



MINNESOTA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

MCA BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 30th, 2010 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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

MCA 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:

- 1:01 to 1:05 – Roll Call/Meeting to Order
- 1:05 to 1:10 – Reading/Adoption of last meeting minutes and correspondence
- 1:10 to 1:25 – Presidential remarks and reports on 2009 season
- 1:25 to 1:45 – Remarks on 2009 season (Executive Members)
- 1:45 to 2:05 – Remarks on 2009 season (Board)
- 2:05 to 2:20 – 2009 Finance Update
- 2:20 to 2:25 – Dissolve 2009 Appointed Positions & Committee Chairs
- 2:25 to 2:40 – 2010 MCA Membership Drive
- 2:40 to 3:00 – Initial Proposal of 2010 Budget
- 3:00 to 3:15 – Appoint 2010 Appointed Positions and Committee Chairs
- 3:15 to 3:30 - 2010 MCA Cricket Ball Update
- 3:30 to 3:45 – Other Matter
- 3:45 to 3:55 – 2010 Season Milestones, Key Dates
- 3:55 to 4:00 – Motion to Adjourn Meeting, Cleanup

Rollcall taken by Secretary and quorum established at 1:10 pm. Meeting called to order by MCA President Mr. Golam Sayeed.

AGENDA TOPIC #1

5 MINUTES

ADOPTION OF 6/29 MEETING MINUTES

MR. GOLAM SAYEED

DISCUSSIONS

- President Mr. Golam Sayeed went over the 6/29 meeting minutes with the board.
- Motion by Mr. Hassan Mian (Knights) and seconded by Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions) to accept the meeting minutes without correction. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA TOPIC #2

26 MINUTES

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS & REPORTS ON 2009 SEASON

MR. GOLAM SAYEED

DISCUSSIONS

- Mr. Sayeed thanked the entire MCA community.
- He congratulated the University CC, Friends CC, Falcons-A CC, and Stallions CC for reaching the finals.
- Mr. Sayeed informed the board that MCA had a very successful 2009 season. MCA was able to secure 2 new grounds, financial management was at an all-time high, communication improved with team leadership via teleconferences, got huge support from volunteers during all MCA events, improved media relations (MCA was on MPR, Cricinfo, Startribue, Kare11, Sangam media etc ..), held a very successful & fun filled banquet, had a fair MCA XI selection process (MCA XI was able to win the USA invitational tournament), Friends CC helped with community outreach, and we are in talks with Como High School to start a cricket program.
- Areas for improvement were also identified, and shortcomings acknowledged: MCA was not able to file for the 501c3 due to some unforeseen government formalities, had some scheduling errors, were not able to secure as many sponsorships as desired, took a little longer to resolve some grievance issues, unavoidable circumstances did not allow for the website to function properly at times and there was a lot of confusion over rules vs. laws. Lessons learned and we intend to build on the positive energy generated during 2009 season.

AGENDA TOPIC #3

10 MINUTES

REMARKS ON 2009 SEASON (EXECUTIVES)

MCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DISCUSSIONS

Vice President Mr. Masaoood Yunus Remarks:

- Mr. Yunus thanked MCA President Mr. Golam Sayeed, the Executive team and the Board for their support.
- Encouraged everyone to get involved with local communities as social responsibility and as an outreach effort to promote cricket in Minnesota.
- Notified the board that he, Mr. Yousuf Mamsa (Northstars), Mr. Rehan Saeed (Knights) and Mr. Abhijeet Surve (Friends) conducted a cricket clinic for kids between the ages of 10-14 at the YMCA in Andover, MN.
- Encouraged members to volunteer for the Cricket Development committee.
- Asked board members to give feedback about the MCA website.
- Noted that there was improved communication with captains via conference calls and informed the board that he will be conducting conference calls every 4 weeks during the season.
- He thanked Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions) for all his help during the 2009 season.

Secretary Mr. Rehan Saeed Remarks:

- Mr. Saeed thanked the MCA board members and community for all their contributions.
- Congratulated the University CC and Falcons-A CC for winning their respective championships.

- Acknowledged that while 2009 was successful, there is still a lot of room for improvement in the league.

Treasurer Mr. Lochan Samkaran:

- Mr. Samkaran notified the board members that we need additional practice pitches and that we need to remove the shed at the River Park ground.

AGENDA TOPIC #4

22 MINUTES REMARKS ON 2009 SEASON (MCA BOARD) MCA BOARD MEMBERS

DISCUSSIONS

- Mr. Subhaschand Nandlal (MN Windies) noted that the standard of cricket in Minnesota is better and friendlier than what he had seen in other states across the US. He wanted to know how the league evaluated and improved umpire performances during the season.
- Mr. Alston Dutchin (Cavaliers) thanked Mr. Kirit Bhakta (Bhakta-C), Mr. Charles Peterson (Cavaliers) and Mr. Hemant Bhakta (Bhakta-C). He said that umpires did a fantastic job during the 2009 season. He also said that before criticizing umpires, people need to umpire themselves. He also asked team captains for additional support.
- Mr. Murthy Chintapalli (University) said that teams need to roll the practice pitches before every session, roll pitches before every game, and the league should have referees which deal with issues the on-field umpires are unable to handle.
- Mr. Sumeer Khosa (Safari) complained that there were umpiring decisions made against his team.
- Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions) encouraged people to get involved in the association; he noted that it's a volunteer organization so we need all the help possible.
- Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental) noted that the league has come a long way over the past few years, he is proud that over time the entire community bonded and asked everyone to support the MCA executives. He recommended that there be 2 meetings in March and that the league budget for 2 additional practice pitches.

AGENDA TOPIC #5

19 MINUTES 2009 FINANCIAL UPDATE MR. LOCHAN SAMKARAN

DISCUSSIONS

- Treasurer Mr. Lochan Samkaran presented a preliminary, unaudited report to the board.
- Mr. Golam Sayeed asked the board for help with auditing. (2-3 volunteer auditors)
- Mr. Samkaran noted that a significant difference between projected and actual expenses was the \$17,000 bill received from the Minneapolis Park Board. MCA Finance Committee only budgeted \$9,000.
- Mr. Samkaran informed the board that funds need to be withdrawn from MCA's old Wells Fargo account in Brooklyn Park.
- Mr. Sayeed informed the board that the draft will be audited by Vice President Mr. Masaood Yunus and then he will invite 3 independent auditors. The report will be audited by the February board meeting.

AGENDA TOPIC #6

8 MINUTES DISSOLVE 2009 COMMITTEES MR. GOLAM SAYEED

DISCUSSIONS

- Mr. Sayeed thanked all the 2009 appointed positions and committee members for their service during the season.
- He dissolved all appointed positions and committees.
- 2010 appointed positions and committee chairs/members will be announced in the February board meeting.

AGENDA TOPIC #7

11 MINUTES

2010 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

MR. GOLAM SAYEED

DISCUSSIONS

- Teams paid their \$50 2010 registration fee to Treasurer Mr. Lochan Samkaran.
- Mr. Samkaran informed the board that all teams need to pay the \$50 fee by 15th February to be eligible for the 2010 season.

Motion by Mr. Deo Arnachellum (Falcons-A) and seconded by Mr. Anil Patel (UWCC) to shift the remaining agenda items to the February board meeting and adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.