



BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 13th, 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 - Assistant Vice President: Kunal Sharma 																																																			
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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 12:15 – Latest Updates (Grounds/USACA/MCA) – *President*
- 12:15 to 12:25 – 2010 Theme, Umpiring – *Head Umpires*
- 12:25 to 12:35 – 2010 Theme, Public Relations – *Public Relations Officers*
- 12:35 to 12:45 – 2010 Theme, AVP – *Assistant Vice President*
- 12:45 to 12:55 – Social Hour, dues/fines collection by Treasurer – *Treasurer*
- 12:55 to 1:10 – Rules Update – *President and Vice President*
- 1:10 to 1:35 – Rules Update Discussion – *MCA Board*
- 1:35 to 1:55 – Future Season Schedule Discussion – *Vice President and Assistant Vice President*
- 1:55 to 2:05 – 2010 Schedule Presentation – *Vice President and Assistant Vice President*
- 2:05 to 2:20 – 2010 Schedule Discussion – *MCA Board*
- 2:20 to 2:45 – 2010 Schedule Lottery/Assignments – *MCA Board*
- 2:45 to 2:55 – Closing Remarks/Open Forum
- 2:55 to 3:00 – Motion to Adjourn Meeting – *Secretary*

Rollcall taken by Secretary and quorum established at 12:13 pm. Meeting called to order by MCA President Mr. Golam Sayeed.

AGENDA TOPIC #1

5 MINUTES

ADOPTION OF 2/27 MEETING MINUTES

SECRETARY REHAN SAEED

DISCUSSIONS

- Secretary Rehan Saeed went over the minutes from the February 27th board meeting.
- Motion by Mr. Hassan Mian (Knights) and seconded by Mr. Deo Arnachellum (Falcons-A) to approve the minutes without correction. Motion *passed* unanimously.

AGENDA TOPIC #2

6 MINUTES

LATEST UPDATES (GROUNDS/USACA/MCA)

PRESIDENT MR. GOLAM SAYEED

DISCUSSIONS

- President Mr. Golam Sayeed informed the board of the following:
 - A dialogue has been started with the Brooklyn Park and Minneapolis Park Boards.
 - We will know the blackout dates for the Riverview Park by the first week of May.
 - CER is fielding a women's cricket team in the 2010 Women's National Tournament. If interested, please contact MCA. The secretary will be emailing out information within the next week and the website will be updated accordingly.
 - Majority of the committees for 2010 have been formed and have started their work. A more detailed report will be given in the next board meeting.

AGENDA TOPIC #3

17 MINUTES

2010 THEME, UMPIRING

HEAD UMPIRES MR. ALSTON
DUTCHIN & MR. HASSAN MIAN

DISCUSSIONS

- President Mr. Golam Sayeed introduced the head umpires for the 2010 season: Mr. Hassan Mian and Mr. Alston Dutchin.
- Mr. Dutchin informed the board that there will be some new people in the umpiring committee for this year and that the role of the captain will be very important as the executive committee plans to introduce new game rules.
- Mr. Mian apprised the board of the following:
 - The head umpires plan on formulating an umpiring panel with a mix of youth and experience.
 - Teams that have criticized umpires in the past, need to step-up and actively participate in the umpire training/certification process to help address their concerns.
 - All umpires need to be on time.
 - Teams need to report all infractions to the head umpires and executive committee.
 - Umpires need to follow the dress code.
 - All umpires need to know the rules of the game before stepping onto the field and will be tested stringently this year.
 - Captains need to write the details of a bad umpiring performance so the head umpires can follow up with the umpire and educate them accordingly. The head umpires want to build a culture where umpires are willing to get critiqued.
 - The head umpires promised to look at every match report and follow up on every concern.
- Mr. Charles Peterson (Cavaliers) recommended that the head umpires emphasize in the seminar that English be the only language spoken by the umpires during games.

AGENDA TOPIC #4

42 MINUTES

2010 THEME, PUBLIC RELATIONS

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS MR.
MURTHY CHINTAPALLI & MR.
NANDIKA ABEYGUNAWARDENA

DISCUSSIONS

- President Mr. Golam Sayeed introduced the 2010 Public Relations Officers (PRO) Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena and Mr. Murthy Chintapalli to the board.
- Both of the officers went over their plans for the 2010 season.
- Mr. Abeygunawardena addressed his goals:
 - Approach companies and setup meetings with the Human Resource and Marketing departments to discuss potential sponsorships with MCA
 - Appeal to local communities and get them involved/interested in the game.
 - Contact city and school officials to help reach a more diverse population.
 - MCA sponsors will get a dedicated page on the website.
- Mr. Chintapalli outlined his plan:
 - Teams will provide contacts of corporations which the MCA Public Relations committee will pursue (teams get 50% of the sponsorship).
 - Need at least one volunteer per team to help with community outreach.
 - Need to invite more people to MCA events (Members day, banquet etc.).
 - Small businesses are a vital source of sponsorship for MCA. PROs will contact and give presentations to the owners to explain the advantages of entering into a mutually beneficial sponsorship agreement.
 - News agencies and other media outlets will be contacted (by issuing press releases) before each major MCA event.
 - The PRO committee will have 6-7 people which will then lead the efforts of the one volunteer per team requested earlier.
 - Will send out thank you letter to all the 2009 sponsors.
 - A sponsorship strategy document will be created and presented to the board in the next meeting.
 - A relationship needs to be established with sports outlets like Sports Authority and Dicks Sporting Goods.
- Any questions or suggestions can be sent to the PROs at publicrelations@minnesotacricket.com
- Mr. Charles Peterson (Cavaliers) recommended that the PROs set goals before the season and try to fulfill them.
- Mr. Sayeed reminded the board that the MCA website is a great tool for promotion and past sponsors were extremely satisfied with the results.
- Mr. Sayeed also reminded the board that if anyone plans on using the MCA name to receive any sponsorship, prior approval is needed.

AGENDA TOPIC #5

10 MINUTES

2010 MCA THEME, AVP

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT MR.
KUNAL SHARMA

DISCUSSIONS

- President Mr. Golam Sayeed introduced the 2010 Assistant Vice President Mr. Kunal Sharma to the board.
- Mr. Sharma thanked the board for giving him the responsibility and presented his goals for 2010:
 - Improve the web experience for 2010 and the vendor has assured that there will not be any significant downtime this year.
 - The website will be re-organized in a more efficient manner (videos/pictures will have their own page etc).
 - The website will be a one-stop portal for all MCA information.
 - Dates of future board meetings, umpiring seminars and captain conference calls will be added.
 - A login based page will provide sensitive information to teams (access codes for sheds etc.)
 - Statistic reporting will improve and teams will be able to access their individual team pages to access player statistics during the season.
 - Support will be extended to the PRO committee.
 - Website visitation needs to be increased.
- Mr. Sharma asked the board for any volunteers who would like to assist with the website. Names can be emailed to him at avp@minnesotacrick.com
- Mr. Sharma asked teams to contribute articles for the website.
- Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental) recommended that the board look into PDA scoring during games. His team has tried it this year with success.

AGENDA TOPIC #6

48 MINUTES

FINES COLLECTION/FINANCIAL UPDATE

TREASURER MR. LOCHAN SAMKARAN

DISCUSSIONS

- President Mr. Golam Sayeed reminded the board that teams need to send their representatives to attend board meetings. Teams need to be aware of rule changes and board decisions.
- Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental) recommended that the teams be fined \$25 for missing a meeting, in accordance to MCA policy.
- Treasurer Mr. Lochan Samkaran presented the 2010 income summary report. He noted that all clubs have settled their past dues from 2009 and that there is still no report on the umpiring infractions/fines for 2010.
- Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental) accepted responsibility of contacting the head umpires and reporting the fines to the treasurer by March 20.
- Mr. Samkaran informed the board that the cricket balls for 2010 have been ordered and circulated the contract MCA signed with the vendor: H and I Management.
- Mr. Ikram-ul-Haq still needs to pay his pledged donation for 2009. Vice President Mr. Masaood Yunus will go to his office in Burnsville and collect the donation before the next board meeting.
- Mr. Pritesh Bhakta (Bhakta-A) claimed that he was told by the board to order 44 balls for testing during the 2009 season (2 balls/team). The MCA executive committee is not paying him due to a misunderstanding (Executives have no record of ordering the balls).
- Vice President Mr. Masaood Yunus informed Mr. Bhakta that there is no mention in the meeting minutes and if there is any confirmation from the board, he has no problem authorizing payment to Mr. Bhakta.
- Motion by Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental) and seconded by Mr. Anil Patel (UWCC) that Mr. Pritesh Bhakta be remitted the \$900 for balls, MCA maintain a cost neutral budget for 2010, write this payment off as 2010 bad debt, and not use the balls in any games. For: 18, Against: 3. Motion *passed*.
- Mr. Samkaran informed the board that Cosmos CC has not paid the \$50 membership fees.
- Motion by Mr. Alston Dutchin (MICC) and seconded by Mr. Charles Peterson (Cavaliers) to accept payment from Cosmos. Abstained: 2. Motion *passed*.

AGENDA TOPIC #7

57 MINUTES

RULES UPDATE DISCUSSION

MCA BOARD

DISCUSSIONS

- President Mr. Golam Sayeed informed the board that there have been discussions of aligning MCA game rules with ICC rules.
- Motion by Mr. Hassan Mian (Knights) and seconded by Mr. Alston Dutchin (MICC) to limit discussion of each rule to 4 minutes (2 minutes for, 2 minutes against) and the chair will appoint the representatives for both sides. Motion *passed unanimously*.
- Mr. Sayeed emphasized that team captains needs to be aware of the rule changes and that the head umpires must communicate all changes in the umpiring seminar.
- Chairman of the Cricket Development Committee Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur presented the proposed power play rules to the board. According to his proposal, there will be fielding restrictions during the first 8 overs of every 40-over game (only 2 fielders outside the 30-yard circle) called P1, fielding side gets to select the first power play (P2) of 4 overs with the same fielding restrictions as P1, the batting side can only select their 4 overs of power play (P3) after the fielding side, and if after 32 overs, no team has selected their power play, the umpires will enforce it.
- Motion by Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental) and seconded by Mr. Masaood Yunus (North Stars) to adapt the power play rules according to his proposal (outlined above) and in accordance to the ICC table. For: 15, Against: 8. Motion *passed*.

AGENDA TOPIC #8

6 MINUTES

2010 SCHEDULE PRESENTATION

VICE PRESIDENT MR. MASAOOD
YUNUS AND ASSISTANT VICE
PRESIDENT MR. KUNAL SHARMA

DISCUSSIONS

- Vice President Mr. Masaood Yunus distributed the proposed schedule for 2010 and briefly discussed it with the board.
- He noted that captain conference calls are on the schedule.
- 'Ground not available' is carried forward from last year and once he hears from the park board, the schedule will be updated with the latest information.
- He encouraged everyone to look over the schedule and contact him: vicepresident@minnesotacricket.com with any errors.
- Any bye week requests need to be emailed to the Secretary (secretary@minnesotacricket.com).
- Mr. Yunus informed the board that he will not be able to attend the board meeting on March 27 and his deliverables will be presented by the Assistant Vice President and Secretary.
- Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur (Continental) recommended that all games be co-hosted in 2010.

Motion by Mr. Alston Dutchin (MICC) and seconded by Mr. Jaykar Bhakta (Bhakta-B) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:14 pm.