



MINNESOTA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

MCA BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 21, 2009 Noon – 3:00 pm

Powderhorn Park
3400 15th Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55407

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 12:25 – Presidential remarks
- 12:25 to 12:35 – 2008 Financial report approval
- 12:35 to 12:45 – 2009 appointed positions and committee chairs
- 12:45 to 1:15 – 2009 Proposed budget and approval
- 1:15 to 1:20 – Break for 5 minutes
- 1:20 to 1:50 – 2009 tentative schedule
- 1:50 to 2:00 – Dates for umpire seminars and future board meetings
- 2:00 to 2:30 – New clubs, existing clubs name changes etc
- 2:30 to 2:45 - Other Matters
- 2:45 to 2:55 – Assignments/tasks/time table
- 2:55 to 3:00 – Motion to adjourn the meeting

AGENDA TOPIC #1		
5 MINUTES	ADOPTION OF 1/24 MEETING MINUTES	MCA EXECUTIVES
DISCUSSIONS		

- President Mr. Golam Sayeed went over the 1/24 meeting minutes with the board.
- Motion by Mr. Basheer Khan (Kaiteur) and seconded by Ms. Pam Eslinger (MICC) to accept the meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA TOPIC #2

10 MINUTES PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS PRESIDENT MR. GOLAM SAYEED

DISCUSSIONS

- Mr. Sayeed assured the board that the executives have procured at least one new ground.
- He thanked the Bhakta organization and Safari CC for pursuing new grounds on their own time.
- He informed the board that the new executives are not done transitioning but will be by the March board meeting. He further thanked former President Sandeep Hirekerur for all his help during the transition phase.
- He created a new committee: Cricket development committee. This committee will be responsible for working with different communities, researching cricket laws and present new ideas by which cricket can be promoted in Minnesota.

AGENDA TOPIC #3

35 MINUTES 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVAL TREASURER MR. LOCHAN SAMKARAN

DISCUSSIONS

- Treasurer Mr. Lochan Samkaran presented a final audited report to the MCA board.
- As per Mr. Chandra Pakala's report, umpiring infractions and forfeitures were added to the receivables.
- Mr. Chirag Patel and Mr. Sandeep Hirekerur still have balls from 2008. The executives will contact them and collect the balls.
- Cricket equipment and color kits from CER tournaments need to be returned to MCA.
- Mr. Alston Dutchin (Cavaliers) recommended that the executives recover all MCA equipment by the March board meeting.
- Mr. Charles Peterson (MICC) suggested that money from MCA's Wells Fargo account be withdrawn and the account closed by the next board meeting.
- Mr. Lochan Samkaran requested the board to give the MCA executives authority to deal with Wells Fargo on that matter.
- Motion by Mr. Charles Peterson (MICC) and seconded by Mr. Alston Dutchin (Cavaliers) to give the MCA executives authority to deal with Wells Fargo bank. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Lochan Samkaran recommended that we close an old MCA bank account from the 1990s.
- Motion by Mr. Alston Dutchin (Cavaliers) and seconded by Mr. Veera Chintapalli (University) to accept the final audited report. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA TOPIC #4

30 MINUTES 2009 FINANCIALS TREASURER MR. LOCHAN SAMKARAN

DISCUSSIONS

- Mr. Lochan Samkaran presented the 2009 proposed budget.
- Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions) recommended that MCA put forth guidelines of how sponsorships are handled. In his opinion, the current arrangement is not fair to MCA.
- MCA executives will look over the details of previous arrangements and have a policy for donations/sponsorships by the March board meeting.
- Vice President Mr. Masaood Yunus encouraged all board members to take responsibility and distribute the cricket annual. This will help in the promotion of cricket in Minnesota.
- Mr. Golam Sayeed urged the board to help volunteer with the MCA website.
- Mr. Syed Mia (Rams) offered 2 programmers from his company who will help with the website.
- Motion by Mr. Charles Peterson (MICC) and seconded by Mr. Alston Dutchin (Cavaliers) to set aside 50% of the remainder of 2009's budget for long term use. For: 6, Against: 6, Abstain: 9. Motion did not pass.
- Motion by Mr. Alston Dutchin (Cavaliers) and seconded by Mr. Charles Peterson (MICC) to accept the 2009 proposed budget. One abstained. Motion passed.

AGENDA TOPIC #5

15 MINUTES

2009 APPOINTED POSITIONS AND COMMITTEE
CHAIRS

PRESIDENT MR. GOLAM SAYEED

DISCUSSIONS

- Mr. Golam Sayeed announced the nominated positions and committee chairs.
- Appointed positions are as follows:
 - Assistant Vice-President (1st Vice President): Mr. Pritesh (Kido) Bhakta
 - Head Umpires: Mr. Alston Dutchin and Mr. Kirit Bhakta
 - Public Relations Officers: Mr. Chandra Pakala and Ms. Josine Durant
 - IT Admin/Webmaster: Mr. Chirag Patel
- Ms. Josine Durant will let the executives know in 3 days if she is able to accept the post.
- Head Umpires and Public Relations Officers were unanimously approved by the board.
- The committee chairs are as follows:
 - Grievance: Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena
 - Grounds and Equipment: Mr. Pritesh (Kido) Bhakta
 - Web and Stat: Mr. Chirag Patel
 - Umpiring: Mr. Alston Dutchin and Mr. Kirit Bhakta
 - Public Relations: Mr. Chandra Pakala and Ms. Josine Durant
 - Cricket Development: Mr. Charles Peterson
 - CER and MCA XI: Mr. Masaood Yunus
 - MCA Vendor selection: Mr. Rehan Saeed
 - Internal auditing and compliance review: Mr. Masaood Yunus
- Secretary will e-mail detailed descriptions/responsibilities of all the committees to the MCA board.

AGENDA TOPIC #6

15 MINUTES

2009 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

VICE PRESIDENT MR. MASAOOD
YUNUS

DISCUSSIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Masood Yunus presented a tentative schedule for 2009. The schedule was based on 22 teams playing on 4 grounds. - Final schedule will be presented once the executives get a confirmation on the new grounds. - Teams need to send in a request to MCA Secretary to reserve any grounds for the 4th of July or Labor Day weekends as soon as possible. - Mr. Chetan Kumar (Allstars) recommended that Twenty20 be taken seriously and that extra weekends are allocated for bad weather. - Any suggestions/concerns need to be e-mailed to the MCA Secretary. 	

AGENDA TOPIC #7

20 MINUTES NEW CLUBS, EXISTING CLUB NAME CHANGES N/A

DISCUSSIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Sookdeo Somaiah introduced the Minnesota Windies CC. Team roster and officials were announced to the board. - Mr. Somaiah assured the board that his team will support itself financially. - Motion by Mr. Alston Dutchin (Cavaliers) and seconded by Mr. Abhishek Shrivastava (Continental) to accept Minnesota Windies CC to MCA. Motion passed unanimously. - Mr. Veera Chintapalli (University) was given reasons by the MCA board/executives to change their name or update the guidelines by which their club was accepted into the league. - Mr. Veera Chintapalli (University) will confer with his team and bring a proposal to the next board meeting. 	

AGENDA TOPIC #8

15 MINUTES UMPIRING SEMINARS AND FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS PRESIDENT MR. GOLAM SAYEED

DISCUSSIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Golam Sayeed encouraged everyone to get certified and help the league with umpiring. He noted that every team needs to have a minimum of three certified umpires. - Mr. Sayeed distributed a 2009 MCA events, milestones and deadlines sheet to the board. This handout contained all important dates (future umpiring seminars, board meetings etc). - MCA Secretary will e-mail the 2009 MCA events, milestones and deadlines document to the board. 	

AGENDA TOPIC #9

15 MINUTES OTHER MATTERS N/A

DISCUSSIONS	
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- The new MCA text was presented to the board for approval by Vice President Mr. Masaood Yunus.
- Text was approved as nobody objected.
- Mr. Charles Peterson (MICC) asked the board to consider taking a team to the US T20 Cricket Open tournament in Florida. The deadline to enter a team is the 27th of February.
- Teams need to e-mail their practice slot and schedule requests to the Secretary.

Motion by Mr. Nandika Abeygunawardena (Lions) and seconded by Ms. Josine Durant (MICC) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm.