

AGM November 14th 2009 Minutes

AGM Attendance

BCC – Amit Gandhi, Ratna Suresh, Keyur Amin, Manoj Thakur, Sudhanshu Bhargava, Kit Dias, Shankar K, Rajesh K, Parveen Shenoy, Srinivas Tummalapenta

CSCC – Kervyn Dimney, Gaurav Sharma, Akhil Pai, Monami Sharma

CSUCC – Tej Kiran B, Manju Kumar, Naveen Kaje

FCCC – Gopal Susarla, Dipal Patel, Nadeem Rafiq, Prashant Tank, Tejas Tank, Mike Riley, Prasad Malvankar

RBCC – Ishan Rao, Taufiq Raihan, Salman Latif, Altaf Ahmed, Misbah Rehman, Tahir Rana, Maim Razzak, Joseph Thevarajah

Status Updates

2009 EC provided the following:

1. CCL's registration with Department of Labor, CO. CCL paid \$100 to get the registration renewed for 2009.
2. Updates on 501-3(c) status for CCL. A member from RBCC had some good information on this as he had personally gone through the procedure. Kit Diasabegunawardena and him offered to help CCL go through this procedure.
3. League Officers insurance: EC was not able to get Officer's insurance as there are not many companies offering this insurance. They were able to get quotes from only 1 company.
4. DreamCricket: Services offered by DreamCricket were discussed. LMC to make the decision to move to DreamCricket once the 2010 EC will talk to DreamCricket and get more information.
5. Garden Acres, Longmont: There were numerous complaints about the mat being worn out at the Garden Acres, Longmont ground. It was decided that CCL will not schedule any more games at the Longmont ground till the mat is replaced and inspected by 2010 EC?
6. Quality of Umpiring was discussed. No off-the-bat solutions came up. CACU will evaluate if certification of umpires needs to be changed.

Election of Officers

The following Officers were elected:

President: Kervyn Dimney (CSCC)

Vice-President: Suresh Talatoti (BCC)

Treasurer: Akhil Pai (CSCC)

Secretary: Prasad Malvankar (FCC)

Note: All election of officers were unanimous.

CACU Secretary: Tahir Rana (RBCC)
CACU Scheduler: Sudhanshu Bhargav (BCC)

Awards

The following were the awards for the 2009 season:

T20KO

MVP: Ishan Rao (RBCC)

RBCC – champions

FCCC – Runners up

T20

Best Batsman: Anand Ganti (UNM)

Best Bowler: Narsimha Sortur (FCCC)

Best All Rounder: Dharmesh Bhakta (UNM)

Premier:

Best Batsman: Kervyn Dimney (CSCC)

Best Bowler: Noman Khan (RBCC)

Best All Rounder: Omer Rafiq (FCCC)

Constitutional Amendments and Proposals:

Proposal 1

Current constitution:

2.3 Junior membership

Junior Membership is open to teams under 18 years of age who are approved in accordance with the Bye-laws Section 1 and who pay dues in accordance with the Bye-laws Section 2(b). They shall have the same privileges as Associate Members.

Proposal:

Junior Membership is open to teams whose 75% of members (at least 7 of the playing 11 on game day) are under 18 years of age who are approved in accordance with the Bye-laws Section 1 and who pay dues in accordance with the Bye-laws Section 2(b). They shall have the same privileges as Associate Members.

RESULT -> PASSED, ALL IN FAVOR

Proposal 2

Current Bye-laws:

Section 2 Joining Fees, Membership Fees and Subscriptions

(a) The Management Committee shall determine the annual subscription to be paid by Full Members. Part of the annual subscription shall be an annual membership fee. The

membership fee shall be paid by April 30th and the remainder of the subscription by May 31st. All Full Members shall pay the membership fee and the subscription; Associate Members shall pay only membership fees. Application for new membership shall require payment of a once only, non-refundable joining fee. This fee shall apply to all new clubs and to new teams formed by existing clubs (except Junior teams, who are exempt from the Joining Fee in all cases).

Annual subscriptions shall include the fee League supplied insurance.

The fees and subscriptions are:

Full membership : N/A

Associate membership : N/A

Subscription : \$440.00 (new teams), \$330.00 (old teams)

Joining fee : \$100.00

Proposal:

(a) The Management Committee shall determine the cost per club to be a full member. This is the cost to run the League on a no-profit no-loss model which includes operating expenses, insurance costs, USACA fees etc agreed to by Management Committee. This cost is due by each Club irrespective of how many teams each Club fields. In addition there will be a per tournament fee per team. Application for new membership shall require payment of a once only, non-refundable joining fee. This fee shall apply to all new clubs and to new teams formed by existing clubs (except Junior teams, who are exempt from the Joining Fee in all cases).

New Club joining Fee: \$100

Per Tournament Fee: \$50

RESULT -> PASSED, ALL IN FAVOR

Proposal 3

Current Constitution:

4.1 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held between seasons, not later than November 30th. The Secretary shall circulate notification of a General Meeting and the agenda, together with minutes of the last meeting, shall be circulated to all members by the Secretary, at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The quorum for all such meetings is four times the number of Full Membership Clubs. Only named members of Full Member Clubs shall count towards the quorum and have a vote. These names shall be taken from the club rosters as submitted to the League Secretary. Additions to the roster may be made until one week before the General Meeting. Written proxies received by the Secretary can nominate a member attending the meeting to exercise a vote on behalf of an absent Full Member. No voting member present may exercise more than two proxy votes. Proxies must also be on the club rosters.

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Quorum Rule:

- at least 50% of clubs in the league are represented
- and
- at least 20 members are present

RESULT -> PASSED, YES-21, NO-10

Proposal 4

New Proposal: If passed, will be added to Section 7(c) CCL Cougar Finances

In addition to any sponsorship money collected by CCL, all fines and penalties collected during the season should be used towards CCL-Cougar trips out-of-state in tournaments. CCL-EC should create a separate account for CCL-Cougars and all the money collected from Penalties should be deposited in to that account.

RESULT -> FAIL, YES-1, NO-33

Proposal 5

New Proposal:

A group similar to LMC group will be created for every member of CCL. This group will be called 'CCL-League' group. This Group can then be used for voting processes for AGMs/EGMs. The following conditions apply:

1. Proposals need to be published to the group no later than a week before the AGM/EGM.
2. Voting by general members on the proposals should end a day before the AGM.
3. A proposal put up for vote in the CCL-League group will not be open for vote at the AGM/EGM.
4. Any member who has played at least 1 Premier League or 1 Twenty20 regular season game will be eligible to become a member of this group.
5. CCL-EC will publish membership rolls of this group at least 3 weeks before the AGM/EGM and LMC will scrutinize it, make changes if necessary and approve it.

RESULT -> FAIL, YES-0, NO-34

Proposal 6

New Proposal:

Election of Officers:

4 Weeks before the AGM, interested candidates must submit their names and the office they wish to run for. This gives ample time for CCL members to decide on the right candidate for the right office. Only if nominations were not received for a given office or were withdrawn, will it be made open for candidates at the AGM.

RESULT -> PASS, ALL IN FAVOR

CSCC's Proposals

Proposal 1

Can we enforce the practice of co-signer or joint account holder on the CCL bank account, apart from the Treasurer ?

Section 3 – Duties of Officers

(a) **President** - The President shall be a co-signer of all checks.

(d) **Treasurer** - All payments and disbursements are to be made by check, signed by the Treasurer and the President. The signatures of the President, Treasurer and one other Management Committee member, appointed by the President to act in his/her absence, shall be registered with the bank for withdrawal of funds.

Or written approval (POSTAL MAIL OR EMAIL) from President for amount > 100

Currently the President and the Treasurer are the co-signors on the CCL account. It was decided that this proposal was not needed.

Proposal 2:

Individual CCL members rights to know about CCL finances/balances/ expenditures on a periodic basis ? (Monthly, quarterly)

I think a quarterly report with the starting bank balance, all the expenses, incomes serves as good accountability, rather than wait till the end of the year to figure out what went right/wrong during the financial audit.

This also gives us a picture of what CCL-EC has been working on during that period.

Again after a discussion it was decided that this proposal was not needed, anyone wanting to know about CCL finances will make their request to the CCL-EC through their LMC representative and CCL-EC will respond to that request.

Proposal 3: The treasurer shall also be responsible for preparing a budget to be presented to the Management Committee 4 weeks AFTER the Annual General Meeting.

Section 3 – Duties of Officers

(d) Treasurer

The treasurer shall also be responsible for preparing a budget to be presented to the Management Committee at the Annual General Meeting.

This does not get done at the AGM. If a treasurer is elected, how can he present the budget right then and there ? We need to give him enough time (about a month) to go thru the previous year's budget/actual expenses, suggest some alternates in terms of any savings that can be accomplished or additional required expenses that need to take place, and then present the budget to the LMC.

Passed

Proposal 4: Enforce the “end of the year” Financial audit.

Section 3 – Duties of Officers

(d) Treasurer

The accounts of the Treasurer shall be submitted annually for audit to two members appointed by the President.

Set a date so that the Treasurer can deposit all cheques, make all payments, and close the accounts, and be ready for the audit 2 weeks before AGM.

This needs to be done well before the AGM, making sure that all was done well and everything was accounted for. Then you present at the AGM that audited report and report all the incomes, expenses and balance. We have done this a couple of times for the previous administrations. It's just not written out in the constitution/ bye-laws.

This proposal was not needed as the EC is required to file end of the season CCL finances to the LMC for review.

Proposal 5: Election of Officers:

Section 4 Election of officers

(a) Eligibility

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Did not pass. Members were of the opinion that the option for some one to stand for office should exist at the AGM.

Proposal 6: Create a set list of award categories that can be followed every year.

As of this moment we only have 4 awards mentioned (see section 4 of Game rules – Best Batting, Best Bowling, Best All Rounder, MVP Knockouts). Let's take care of creating newer awards, and have a set list of award categories that can be followed every year. The awards should be tournament specific.

In the 2005 AGM (see CCL documents) EC was to incorporate additional awards (fastest 50, most economical bowler etc.), but it has never been followed every year/season.

Best Fielder

Best WicketKeeper

MVP for each tournament

Rookie of the Year (Premier League & Twenty20 League specific – not tournament specific)

Best Umpire (Overall)

If we want to recognize more CCL players, then we shall mention/recognize the top 3 award category nominees.

It was decided that the EC will come up with the new award categories and then get LMC's approval.

Proposal 7: Get rid of unfit grounds/pitches.

4.2 Pitch Complaints

In the event of a dispute over the safety of a pitch, the complaining captain may cancel the game and request that a pitch inspection be carried out by a Management Committee member within 5 days of receiving the complaint. If the pitch is deemed unfit, the match must be rescheduled at a venue of the plaintiff's choice. If the pitch is deemed fit, the match shall be awarded against the plaintiff. If a Club or team prepares two or more unsafe wickets, their membership status will be reviewed by the Management Committee.

We've got to put provisions of what is acceptable or not as ground/pitch conditions, as the home teams currently tends to ignore the situation as there is no consequence. We've mentioned this is multiple Captains' reports, but I'm not sure what really gets done.

Why is captain given authority to cancel the game ? What is umpire's duty/responsibility ?

Proposal was amended to: "Captain does not have the right to cancel the game. Only umpires will make the decision to cancel a game"

Proposal 9: The CCL League schedule should also include the Cougars practice

sessions and games.

As part of the Secretary's duties to create the schedule, it should include the Cougars practice sessions and so that players don't have to miss playing for their club/team. It will also be fair to players to be able to compete for League awards.

The month of April/May can be used for Cougars to play games against 2 teams that weekend.

Not passed. The scheduling committee will consider this a request and see what they can accommodate.

Proposal 11: Teams backing out of tournaments/ matches, apart from the forfeit fine, will still be responsible for all other fees (ground fees etc).

This needs to be part of the Game/General rules. It needs to apply to all games/tournaments. When teams back out, the home team loses out on the ground fees, and the ordered/catered lunch, Portalet, and any other expenses.

CCL will incorporate a wording in the CCL-by-laws that states that the teams involved for a specific game are responsible for all the costs involved. So even if the team forfeits, they are still responsible for all the costs incurred by the home team.

Proposal 12: If CCL follows a tradition, please lets document it. And also if it needs to be implemented then make sure that it is part of the CCL rules.

People expect traditions to be followed day-in day-out. A documented general frame work DOES not exist for the traditions followed by CCL.

Take the case of MVP knockouts Supposedly, the winning captain was given the option to pick a player from his team to whom he thought would be the MVP. Thats more a captain's choice award.

Similarly, in the POTW, there would some honorable mentions. None of that existed this season.

A tradition documented and as a CCL rule, gives us the opportunity to follow it consistently.

There are several traditions that CCL follows with respect to awards. 2010-EC will solicit the LMC for the different traditions followed. The list of traditions will then be put for LMC's vote. The passed traditions will then become rules and be incorporated in to the CCL-General Rules document.

Proposal 14: EC Status (work in progress) Report to LMC - Weekly/Monthly basis.

Half the time we don't know what EC is doing or not. So why can't we (the general CCL

membership) know what the plan is for the next 4 weeks, and what got accomplished, and what is/has been pending? Opportunity to prioritize the tasks.

Or

Get all tasks of all officers put on a calendar, and stick to that schedule.

Or

A monthly newsletter created by one of the officers (Vice-President)

Everybody agreed that setting up a weekly/monthly reports to the LMC is a big ask of EC working as volunteers. So in effect this proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 18: Pursue Sponsorships - Create a team/committee to focus on this.

This should be a dedicated committee that focuses on Sponsorships for CCL throughout the season, year after year, making sure that we earn revenue from these sources consistently. To spread the workload of this committee, each club shall have a representative.

This is one of the committees CCL or EC should get created at the start of the season.

EC will set up a working committee and have them work on securing sponsorship for CCL.

2010 Season Format Proposals

Proposal 1:

Any tournaments for 2010 will be conducted in series, i.e. no 2 tournaments should be conducted in parallel.

RESULT -> PASSED, NO-5, ABSTAIN-1, YES-28 (Proposal 1 was amended by Proposal 2)

Proposal 2:

There will 3 tournaments conducted for 2010. The sequence of tournaments will be T20, Premier and T20. The season will start in mid-April till end of September. The first T20 Tournament of the season will include the Cougars as a team.

RESULT -> PASSED, NO-2, ABSTAIN-4, YES-28