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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE APEX COUNCIL OF CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF UTTARAKHAND HELD ON SUNDAY, 08TH DECEMBER, 2024 AT CAU HEAD OFFICE, DEHRADUN.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS

Name	Designation	Present/Absent
Dr. Girish Goyal	President	Present
Mr. Dhiraj Bhandari	Vice President	Present
Mr. Mahim Verma	Hon. Secretary	Present
Mr. Suresh Singh Soniyal	Hon. Jt. Secretary	Present
Mr. Manas Mengwal	Hon. Treasurer	Present
Mr. Santosh Gairola	Counsellor	Present
Ms. Ritika Deshpande	ICA Nominee (Female)	Present
Mr. Shantanu Sugwekar	ICA Nominee (Male)	Present – (VC)
Mr. Mukesh Kumar	CAG Nominee	Present – (VC)
Mr. Mohit Dobhal	CEO	Present
Mr. O.P.S. Yadav	G.M. (Finance)	Present

President welcomed all the members of the Apex Council and after checking from Hon. Secretary that the required quorum was completed called the meeting in order and requested the Hon. Secretary to commence the meeting as per agenda.

Hon. Secretary welcomed all the members of the Apex Council and started the meeting.

Agenda No. 1: To confirm the minutes of previous Apex Council Meeting dated 23.05.2024.

The Hon. Secretary informed the house that draft minutes have been circulated, Vice President objected to the confirmation of minutes without specifying any reason and it was noted. Other member agreed to confirm the minutes.

RESOLVED THAT, the Apex Council by majority resolved to confirm the Minutes of the previous Apex Council Meeting dated 23.05.2024 as circulated.

Agenda No. 2: To discuss the change in rules & regulation for granting affiliation to any tournament.

The Hon. Secretary informed the house that in our State, all the clubs/players are giving priority to the shorter format and the demand for tournaments of 20-25 overs for getting approval/affiliation has increased. He suggested we should promote minimum 40 & maximum 50 overs matches and multi days format.

He suggested that for approval of any tournament application has to be made to the respective District Cricket Association in the name of Hon. Secretary with a Demand Draft. Upon receiving the application, the District Secretary immediately should forward such application along with the demand draft with his recommendations to the Hon. Secretary of CAU and then the Hon. Secretary of CAU may decide to or not to grant approval to the said application. The tournament approval application must be submitted to the respective District Associations at least 15 days prior to commencement of the tournament.

He also suggested that CAU should appoint an observer for such approved tournaments and an assignment fees of Rs. 5000/- per tournament to the observers as Honorarium. No additional TA/DA shall be provided.

Hon. Secretary also suggested that for promoting the Red Ball Cricket, we should organise a multi-day tournament in which State teams will participate just like Buchi Babu tournament. Hon. President directed to CEO to prepare a layout and budget for organising the said tournament which can be discussed later.

Hon secretary suggested that for Open men's category and U-19 each district association will select their team by conducting trails/matches and provide 20 probable to CAU. For other categories of men selection CAU will conduct open trails/matches.

Hon Joint secretary requested to the suggestion of secretary and suggest to add U-23 with senior and U-19 categories, which was agreed by all.

RESOLVED THAT, the Apex Council unanimously resolved that for Open category, Under 23 and Under 19 category any limited over tournament should be between 40-50 overs and for under 16 and Under 14 category any limited over tournament should be between 35-50 overs. The Apex Council unanimously resolved and also approved the suggestions given by the Hon. Secretary regarding affiliation process and appointment of observer.

Also resolved that for upcoming cricketing season for Open, U-23 and U-19 men's category each district association will provide 20 probable to CAU after conducting trails/selection matches, for U-16 and U-14 category CAU will conduct open trail/selection matches."

Agenda No. 3: To discuss player participation in unauthorized tournament.

The Hon. Secretary informed the house that some of players/support staff are participating in unauthorized/unapproved tournaments which is not affiliated/approved with CAU. If any player/support staff participates in such tournaments, then he will be banned for one cricketing season. Also directed to Operation department to compile and prepare a report regarding the same to be presented to the Hon. Secretary.

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"RESOLVED THAT, *the Apex Council unanimously resolved that players/support staff are participating in unauthorised/unapproved tournaments which is not affiliated/approved with CAU, he/she shall face a ban of one cricket season. Also, the operation department will prepare a report signed by COO and CEO and present before the Hon. Secretary and the final decision will be taken by Hon. Secretary."*

Agenda No. 4: To discuss about various complaints received.

It was discussed that complaints have been received from various individuals associated with the association against Shri Dhiraj Bhandari, Vice President and Ordinary Member of CAU of acts of indiscipline and misconduct which are detrimental to the interest of the CAU and the game of cricket and endanger the harmony and affect the reputation and interest of the CAU.

Two complaints individually by Shri Girish Goyal (President) and Shri Manas Mengwal (Hon. Treasurer) of CAU against Shri Dhiraj Bhandari regarding sending them legal notices through legal counsel with an attempt to harass and defame them by making misleading and factually incorrect accusations. That, sending such legal notices by a Vice President is a gross misconduct which is detrimental to the interest of the CAU which is likely to endanger the harmony and affect the reputation or image of the CAU and bring disrepute to the CAU and is likely to be detrimental to or bring disrepute to the game of cricket, made unsubstantiated defamatory statement(s) and levelling unsubstantiated allegation(s) against fellow office bearer and is a gross misconduct of Breach of Trust and Confidence. Thereby requesting the Hon. Secretary to consider the complaint of indiscipline and misconduct and violation of Rules and regulations including regulations governing the discipline and conduct, which is detrimental to the interest of the CAU and the game of cricket and endangers the harmony and the reputation of the CAU and take appropriation action in that regard.

One complaint by Shri Mohit Dobhal (CEO) of CAU against Shri Dhiraj Bhandari wherein through a legal notice being sent through legal counsel it has been falsely implicated that he as CEO has acted in contravention of the CAU Constitution or any relevant laws. That such a legal notice being an attempt by a senior office bearer in this case the Vice President to harass an employee by making baseless legal threats. Also raising complaints of gross misconduct, detrimental to the interest of the CAU and bringing the association to disrepute, Breach of Trust and Confidence made against Shri Dhiraj Bhandari. Thereby requesting the Hon. Secretary to take action.

One complaint has been received from Shri VBS Negi, Senior Advocate and Legal Consultant to CAU of communication seeking explanation requested by Legal Counsel of Shri Dhiraj Bhandari concerning a legal opinion which was provided by him earlier to the association. He also raised in his complaint the approach taken by the office bearer in question through his legal counsel, who opted to challenge / seek explanation of the legal opinion through external legal means rather than following the CAU's internal channels and such action constituting a breach of professional conduct and an undermining of the established processes and decorum that all CAU office bearers should be expected to observe and sought to take appropriate disciplinary measures in this regard.

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One complaint has also being filed by Hon. Secretary - Shri Mahim Verma to the President of CAU against the Vice President Shri Dhiraj Bhandari for actions that constitute a breach of trust and confidence, confidentiality, and overreach of authority raising concern that Shri Dhiraj Bhandari has filed a document in an ongoing dispute pending before the Hon'ble Ombudsman, and that document being an expert opinion by a Chartered Accountant on issues relating to the financial and accounting practices of CAU. That, by seeking such an expert opinion from a person outside the purview of the Association and Shri Bhandari has disclosed confidential information pertaining to the Association's financial and accounting practices that too without the prior consent or knowledge of the Association's office bearers or apex council. By doing so the Vice President has acted beyond his defined responsibilities and authority of the position, such conduct being not only improper but also detrimental to the credibility and smooth functioning of the Association, and has requested the Apex Council to thoroughly investigate the matter and take appropriate action to uphold the Association's principles of governance, trust, and confidentiality.

A communication is received from Shri Saurabh Agarwal of M/s ANDROS & Co. who were the statutory auditors of CAU for FY 2022-23 raising concern of of Shri Dhiraj Bhandari approaching them through his legal counsel bypassing the CAU's internal channels, to express opinions and seek clarifications on the audit conducted by them in their official capacity. Such acts of Shri Bhandari are detrimental to the interest of the CAU and this be also taken as and considered as a formal complaint against Shri Dhiraj Bhandari.

That, the Hon. Secretary also submitted that a notice was received from Doiwala Police Station in name of Shri Mahim Verma - Hon. Secretary, Shri Girish Goyal - President, Shri Manas Mengwal - Treasurer, Shri Mohit Dobhal- CEO to appear before the police station in matter of investigation on a complaint filed by Shri Dhiraj Bhandari - Vice President of CAU alleging mis-utilisation of funds, non-accountability, non-transparency, allegation of corruption and non-seeking of financial audits. That such allegations are totally unfounded and baseless and appropriate statement has been submitted to the police for investigation. But such acts of Shri Bhandari are detrimental to the interest of the CAU and this be also taken as and considered as a formal complaint against Shri Dhiraj Bhandari by the all the above named in the notice from the police.

That, the Apex Council should take note of all the above complaints and proceed as per provisions of the constitution. That Such complaints fall within the jurisdiction of Provision 41(1)(b) of the prevailing constitution of CAU and therefore considering all the above complaints a Show Cause Notice calling for explanation should be issued to Shri Dhiraj Bhandari regarding the same.

"RESOLVED THAT, *the Apex Council unanimously resolved to take note of all the above complaints and consider them under Provision 41(1)(b) of the constitution of CAU and thereby authorise the Jt. Secretary Shri Suresh Singh Soniyal to issue a Show Cause Notice calling for*

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explanation to be answerable within 7 days to Shri Dhiraj Bhandari and thereafter call for Apex Council meeting to take further decision in the above mentioned complaints."

Agenda No. 5: Any other matter.

Hon. Secretary informed the house about the suggestion given by the President that Uttarakhand State government is hosting the National Games 2024-25. As the objectives of Cricket Association of Uttarakhand is to promote the Cricketing activity in Uttarakhand and provide excellent platform to players to show their talent, also to promote other games, therefore a suggestion to contribute some financial assistance to state government for National Games should be considered.

Hon. Secretary also informed the house that Ms. Raghvi Bisht, one of our best women players who has also performed very well in domestic cricket and has now been selected for India-A side for tour of Australia and has made the association proud. He suggested that the association should give her a reward i.e a prize of Rs. 3 Lakh for her contribution and success.

"RESOLVED THAT, the Apex Council unanimously approved the said suggestions of President and Hon. Secretary and resolved to Contribute a sum of Rs. 25,00,000/- for National Games to be given to State Government and award a sum of Rs. 3,00,000/- to Ms. Raghvi Bisht to honour her contribution."

The CEO Mr. Mohit Dobhal informed the house that in the Apex Council Meeting held on 10.02.2024 agenda was to Confirm the minutes of previous Apex Council Meeting held on 7.12.2023 but due to a typographical error the date of previous Apex Council meeting was mentioned as 10.02.2024 instead of 7.12.2023 and requested the house to permit to rectify this mistake. The Vice President raised his objection of correcting the typographical error and the same was noted, and other members agreed to the request made by the CEO and was passed.

There being no other item on agenda to discussed, the meeting concluded with a vote to thanks to the chair.

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