



BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 27th, 2010 Noon – 3:00 pm

Conference Room, Days Inn
7841 Normandale Blvd.
Bloomington, MN 55435

EXECUTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President: Golam Sayeed - Vice President: Masaoood Yunus - Secretary: Rehan Saeed - Treasurer: Lochan Samkaran 																																																			
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Meeting Agenda:

- 12:01 to 12:05 – Roll Call/Meeting to Order - *Secretary*
- 12:05 to 12:10 – Reading/Adoption of last meeting minutes and correspondence – *Secretary*
- 12:10 to 12:40 – New team hearing and approval – *MCA Board Members*
- 12:40 to 12:55 – 2009 MCA Financial Report and approval – *Vice President and Treasurer*
- 12:55 to 1:25 – 2010 Budget and Approval – *Treasurer*
- 1:25 to 1:30 – Break
- 1:30 to 1:45 – Announcement of Appointed Positions - *President*
- 1:45 to 2:15 – 2010 MCA Theme – *President and Vice President*
- 2:15 to 2:30 – 2010 Cricket Ball committee update and ball selection – *Secretary*
- 2:30 to 2:55 – 2010 MCA season schedule and related discussion – *Vice President*
- 2:55 to 3:00 – Motion to adjourn the meeting – *Secretary*

Rollcall taken by Secretary and quorum established at 12:08 pm. Meeting called to order by MCA President Mr. Golam Sayeed. Mr. Sayeed requested the board to add a ‘Presidential Remarks’ topic to the agenda. Motion by Mr. Abhishek Shrivastava (Continental) and seconded by Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions) to add Presidential Remarks to the agenda. Motion passed Unanimously.

AGENDA TOPIC #1

3 MINUTES

ADOPTION OF 1/30 MEETING MINUTES

SECRETARY REHAN SAEED

DISCUSSIONS

- Secretary Rehan Saeed went over the 1/30 meeting minutes with the board.
- Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental) noted that there was no mention of fines related to umpiring infractions in the minutes and a correction needs to be made.
- President Mr. Golam Sayeed asked the Head Umpire Mr. Alston Dutchin to check the match reports and report all infractions to the Secretary so that fines could be assessed.
- Motion by Mr. Masaoood Yunus (NorthStars) and seconded by Mr. Abhishek Shrivastava (Continental) to accept the meeting minutes *with* correction. Motion *passed* unanimously.

AGENDA TOPIC #2

3 MINUTES

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

PRESIDENT MR. GOLAM SAYEED

DISCUSSIONS

- President Mr. Golam Sayeed assured the board that the executives are working very hard and one of their goals for the 2010 season is to learn from past mistakes.
- He asked board members to give any feedback and/or suggestions.
- He informed the board that each member needs to address the chair and that there are a lot of items to cover in this meeting so time will be managed accordingly.

AGENDA TOPIC #3

52 MINUTES

NEW TEAM HEARING AND APPROVAL

MCA BOARD MEMBERS

DISCUSSIONS

- Mr. Syed Mia, the representative of Tigers distributed his team's roster, letter of intent and paid the \$550 initiation/membership fee.
- Mr. Syed Mia was reminded of the need for a sponsoring team to which Kaiteur offered sponsorship for season 2010.
- Mr. Mia (former manager of the now defunct Rams CC) presented his team's case to the board and clarified that Tigers have no association with Rams, none of his members have any contact with Rams' players and that he wants to bring new faces to the league.
- Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental): What is the motive of Tigers CC? Are you going to break-up an existing team to fill your roster? Mr. Mia: Tigers' motive is to play quality cricket. Some of the players are from Rams but there is no intention of breaking any team.
- Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions): Your past representation has not been successful, how can you assure the league that past issues associated with your team won't resurface? Mr. Mia: Players were not available due to personal reasons in 2009, which led to the withdrawal of Rams. This year, full responsibility will be taken by management.
- Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions): What is the structure of your club? We need security that Tigers won't fold like Rams did in 2009. Mr. Mia: Had no control over previous teams but take full responsibility for Tigers.
- Vice President Mr. Masaoood Yunus: What guarantee can you give the board that you won't take players from other teams once the season starts? Mr. Mia: Tigers will maintain between 60% - 100% of the submitted roster but will consider adding players that contact him. If there is a law that forbids him from taking players, it will be followed by Tigers.
- Treasurer Mr. Lochan Samkaran (Falcons-B): Have you read the constitution? Teams that you've led have had

disciplinary problems and violated the rules of the league. How will you manage the same players this time around? Mr. Mia: I have not fully read the constitution. Past teams don't exist right now and an opportunity is requested to start a new team. A team grievance committee will be responsible for dealing with any infractions and players will be expelled from the club.

- Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions): Mr. Huxtable, how do you feel about Tigers? Mr. Huxtable: I am not aware of the past and don't want to have anything to do with past issues/politics. I haven't met with any of the team members and am tentatively named the captain of the team. I am busy during the summer so might not be able to play the whole season. I just want to play and enjoy the game.
- Representatives of Tigers CC were asked to leave the room while the board discussed the merits of adding the team to the league.
- The following concerns were raised by board members:
 - * Mr. Mia doesn't have a good history with the league but he is here to promote cricket in Minnesota.
 - * Teams managed by Mr. Mia have always had problems with the league. The board is requested to consider this issue very seriously.
 - * Will it be worthwhile to jeopardize the entire league based on one individual? Mr. Mia has not done anything to regain trust.
 - * Mr. Mia has falsified names in the past.
 - * Everybody should be given an equal opportunity to play and enjoy the game of cricket. The board needs to think of the members of Tigers instead of Syed Mia.
 - * The captain is very busy during the summer and it will be very difficult for him to enforce the rules.
 - * The benefit of the doubt needs to be given to Mr. Mia.
 - * The league needs to revise its acceptance policy; Mr. Mia is taking advantage of the system. He needs to know how to be a team player before a leader.
- Motion by Mr. Alston Dutchin (MICC) and seconded by Mr. Charles Peterson (Cavaliers) to accept Tigers into MCA for the 2010 season and onwards. For: 4, Against: 15, Abstain: 5. Motion *did not* pass.
- Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental) urged the board that new players from Tigers need to be supported by attaching them to existing teams. This is a similar proposal as last year when Mr. Romel Virasami was sponsored by Falcons-A.
- President Mr. Golam Sayeed informed Mr. Mia that the board has decided not to accept Tigers' application for the 2010 season. He encouraged him and his players to join existing teams.

AGENDA TOPIC #4

16 MINUTES

2009 MCA FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL

TREASURER MR. LOCHAN SAMKARAN AND VICE PRESIDENT MR. MASAOOD YUNUS

DISCUSSIONS

- Treasurer Mr. Lochan Samkaran presented the 2009 financial report to the board.
- Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental) reminded the board that the report needs to be approved with the added corrections (inclusion of fines, based on the match report from the Head Umpire).
- Mr. Samkaran informed the board that with the exception of Safari, every team has settled their receivables.
- Motion by Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental) and seconded by Mr. Alston Dutchin (MICC) to accept the 2009 financial report with the addition of fines and payouts. Motion *passed unanimously*.
- Mr. Golam Sayeed reminded the board that executives are seeking volunteer auditors from the board. Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental) volunteered.
- Mr. Samkaran recommended to the board that all fines need to be emailed to the secretary by the coming Friday (3/5).
- Mr. Golam Sayeed informed the board that this is the fifth approved financial report for the league which makes MCA eligible to file for the 501c3 status.
- Vice President Mr. Masaoood Yunus presented the audit results for this quarter. His findings/recommendations are as follows:

- * Treasurer Mr. Lochan Samkaran kept all the records and receipts in compliance with MCA rules and regulations.
- * USACA needs to reimburse \$560 to MCA for Fawad Raza and Saminda Sriwardena's travel expenses.
- * He is missing some receipts from the Western Conference tournament and is requesting the board to approve his reimbursement. He will sign an affidavit to that effect and submit to the Treasurer.
- * Need to collect \$250 (pledged donation) from Mr. Ikram-ul-Haq (Cosmos).
- * Asked the board to approve closing the Wells Fargo account in Brooklyn Park. The account currently holds \$1,700.
- Motion by Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental) and seconded by Mr. Alston Dutchin (MICC) to reimburse the Vice President for expenses incurred during the Western Conference tournament. Motion *passed unanimously*.
- Mr. Golam Sayeed recommended creating a committee to resolve the issue of the Wells Fargo bank in Brooklyn Park.
- Mr. Sheilash Bhakta (Bhakta-B) informed the board that there is an account under his and Mr. Alston Dutchin's name that has \$68.
- Mr. Masaood Yunus asked the board to contact him (vicepresident@minnesotacricket.com) or Mr. Lochan Samkaran (treasurer@minnesotacricket.com) for any questions regarding the financial report.

AGENDA TOPIC #5

61 MINUTES

2010 MCA BUDGET & APPROVAL

TREASURER MR. LOCHAN SAMKARAN

DISCUSSIONS

- Treasurer Mr. Lochan Samkaran presented the proposed 2010 Budget for approval.
- Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental) mentioned that the rental budget for the Bryn Mawr grounds is traditionally \$13,000 + as opposed to this year's \$10,500. Mr. Hirekerur expressed concern that the budgeted amount might be too low.
- Mr. Charles Peterson (Cavaliers) recommended to the board that existing practice facilities need to be improved/maintained before building new ones. The practice pitches at Bryn Mawr need new nets.
- Mr. Abhishek Shrivastava (Continental) recommended budgeting for different playing surfaces for the new practice facilities.
- Mr. Charles Peterson (Cavaliers) recommended that everyone needs to pay for the annual cricket magazine to offset the cost.
- Mr. Charles Peterson (Cavaliers) requested the board to approve \$500 payment for the University of Minnesota cricket team. The funds will help subsidize the team's trip to Florida to participate in the annual college cricket championship.
- Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions) wants the board to approve \$500 to fund the St. Cloud State University's cricket team for the same tournament.
- Mr. Golam Sayeed informed the board that the executives cannot add the requested funds to the budget. However, he will help them by looking for sponsors.
- Motion by Mr. Masaood Yunus and seconded by Mr. Abhishek Shrivastava (Continental) to accept the proposed budget with the following changes: \$6,000 budgeted for the new practice pitches, \$1,200 for the cricket magazine and 2010 membership fees of \$1,400. For: 26, Against: 1. Motion *passed*.

AGENDA TOPIC #6

6 MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOMINATED POSITIONS

PRESIDENT MR. GOLAM SAYEED

DISCUSSIONS

- Mr. Sayeed informed the board of the nominated positions:
- Assistant Vice President: Mr. Kunal Sharma
- Public Relations Officer(s): Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena, Mr. Murthy Chintapalli, Mr. Brahma Sharma
- Head Umpire(s): Mr. Alston Dutchin, Mr. Hassan Mian
- Motion by Mr. Masaood Yunus and seconded by Mr. Abhishek Shrivastava (Continental) to accept the nominated positions. For: 25, Against: 1, Abstain: 1. Motion *passed*.

AGENDA TOPIC #7

22 MINUTES

2010 MCA THEME

PRESIDENT MR. GOLAM SAYEED &
VICE PRESIDENT MR. MASAOOD
YUNUS

DISCUSSIONS

- Mr. Masaood Yunus presented the 2010 MCA Theme to the board.
- He informed the board members that with their approval, MCA executives plan on introducing power plays, improve the infrastructure of the league, standardize rules with ICC, improve sports quality and competition, improve communication channels with USACA and within MCA, safeguard MCA members from undue defections, promote the game in MN, form an MCA Technical Committee replacing MCA Grievance Committee with elaborated portfolio, identify/mentor future administrative talent, and secure sponsorships.
- Mr. Abhishek Shrivastava (Continental) recommended the use of light meters to judge bad light during games.
- Mr. Golam Sayeed informed the board that he is actively working on a youth and women's coordinator for MCA.

AGENDA TOPIC #8

18 MINUTES

2010 CRICKET BALL COMMITTEE UPDATE
AND BALL SELECTION

SECRETARY REHAN SAEED

DISCUSSIONS

- Secretary Rehan Saeed presented the ball selection committee's report to the MCA board.
- Committee member Mr. Abhishek Shrivastava (Continental) re-assured the board that all the samples were tested in an objective manner; committee members were unaware of vendors and made sure that the quality of the ball was the only criterion of selection. Balls were roughed up for over 25 overs of use.
- Mr. Lochan Samkaran asked the board about last year's ball and the common consensus was that a change is needed.
- The committee members unanimously recommended the CA Test Star ball to the board for approval. Mr. Hassan Mian will be the vendor and it will cost \$12/ball.
- Motion by Mr. Alston Dutchin (Cavaliers) and seconded by Mr. Brahma Sharma (Kaiteur) to accept the committee's recommendation. Motion passed *unanimously*.

AGENDA TOPIC #9

7 MINUTES

2010 MCA SCHEDULE

VICE PRESIDENT MR. MASAOOD
YUNUS

DISCUSSIONS

- Mr. Masaood Yunus presented the proposed 2010 schedule to the board.
- He also presented a second schedule which divides the league into three conferences.
- Mr. Golam Sayeed assured the board that nothing will be finalized without their approval and invited members to join a scheduling committee to have their say.

Motion by Mr. Masaood Yunus and seconded by Mr. Abhishek Shrivastava (Continental) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm.