.
 - c. Cricket lecture by an eminent person.
 - d. CAU cricket awards.

3. Other Items with permission of the Chair

- a. Meeting with Anti-Corruption Head BCCI: Members were informed about the meeting of CEO where the Anti-Corruption Head emphasized the need to maintain complete integrity in team selection and financial dealings.
- b. Information/Intimation to AC members: It was decided that AC members would be informed/marked on mails and provided with regular updates on important matters.
- c. Dress Code for Team Managers and AC members: The AC approved providing teams managers and AC members CAU Blazers. Mr. Deepak Verma was directed to take this up.
- d. Possible partnership with Apollo Hospital: Discussions are going on with Apollo Hospitals for becoming for Health/Medical partner of CAU where priority medical assistance and treatment will be available to players. Apollo would also provide medical facilities at cricket matches on concessional charges.
- e. Handling of Cash: It is noted that details of cash collected during trials conducted by CAU is yet it be submitted to accounts. This should be done immediately.
- f. Charges against officials of Tehri district: In view of reports of charges against officials of Tehri district and arrest by police, the AC decided to suspend these officials with immediate effect. The President CAU will make an appropriate announcement to the Media on this.
- g. Meeting with Districts: The Task Force for Cricket Developments/Domestic cricket structure is scoped to make a plan for organizing local cricket in Uttarakhand. The Task Force should hold a meeting with the Districts to get their inputs.
- h. Conflict of Interest: The members expressed concern on Conflict of Interest issues, especially potential cases involving members of CAU, Coaches and support staff. Following a discussion, it was decided to refer this to the Ethics officer, once appointed, to obtain clarity and to take appropriate further steps
- i. Women's cricket: Keeping in mind the low exposure available to women cricketers M/s NishthaPharasi was requested to draw up a plan for promotion of women's cricket.
- j. Complaint of misdemeanor by M/s Lavanya, physio attached to senior women's team.: Considering the gravity of the misdemeanor it was decided to release M/s Lavanya from her duties and settle her fees at 50% of the contracted amount.


President, CAU