



# CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF UTTARAKHAND, DEHRADUN

Affiliated To The Board of Control for Cricket in India  
(Registered Under Society Act 1860)

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE APEX COUNCIL  
OF CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF UTTARAKHAND  
HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2021 (THURSDAY) AT HOTEL PACIFIC, DEHRADUN  
AT 12:00 NOON.**

**ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS**

Name	Designation	Present / Absent
Jot Singh Gunsola	President	Present
Sanjay Rawat	Vice President	Present
Mahim Verma	Hon. Secretary	Present
Avnish Verma	Hon. Joint Secretary	Present
Deepak Mehra	Counsellor/ Officiating Treasurer	Present (Via Video Conferencing)
Nishtha Pharasi	ICA Nominee	Present
Gyanendra Pandey	ICA Nominee	Present
Yogesh Agrawal	CAG Nominee	Absent

The President Mr. Jot Singh Gunsola and other members of the Apex Council Members joined the meeting and the President occupied the chair, on ensuring that the quorum was complete, the Hon. President, called the meeting in order.

The Hon. Secretary informed that Mr. Deepak Mehra - Counsellor/ Officiating Treasurer has intimated his unavailability to join the meeting physically due to health issue and has requested to join via Video Conferencing. The President allowed Mr. Deepak Mehra to attend the Apex Council Meeting through Video Conferencing.

The President has first of all extended a warm welcome to all members present in the Meeting, prayed for everyone's good health and requested to obey Government's instructions and guidelines as the COVID-19 pandemic is spreading alarmingly.

The Hon. President informed the house about the resignation of Mr. Aman Singh (Interim CEO) as he had to join for a new assignment at IPL.

*Yogesh Agrawal*

*Jot Singh*

Mr. Sanjay Rawat, Mr. Avnish Verma and Mr. Gyanendra Pandey raised their objections about how individuals specially at an important post of interim CEO resign without giving prior notice to the Association.

Mr. Avnish Verma added that first Mr. Amrit Mathur and now Mr. Aman Singh resigned and left the association without prior intimation or following proper process.

Mr. Sanjay Rawat suggested initiating disciplinary action against Mr. Aman Singh and any official who has left the office without prior notice or intimation. He also suggested that in future while appointing any official specially for higher posts such as CEO/ COO, there is a minimum two years agreement with such individuals to be appointed. This was supported by Mr. Gyanendra Pandey.

Mr. Mahim Verma informed that Mr. Aman Singh had intimated via email regarding his resignation and taking assignment in IPL.

Mr. Avnish Verma inquired as to how the settlement of dues/ payments of these officials shall be done and further he along-with Mr. Sanjay Rawat suggested that no further payment should be made to Mr. Wasim Jaffer without seeking a legal advice in this matter.

Mr. Mahim Verma informed that balance payments, if any, will be made to the concerned official/ Professional, and further in case of Mr. Wasim Jaffer it will be done according to Tournament held during the season 2020-21 or on pro rata basis subject to legal advice in this matter.

Mr. Mahim Verma also circulated to the members the orders of the Hon'ble Ethics Officer, regarding the reference sought by the Apex Council in its previous meeting.

President requested the members to now take up the agendas point by point.

### **AGENDA'S ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF APEX COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021.**

The minutes of the Apex Council meeting dated 7.2.2021 was circulated to the members and with nothing more to discuss the Apex Council unanimously resolved to confirm/approve the minutes circulated.

### **AGENDA'S ITEM NO. 2: TO DISCUSS CRICKETING ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Mahim Verma informed the members regarding the status of cricketing activities and the Leagues, and that due to rising or spreading of COVID-19 pandemic in the State, the activities are slow.

Mr. Avnish Verma raised his concerns regarding the process of Club registration assigned to District Cricket Association. He also suggested that the registration process of Club & Players should be continued, if required, along-with the organising of District League Matches by District Associations. He pointed out that the registration of clubs and players has complicated paperwork and should be simplified and also the District bodies should be given more rights as they are making their own eligibility criteria for registering Clubs.

Mr. Mahim Verma, informed the members that the registration process was started for the benefit of Players. District Associations like Dehradun and Tehri are conducting Leagues based

*Mahim Verma*

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on the registration process. He also informed the members that due to the recent rise of Covid-19 cases in the state the district bodies are advised to pause the Leagues as of now. He further informed the members that the association is coordinating with the District Associations and providing them financial help as well as guidance for conducting Cricket in the State.

Mr. Avnish Verma raised his concerns regarding club & player registration not going as per association's plan. He also raised his concerns that Office Bearers of some District Associations upload pictures of pitches preparation before the leagues on social media this should be avoided.

Mr. Sanjay Rawat and Mr. Avnish Verma opined that unless leagues will happen Intra- District Matches cannot happen, therefore registration of club and players can be continued along-with League matches.

Mr. Mahim Verma and Mr. Jot Singh Gunsola suggested that organising of League matches depends on the COVID situation in the state and that the district bodies should take a call on it depending on their districts COVID scenario.

Mr. Sanjay Rawat, Mr. Avnish Verma and Mr. Gyanendra Pandey shared their suggestions regarding process of selection having comparative analysis of performance of Players among District Associations before the final selection of Players, selection of Players directly from private Academies or Players who have not registered themselves in their concerned Districts and that proper rules and regulation should be informed to each district association.

Mr. Mahim Verma, assured the members that the cricket in the District will be regulated, also that some private tournament organisers are charging a very high amount from clubs to participate and they should be regulated. He assured the house that the registration process is new and will improve with the passage of time.

Mr. Sanjay Rawat also raised his concerns about have some Districts like Rudraprayag are playing party politics in registration of Clubs. Also, for some Clubs in Districts like Garhwal & Kumaon it is difficult to afford the Registration fee of Rs.10,000/- per year and suggested that the registration fee may be charged once in 4 or 5 years.

Mr. Jot Singh Gunsola agreed on the importance of CAU to grant affiliation to tournaments being organised in Uttarakhand and also to regulate working of District Cricket Associations. CAU should draft some rules & regulations regarding the same and each District Cricket Associations will be liable to follow them. He suggested that the Apex Council should decide that the CAU should make rules and regulation for conducting cricket activities in Districts and that if any decisions have to be taken by the District bodies it has to be approved by the CAU and the district should follow it.

Mr. Mahim Verma stated that in respect of reducing the registration fee, it should be only renewal fee from next year onwards and the amount for the same shall also be decided by the Apex Council. The Registration fee/ Renewal fee will be decided as per the Cricketing facility provided by the concerned district association to their Club and Players. Payment / allocation of funds to District Associations will be as per the availability of Funds from BCCI. Details regarding rules and regulation shall be sent to the district bodies in due course.

Mahim

Jot Singh

*The Apex Council unanimously resolved to authorise Hon. Secretary to prepare the rules and regulation for conducting cricketing activities in District Association and including registration of players and clubs and inform the district association accordingly, and take any such decision in this regard.*

Mr. Jot Singh Gunsola, suggested to the members that since a vacancy has been created due to the resignation of Mr. Aman Singh and in order to manage and organise cricketing activities flawlessly, he recommended the name of Mr. Mohit Dobhal, presently working as General Manager (Admin.) /Manager Finance, to be promoted and given additional charge of a Chief Executive Officer till further orders, with immediate effect.

Mr. Sanjay Rawat suggested that this arrangement should be temporary for six months initially.

Mr. Gyanendra Pandey, suggested the house to decide on the remuneration for Mr. Mohit Dobhal for handling this additional responsibility.

The members invited Mr. Mohit Dobhal to attend the meeting with permission of the President.

Mr. Jot Singh Gunsola enquired from Mr. Mohit Dobhal for his willingness to work as Chief Executive Officer (Interim), to which Mr. Mohit Dobhal politely accepted. The members discussed about the salary / remuneration to be given to Mr. Dobhal, the members were informed that the previous (Interim CEO) Mr. Aman Singh was paid Rs. 225000 per month and after discussion suggested that Mr Mohit Dobhal be given a remuneration of Rs 150000/- per month.

*The Apex Council unanimously resolved that Mr. Mohit Dobhal, presently working as General Manager (Admin.) /Manager Finance, to be promoted and given additional charge of a Chief Executive Officer till further orders, with immediate effect at a revised salary of Rs. 1,50,000/- (One Lakh and Fifty Thousand Only) per month plus other admissible allowances with immediate effect.*

**AGENDA'S ITEM NO. 3: TO ORGANIZE WORKSHOP PROGRAM FOR UMPIRE/ SCORER/ PITCH CURATOR:**

Mr. Mahim Verma briefed the house the need to enhance the human resource of CAU and also to enhance the skills of the current human resources which will eventually help Cricket in State. He added that for cricket activities to grow the state should have qualified resources like Umpires, Scorers, Pitch Curators, etc.

*The Apex Council unanimously agreed to resolve and authorize the Hon. Secretary to organise workshops, appoint individuals or resources for conducting such workshops and take any such decision in this matter.*

**AGENDA'S ITEM NO. 4: TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INVITATION'S TOURNAMENT AFFILIATED TO THE CONCERNED STATE ASSOCIATIONS:**

Mr. Mahim Verma brought attention of the members to the Pre-Season (2021-2022) Schedule circulated to the members. Such a High-Performance Camp for three weeks to be conducted for players emphasizing on teaching players as to how to handle pressure in crucial situation in the match. He informed that Mr. Kiran More (Former Wicket-keeper, Indian Cricket Team) will be invited to share his experience and valuable guidance among the Players,

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Mr. Gyanendra Pandey, added that Mr. Piyush Chawla (Former Leg- Spinner, Indian Cricket Team)/ Mr. Devashish Mohanty (Former Right-arm medium-fast bowler, Indian Cricket Team)/ Mr. Venkatesh Prasad (Former Right Arm Medium-Fast Bowler, Indian Cricket Team) can also be considered to be called whenever needed.

Mr. Mahim Verma proposed that for Women also, an All India Level Tournament like Gold Cup can be organised from the coming Season depending on the pandemic situation. This will be basically for our Girl/ Women Teams so that they get exposure and ultimately perform well in coming domestic cricket. He also added that many state associations are willing to participate if we organise such a tournament.

Mr. Sanjay Rawat advised to conduct friendly practice matches with other state teams before going for Buchi Babu Cricket Tournament organized by Tamil Nadu Cricket Association.

Mr. Mahim Verma suggested that due to the present situation of COVID-19 pandemic instead of teams traveling to play practice matches outside it would be better to conduct fitness camp / high performance camps or any other Camp in a bio-secure environment by following guidelines/ SOPs issued by State Government / BCCI from time to time. He also suggested that during the rainy season in the northern part, the teams can be sent to southern states for practice matches. If the situation permits, we can organise the Challenger Cup at the end of May, 2021.

*The Apex Council unanimously agreed on the above suggestion and proposal of Hon. Secretary and unanimously resolved to authorise the Hon. Secretary to proceed further in the matter as he deems fit.*

**AGENDA'S ITEM NO. 5: TO APPOINT CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' CONSULTANCY FIRM FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-2022:**

Mr. Mahim Verma informed that in the Annual General Meeting held on 21.3.2021 appointed the statutory Auditor for FY 2019-20 and 2020-21. Further for associations day to day requirements of accounting (GST, TDS, Income Tax etc.) we need to appoint a chartered accountancy firm.

Mr. Mohit Dobhal, General Manager (Admin.) informed the members that a similar process of appointment of statutory auditor was carried for appointment of Chartered Accountant Firm also. Quotations were called from three reputed firms out of which one was the existing firm. As per comparative analysis that Mr. Dobhal shared with the members *M/s Minakshi Sharma & Associates* was the L1. He also shared the competitive analysis of the quotation received to the members.

*The Apex Council unanimously agreed to appoint M/s Minakshi Sharma & Associates as the Chartered Accountants' Consultancy Firm for Financial Year 2021-22 for such services and remuneration as quoted by the firm in its quotation.*

**AGENDA'S ITEM NO. 6: TO APPOINT MANAGER CRICKET OPERATIONS.**

Mr. Mahim Verma informed the House that there is a vacancy for the post of Manager- Cricket Operations as Mr. Nipun Juneja (Asstt. Manager – Cricket Operations) tendered his resignation to work for IPL

*Mahim Verma*

*Sanjay Rawat*

The members discussed the issue and discussed various names who have had experience in handling cricket operations.

Mr. Avnish Verma, suggested to have proper transparent process to be conducted for appointment of any individual for the said post.

*The Apex Council unanimously agreed to have a transparent process for filling the vacancy for this post and authorised the Hon. Secretary to initiate the process.*

**AGENDA'S ITEM NO. 7: ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF HON. PRESIDENT**

Mr. Mahim Verma, proposed that Mr. Kamal Singh Kaniyal and Ms Anju Tomar should be rewarded for their performance and contribution in this season as Best Player Men and Best Player Women with a reward of Rs 51000/- and a Memento each.

*The Apex Council unanimously agreed on the above proposal of Hon. Secretary and authorised the Hon. Secretary to proceed further in the matter.*

Mr. Mahim Verma, also proposed that a former Legendary Cricket player from Uttarakhand Mr. Manish Gurang is presently going through serious health problems and due to his poor financial position, he is requesting for financial assistance on humanitarian ground and proposed to give a financial assistance of Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) to support him during his tough times.

Mr. Jot Singh Gunsola appreciated the proposal suggested that application for financial help from Mr. Manish Gurang should be taken and then considering the present financial condition of CAU, release financial assistance to Mr. Manish Gurang in two instalments (Rs.1,00,000/- at the earliest and remaining Rs.1,50,000/- after receiving awaited fund from BCCI).

Mr. Sanjay Rawat suggested that financial help to Mr. Manish Gurang will be released in his name only and not in the name of his any family member.

*Based on the above discussion the Apex Council unanimously agreed on the above proposal of Hon. Secretary and authorised the Hon. Secretary to proceed further in the matter.*

Mr. Sanjay Rawat, raised the matter of scholarship amount for previous year players to be released as soon as possible.

Mr. Mahim Verma informed the members that the scholarship decided for players will be up to August 2020 and the balance payment, if any, will be released to concern scholarship holders at the earliest.

Mr. Mahim Verma, informed the members that the proposed practice matches with Cricket Association of Nepal will require permission of BCCI and once the BCCI permits, we will organise the matches.

*The Apex Council unanimously agreed on the above and authorised the Hon. Secretary to proceed further in the matter.*

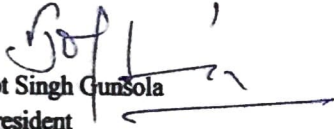
*Mahim*

*Jot Singh*

Ms. Nishtha Pharasi enquired about the decision taken by the Ethics Officer based on the reference by the Apex Council with regard to issue of Conflict of Interest regarding appointment/ nomination of Office Bearer/ Members of the Association in the post of Convenor/ Team Manager etc.

Mr. Mahim Verma informed the members that the three References sought by the Apex Council have been answered by the Hon'ble Ethics Officer Justice Virender Singh and has been circulated to the members. Bare reading of the order suggests that Office Bearer of Association are not eligible for taking post of Convenor/ Team Manager etc. during their tenure, but Ordinary Members are allowed to be appointed.

With no other item in the agenda to be discussed the meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

  
Jot Singh Gansola  
President

  
Secretary  
Cricket Association of Uttarakhand  
Dehradun