

MADHYA PRADESH CRICKET ASSOCIATION, INDORE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE (I.E. THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT) OF THE MADHYA PRADESH CRICKET ASSOCIATION, INDORE, HELD ON 31st AUGUST 2024 AT MPCA OFFICE, INDORE

A meeting of the Committee of the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA) was held on the 31st of August 2024 at 1.00 pm at 'A W Kanmadikar Conference Hall' 'Madhavrao Scindia Administrative Block' 'Holkar Stadium', Indore.

The following members were present –

1	Mr. Abhilash Khandekar	: President	
2	Mr. Ramnik Singh Saluja	: Vice President	
3	Mr. Sanjeev Rao	: Hon. Secretary	
4	Ms. Siddhayani Patni	: Hon. Joint Secretary	
5	Mr. Pawan Jain	: Hon. Treasurer	
6	Mr. Akshay Dhakad	: Individual Member	
7	Mr. Raju Singh Chouhan	: Individual Member	
8	Mr. Abhay Purandare	: Individual Member	
9	Mr. Siddharth Kapur	: Member	(C C I)
10	Mr. Rajesh Lukked	: Member	(Ujjain Division Cricket Association)
11	Mr. Jitendra Singh Baghel	: Member	(Chambal Division Cricket Association)
14	Mr. Pranay Singh	: Member	(Shahdol Division Cricket Association)
15	Mr. Kirti Patel	: Member	(Male nominee of ICA MP Chapter)
16	Ms. Vishakha Jog	: Member	(Female nominee of ICA MP Chapter)
17	Mr. Deen Dayal Verma	: Member	(Representative of MP AG Office)
18	Mr. Rohit D Pandit	: CAO	

Mr. Aditya Singh (Bhopal Division Cricket Association) joined the meeting virtually. Leave of absence was requested by, and granted to, Mr. Sangram Kadam, Mr. Mandaar Sharma and Mr. Harsh Agrawal.

- Mr. Sanjeev Rao (Hon. Secretary) commenced the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all members attending the meeting.
- Mr. Abhilash Khandekar (President) greeted the committee members particularly Mr. DD Verma who was attending 1st meeting . He urged the members to offer condolences to the families of those who have passed away since the previous meeting in March.
- The President firstly applauded the Indian team who clinched the T20 World Cup 2024 trophy and congratulated BCCI for the same.
- After this, the President then congratulated all the players of MPCA who have performed in IPL 2024 and also congratulated Mr. Chandrakant Pandit, Director of Cricket in MPCA, and the coach of Kolkata Knight Riders along with Venkatesh Iyer for Winning the IPL 2024 Trophy.

- The President informed the house about the completion of Gwalior Stadium project and also the inauguration of the stadium that held on 15th of June 2024. He thanked all the consultants, contractors and all the individual who have put their efforts to complete the project.
- The President then congratulated the Gwalior Division Cricket Association for successfully organizing the first ever Madhya Pradesh League. He gave his vote of thanks to Shri Mahaaryaman Scindia and the whole governing council of MPL for their collective efforts to organize it.
- The President then applauded the selection of Players for various camps organizes by NCA and BCCI and the recognizing the potential of our players on national stage.
- The President then informed the house regarding the preparation for the upcoming season of 2024-25.
- The president also expressed his heartiest congratulations to all the players who won medals to nation in Paris Olympics 2024.

The President then requested Mr. Sanjeev Rao (Hon. Secretary) to proceed with the meeting agendas:

Agenda 1: To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 11.03.2024

The Hon. Secretary informed the house that the minutes of the previous meeting have been circulated to all members along with notice. He then invited the members to propose any corrections or amendments, if necessary.

As none of the changes are being suggested, so the house approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11.03.2024.

Agenda 2: To approve the draft Annual Report of the Association for the year 2023-24.

The Hon. Secretary informed the house that the draft of the Annual Report has been circulated to all members. He invited members to submit any suggestions or amendments, if required.

As none of the suggestions came up, so the house passed the draft annual report of the association for the year 2023-24.

Agenda 3: To approve the Audited Statement of Accounts and the Auditor's Report for the Financial year 2023-24 (including the international matches played during the year 2023-24)

The Hon. Secretary requested the Hon. Treasurer to brief the members on the circulated document related to the audited statement. Mr. Pawan Jain, the Hon. Treasurer, provided a brief summary of the audited statement, which is as follows:

Balance Sheet

• OWN Funds:	
31 st March, 2023 – 256 Crores	31 st March, 2024 – 271 Crores
• Reserves and Surplus:	
31 st March, 2023 – 104 Crores	31 st March, 2024 – 154 Crores
• Fixed Assets:	
31 st March, 2023 – 235 Crores	31 st March, 2024 – 308 Crores

Income and Expenditure Account

- **Subvention, Subsidies and Others**

31st March, 2023 – **93.92 Crores**

- **Interest Income**

31st March, 2023 – **2.62 Crores**

- **Surplus From International Matches**

Matches held in 2022-23 (3) – **7.72 Crores**

- **Expenses on Cricket Activities**

31st March, 2023 – **32.74 Crores**

- **Ground Upkeeping Expenses and Repair & Maintenance**

31st March, 2023 – **2.75 Crores**

- **Administrative Expenses**

31st March, 2023 – **5.23 Crores**

- **Net Surplus after Depreciation**

31st March, 2023 – **59.33 Crores**

31st March, 2024 – **86.33 Crores**

31st March, 2024 – **2.06 Crores**

Matches held in 2023-24 (2) – **4.66 Crores**

31st March, 2024 – **29.46 Crores**

31st March, 2024 – **2.93 Crores**

31st March, 2024 – **5.28 Crores**

31st March, 2024 – **59.84 Crores**

Mr. Pawan Jain, the Hon. Treasurer, briefed the members of the meeting, starting with an overview of the expenditure for the year. He reported that 74% of the total expenditure was incurred on cricketing activities, 14.19% on stadium maintenance and administrative expenses, and the remaining 11.81% on depreciation. He also informed the members that ₹10 crores had been set aside for the "Land for Additional Ground at Indore Fund," clarifying that this was an internal allocation and not in accordance with Section 11(2) of the Income Tax Act. Furthermore, he mentioned that MPCA had organized two international matches during the year, and the distribution of surplus was carried out as per predefined norms, with the corresponding entries reflected in the statement of accounts.

The Hon. Treasurer highlighted that the Finance Committee had decided on necessary steps to recover ₹50,552 from the Delhi Cricket Association and ₹75,000 from the Cricket Association of West Bengal by 31st March 2025, or otherwise write off the amounts in FY 2024-25. He then informed the members about the amounts that had already been written off in the current financial year. He noted that the budget had been exceeded, primarily due to the strong performance of many MPCA teams, which reached the knockout stages in various tournaments. However, the excess remained within the allowable 10% deviation.

Mr. Pawan Jain also provided an update on the Gwalior Stadium Phase 1 project, which has now been completed. Most of the expenses have been covered, although there was a shortfall in the donations and sponsorships received. This shortfall was addressed through internal funds. He invited Mr. Rohit D. Pandit, the CAO, to further elaborate. Mr. Pandit explained that ₹229 crores had been spent on the Gwalior Stadium Project, including ₹29 crores on GST and ₹200 crores on construction costs. He noted that the AGM had previously approved an expenditure of ₹99 crores (70 + GST, which is at present 29 Crores), and an additional ₹50 crores was expected from the BCCI, of which ₹9 crores are still pending. He added that ₹22 crores were raised through sponsorships, naming rights, and corporate boxes, while another ₹22 crores related to non-construction expenses will be covered by the "Grounds for Division Fund." He also highlighted a ₹40 crore shortfall, attributed to the difference between the estimated and actual private sponsorships received, which will necessitate using MPCA's own funds to complete the project. Mr. Pandit mentioned that the Finance Committee was aware of the situation and had approved it. He requested the Managing Committee to consider the matter, so the details, along with the pending ₹40 crore inventory, could be presented at the upcoming AGM.

Following this, the Hon. Treasurer invited any further queries regarding the audited statement of accounts. Mr. D.D. Verma, representing the MP AG Office, raised a question about the pending release of funds for divisions by MPCA. The Hon. Treasurer responded that funds are released according to predefined norms, with divisions claiming their entitlements based on the financial year in which the expenses were incurred. Mr. Verma also enquired about the pending distribution of surplus from international matches to the divisions. In response, the CAO explained that 4% of the surplus from hosting ODI or T20I matches is allocated to divisions, but this distribution occurs only after the accounts are approved, and the divisions must meet the prerequisite norms to receive their share.

due to these decisions.

The CAO added that while the concern is very much positive, there are several factors that many a times necessitate the selectors to explore the option of a guest player. In the past, we have discussed various factors & dynamics associated with players identification or squad formation – eg desired combination of team according to the consultation between coach and selectors, opinion of the coach & selector about the strengths of a player according to particular format, longevity of the season, recent history of injuries, possibility of selection in higher teams, basic preference of the player about a particular format etc. etc. The challenges for women's team are more deeper.

Everyone has the intent to have a squad that possesses the capabilities to reach the upper tiers of the knockout round. Unless our teams reach such tiers, the possibility of noticing the performance of our players is not high. Therefore, most of the times the exercise to include a guest player is more in our interest rather than the concerned guest player. Neither the selectors are fascinated to have a guest player nor there is a compulsion on them to prefer a guest player over a local one. So, we should rely on the assessment and analysis of our selectors and coaches and allow them to operate in the best interests of MPCA while remaining within the framework of BCCI rules which also allow upto 3 players.

Point 7.4: Ranji Championship Memorial Bat

Mr. Abhay Purandare raised a query regarding whose names would be displayed on the commemorative bat. The Hon. President clarified that the names of the 15 players who were part of the final winning team will be displayed.

Additionally, both Mr. Abhay Purandare and Mr. Raju Singh Chouhan expressed their concerns about not being involved in discussions or decisions after the resolution was signed. They requested to be kept informed about the progress in the future.

In response, the Hon. President and the Hon. Secretary acknowledged the concern and assured them that this point is well noted, and they will be included in future discussions.

Point 7.8: MPCA Museum

Mr. D.D. Verma raised a query about an extra payment that had been made and sought clarification on the reason behind it. In response, Mr. Ramnik Singh Saluja, the Hon. Vice President, explained that the acquisition of items for the museum is still in progress, and the layout planning for the museum is currently underway. He emphasized that designing a museum is a delicate and detailed process, which requires careful planning. He assured the members that the layout, display, and related work would be completed by October 2024.

Mr. Verma then questioned the reason for shifting the project deadline from August to October. The Hon. President, Mr. Abhilash Khandekar, explained that the delay was due to two main reasons. First, the valuation of items was a time-consuming process, as both parties had to agree on a valuer. The valuer has now been identified. Second, MPCA was insistent on securing insurance before taking possession of the items. Additionally, there are two categories of items: those already purchased and those acquired on loan, for which MPCA will need to pay rent. The association is also seeking bids from insurance companies to secure cost-effective insurance for the items.

Mr. Verma expressed concern about continuing to pay BOG for the items that remain in their possession, despite the museum not yet being fully operational. To this, the Hon. Vice President explained that the items contracted with BOG are being held by them, and the rental agreement is a commitment to ensure MPCA secures these items before other museums, which are also in the planning stages, acquire them. He reiterated the Hon. President's point that without insurance, it is not feasible to take possession of these valuable items. He also mentioned that at a recent auction in Mumbai, cricket memorabilia were sold at such high prices that holding them without insurance would be a significant liability.

Mr. Raju Singh Chouhan enquired why the museum's full operation was taking so long. In response, the Hon. Vice President acknowledged the delay but noted that extensive planning work is ongoing. Various factors are at play, including ensuring the safe storage of items after acquisition. He assured the members that while much of the work is happening in the background, it will become visible once the project reaches its final stages.

Mr. Abhay Purandare then raised a point, questioning why an agreement was signed in April if the items were still in the possession of BOG and payments were being made for them. The Hon. President responded that the agreement was signed to secure the items for the museum. Once the items were finalized, the layout and display work could begin. He agreed that the project had faced a two-month delay but noted that work was actively progressing.

Mr. Purandare also raised a concern about the commencement of a cafeteria at the museum, which had been opposed by previous Managing Committees and AGM. The Hon. President clarified that the cafeteria is intended to provide basic refreshments such as cookies, tea, and coffee to museum visitors.

In response, Mr. Raju Singh Chouhan pointed out that a decision had already been made in the Managing Committee to avoid any commercial activity within the museum premises. He expressed concerns that starting such activities might lead to complications in the future, potentially requiring the association to halt operations. He also mentioned that many members were opposed to the idea of having a cafeteria in the museum.

The House passed the significant recommendations and various decisions taken by the various sub committees

Agenda 6: Consider any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

6.1 Infrastructure development in Hoshangabad (By – Shri. Raju Singh Chauhan)

He mentioned that in a previous meeting he had raised the issue of constructing washrooms for girls and was assured by the Hon. President that the matter would be addressed.

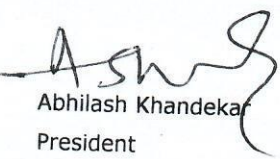
In response, the Hon. Secretary confirmed that the process has already been planned and prioritized. He stated that the development of infrastructure would begin in Hoshangabad and Morena, now that the Gwalior Stadium project has been completed. He also noted that the construction of these facilities has been included in this year's budget.

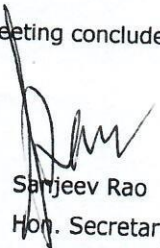
6.2 Nomination of an Individual member for representing MPCA in BCCI meetings

The Managing Committee resolved to nominate Mr. Amitabh Vijayvargiya, Life Member of MPCA, as the representative of MPCA for the forthcoming AGM of the BCCI, and vote on behalf of MPCA if required.

The Managing Committee also resolved to continue the nomination of Mr. Amitabh Vijayvargiya as the representative of MPCA for any forthcoming meetings of the BCCI, and vote on behalf of MPCA if required, till such time that this resolution is not changed or upto the completion of the term / tenure of the managing committee.

Being no other business to transact, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


Abhilash Khandekar
President


Sanjeev Rao
Hon. Secretary