



**MINNESOTA
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ASSOCIATION

MCA BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 14, 2009

Noon – 3:00 pm

Bryant Park Community Center
3101 Bryant Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55408

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:

- 12:00 to 12:05 – Roll Call/Meeting to Order
- 12:05 to 12:10 – Reading/Adoption of last meeting minutes and correspondence
- 12:10 to 12:20 – Presidential remarks
- 12:20 to 12:30 – 2008 Financial report approval
- 12:30 to 12:45 – 2009 appointed positions and committee chairs
- 12:45 to 1:15 – 2009 Committee Updates
 - i. CER/MCA XI: Mr. Masaoood Yunus
 - ii. Cricket Development: Mr. Charles Peterson
 - iii. Grievance: Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena
 - iv. Internal Audit and Compliance review: Mr. Masaoood Yunus
 - v. Public Relations: Mr. Chandra Pakala
 - vi. Umpiring: Mr. Alston Dutchin and Mr. Kirit Bhakta
 - vii. Vendor Management: Mr. Rehan Saeed
 - viii. Web and Stat: Mr. Chirag Patel
- 1:15 to 1:20 – Break for 5 minutes
- 1:20 to 1:35 – Corporate resolution of MCA constitution
- 1:35 to 1:50 – Reinstatement Appeal: Mr. Romel Virasami
- 1:50 to 2:05 – UCC-A's proposal on name change/guidelines
- 2:05 to 2:35 - 40 overs and Twenty20 rules

2:35 to 2:50 – Other Matters
 2:50 to 2:55 – Assignments/Tasks/Timetable
 2:55 to 3:00 – Motion to adjourn the meeting

Quorum established at 12:13 pm. Meeting called to order by MCA President Mr. Golam Sayeed.

AGENDA TOPIC #1

3 MINUTES ADOPTION OF 2/28 MEETING MINUTES MCA EXECUTIVES

DISCUSSIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President Mr. Golam Sayeed went over the 2/28 meeting minutes with the board. - Motion by Mr. Lochan Samkaran (Falcons-B) and seconded by Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions) to accept the meeting minutes without correction. Motion passed unanimously. 	

AGENDA TOPIC #2

6 MINUTES PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS PRESIDENT MR. GOLAM SAYEED

DISCUSSIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Sayeed informed the board that all executives, nominated positions and committee chairs were informed of their roles and responsibilities for 2009. - He presented an org chart with details of committee members and a brief explanation of roles/responsibilities. - He informed the board that MCA has 2 new grounds this year. This will allow greater flexibility in scheduling. He further thanked all the executives and MCA members who helped with securing the new grounds. 	

AGENDA TOPIC #3

20 MINUTES MCA FINANCE UPDATE TREASURER MR. LOCHAN SAMKARAN

DISCUSSIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MCA Treasurer Mr. Lochan Samkaran presented a financial report to the board. - Mr. Alston Dutchin (Cavaliers) reminded the board that all teams need to pay their 2009 dues by April 15. - Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions) recommended that Kaiteur’s \$500 payment towards 2009 be counted against their outstanding balance from 2008. - President Mr. Golam Sayeed re-emphasized that all teams need to designate 2 representatives and 1 alternate to attend all board meetings. - Motion by Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions) and seconded by Mr. Deo Arnachellum (Falcons-A) that all outstanding balance from 2008 needs to be paid by March 28. All paid dues from 2009 will be counted against the past due balance from 2008. If outstanding balance is not paid by 3/28, a 10% fee will be assessed. Motion passed unanimously. - Mr. Bobby Ally (Kaiteur) informed the board that he will meet with his team and pay the balance to MCA Treasurer Mr. Lochan Samkaran by March 15, 2009. 	

AGENDA TOPIC #4

DISCUSSIONS

- Vice President Mr. Masaood Yunus presented the preliminary draft of the 2009 schedule to the MCA Board.
- Mr. Yunus recommended to the board that the Twenty20 be moved to the start of the season.
- In the Twenty20 tournament, reserve days will only be allocated for the playoffs.
- Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions) was concerned about playing Twenty20 at the start of the season and expressed concern that his team and possible others might not have the attire.
- Mr. Yunus responded that if other teams have the same issue than this matter can be looked into. MCA cannot base its schedule on one team's convenience.
- Mr. Dwight Stewart (Falcons-A) recommended that MCA does not renew the permit for the Anoka ground.
- Mr. Alston Dutchin (Cavaliers) made a correction that Memorial Day 2009 weekend is from May 23-25. Mr. Yunus noted it down and correct date will be reflected in all future schedules.
- President Mr. Golam Sayeed asked the board to approve 10 additional minutes to discuss this topic. MCA Board unanimously approved.
- Mr. Sid Muthevi (AllStars) noted that Div. I is a premier division and adding additional teams is diluting it. He reminded the board of a precedent set 2 years ago when AllStars was not retained in Div. I when an extra team was welcomed to the league.
- Mr. Kunal Sharma (University) recommended that the board come up with a hybrid solution where we keep an extra ground but do not dilute Div I.
- Mr. Yunus proposed to the board that the group games for the Twenty20 be played before the 40-over season starts and the playoffs are played after the 40-over season.
- Motion by Mr. Alston Dutchin (Cavaliers) to accept Mr. Masaood Yunus' proposal.
- Motion wasn't seconded so didn't stand.
- Motion by Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions) and seconded by Mr. Aravind Rozario (Lions) to keep the Twenty20 tournament at the end of the season. For: 16, Against: 7, Abstain: 1. **Motion passed.**
- Mr. Lochan Samkaran (Falcons-B) reminded that board members keep limit discussions to the best interest of the league and not pursue personal agendas unless it matters MCA and affect's MCA season.
- Motion by Mr. Charles Peterson (MICC) and seconded by Mr. Alston Dutchin (Cavaliers) that we keep 10 teams in Div. I. For: 6, Against: 16, Abstain: 2. **Motion failed.**
- Motion by Mr. Abhijeet Kumar (Gymkhana) and seconded by Mr. Deo Arnachellum (Falcons-A) that we accept option 1 (10 games played on 6 grounds) with 11 teams in Div. I and 12 in Div. II with the amendment that Twenty20 be kept at the end of the season. For: 19, Against: 0, Abstain: 5. **Motion passed.**
- Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions) and Mr. Sid Muthevi (All Stars) recommended that the 9th ranked team from Div. I and the 3rd ranked team from Div. II have a playoff game. The winner will play the 2009 season in Div. I.
- Motion by Mr. Lochan Samkaran (Falcons-B) and seconded by Mr. Abhijeet Kumar (Gymkhana) that the 9th ranked team from Div I stay in Div I. For: 16, Against: 0, Abstain: 8. **Motion passed.**
- All schedule preferences need to be e-mailed to the MCA Secretary by April 10, 2009.

AGENDA TOPIC #5**DISCUSSIONS**

- i. CER/MCA XI:
 - Committee Chairman Mr. Masood Yunus informed the board that the annual CER tournament will be played in Chicago over the Memorial Day weekend.
 - Mr. Yunus has received a list of players from teams. He will discuss with his team and come up with a roster by early May.
- ii. Cricket Development:
 - Committee Chairman Mr. Charles Peterson asked members to volunteer to coach a women and youth team for MCA.
 - Committee is looking for youth teams of various ages. Pee-pee (under 6), under 9, under 12 etc. One of the goals of the team will be to enter an MCA youth team into the USACA tournament.
 - All suggestions for rule changes need to be sent to the MCA Secretary by April 1, 2009.
- iii. Grievance:
 - Chairman Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena informed the board that there have not been any grievances so far.
 - He further assured the board that all recommendations will be according to the MCA constitution.
- iv. Grounds:
 - Chairman Mr. Kido Bhakta told the board that he applied for 2 additional grounds with Ramsey County but has not heard anything back yet.
 - It was the committee's recommendation that if they secure a new ground, the Anoka Park ground will not be used in 2009.
 - Mr. Lochan Samkaran reminded the board that 2 of the new grounds are on school property and there will be absolutely no tolerance for alcohol or smoking.
 - President Mr. Golam Sayeed expressed his gratitude for all of Mr. Lochan Samkaran's hard work to secure the new grounds.
 - Mr. Samkaran also informed the board that there will be at least 2 new practice slots this year.
- v. Internal Audit and Compliance review:
 - Chairman Mr. Masood Yunus encouraged all Certified Public Accountants to volunteer in the quarterly audits.
 - The first quarterly audit for 2009 will be presented to the board on the 4/11 board meeting.
 - Mr. Yunus informed the board that a new format will be used for 2009.
- vi. Public Relations:
 - Chair Mr. Chandra Pakala assured the board that a positive relationship will be maintained with all past sponsors.
 - He presented a sponsorship matrix to the board and will work with committee members to secure sponsorships.
 - President Mr. Golam Sayeed recommended that all members speak to their companies and volunteer with gaining sponsors for the league.
 - Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena spoke to TBS Mart in Bloomington, MN and they are willing to sponsor the league. Mr. Pakala will get in touch with TBS Mart.
- vii. Umpiring:
 - Committee chair Mr. Alston Dutchin asked the board to email all proposed rule changes to the MCA Secretary by April 1, 2009.
 - He asked the Secretary to e-mail seminar notices at least a week in advance.
 - Mr. Dutchin asked that all attendees be prepared to discuss rules at the seminar.
 - He classified umpires into 3 categories:
 - Senior Umpire: Certified for more than 3 years and umpired at least 2 games in 2008.
 - Junior Umpire: Certified for at least 2 years and umpired 2 games in 2008.
 - Rookie Umpire: Has not been previously certified by MCA
 - Mr. Dutchin reminded the board that everybody needs to attend the seminar and rookies need to complete the take home exam.
 - President Mr. Golam Sayeed asked the committee to arrange at least 2 more seminars before the season starts.
- viii. Vendor Management:
 - Committee chair Mr. Rehan Saeed informed the board that they received 2 samples for the 2009 balls. One was from Mr. Amer Mian of AH Sports and one was from a vendor in Houston.
 - Mr. Saeed recommended to the board that the CA ball from last year be used in 2009. For the most part, reviews have been positive for the CA ball and it's cost efficient.
 - Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena recommended that MCA look into other vendors and not rely on just one.
 - Committee member Mr. Syed Fawad Raza recommended that we try out new balls at the MCA XI practices.
- ix. Web and Stat:
 - Committee chair Mr. Chirag Patel informed the board that he is still transitioning.

- MCA Secretary will send out an e-mail with instructions of how to access team pages.
- Committee members Mr. Masaood Yunus informed the board that MCA will have a new website online before the 4/11 board meeting.
- Mr. Syed Fawad Raza recommended that the new website have blogs.
- Mr. Yunus reminded the board that this year all player transfers and releases will be handled by team captains or administrators. The league will only get involved if there is a dispute.

AGENDA TOPIC #6

3 MINUTES

CORPORATE RESOLUTION OF MCA
CONSTITUTION

MCA TREASURER MR. LOCHAN
SAMKARAN

DISCUSSIONS

- For 501c3 purposes, the MCA constitution needs to be signed on the 4/11 board meeting.
- Proposed changes need to be e-mailed to the MCA Secretary by April 1, 2009.
- The draft of the constitution will be e-mailed to the board before the 4/11 board meeting.

AGENDA TOPIC #7

25 MINUTES

APPEAL FOR REINSTATEMENT: MR. ROMEL
VIRASAMI

N/A

DISCUSSIONS

- As per last year's decision, this matter is being revisited.
- Mr. Romel Virasami handed out a letter and made his case to the board.
- Mr. Virasami is willing to sign an affidavit stating that he will be banned for life from MCA if there are any further problems.
- Mr. Sid Muthevi (All Stars) asked Mr. Virasami to assure the board that he will initiate any off field disturbances as done in the past.
- MCA Executives will invite Mr. Romel Virasami to their meeting and have him sign the affidavit.
- Motion by Mr. Alston Dutchin (Cavaliers) and seconded by Mr. Haddan Thomas (MN Windies) to reinstate Mr. Romel Virasami for the 2009 season. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Mr. Virasami thanked the board for its support and reassured that he will not create any further problems for the league.

AGENDA TOPIC #8

10 MINUTES

UNIVERSITY CC NAME CHANGE

PRESIDENT MR. GOLAM SAYEED

DISCUSSIONS

- President Mr. Golam Sayeed reminded the University CC that they need to change their name or abide by their original charter.
- Vice President Mr. Masaood Yunus reminded UCC that the name 'University Cricket Club' needs to be reserved only for the University of Minnesota and should be reviewed by next Board Meeting.
- UCC asked that they are allowed to keep their name and they will have three students from any University on their roster.
- Mr. Sid Muthevi (All Stars) reminded the board that the club was made specifically for the University of Minnesota.
- UCC informed the board that they will have problems fielding a team if 7 players need to be from the University

of Minnesota (as per their original intent).

- Motion by Mr. Alston Dutchin (Cavaliers) and seconded by Mr. Sid Muthevi (All Stars) that if UCC keeps their name, then the University of Minnesota needs to be considered. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions) and seconded by Mr. Sheilash Bhakta (Bhakta-B) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.