

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the West Indies Cricket Board Inc. held at the Barbados Cricket Association Boardroom, Kensington Oval, Barbados, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2011.

**Present:**

Dr. Hon. Julian R. Hunte	President
Mr. Whycliffe Cameron	Vice-President
Mr. Paul Campbell	Director
Mr. Gregory Shillingford	Director
Dr. Allen Sammy	Director
Mr. Emanuel Nanthan	Director
Mr. Chetram Singh	Director
Mr. Joel Garner	Director
Prof. Sir Hilary Beckles	Director
Mr. Conde Riley	Director

**In Attendance:**

Dr. Ernest Hilaire	Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Barry Thomas	Chief Finance Officer
Mr. Tony Howard	Director of Cricket
Mr. Stephen Camacho	Secretary
Ms. Alanna Medford	Legal Officer
Ms. Celeste Charlemagne	PA to the President

1. Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 9.08am.

2. Prayers

At the request of the President, Mr. Emanuel Nanthan led the meeting in prayer.

3. Announcements

The President made the following announcements:

- Lunch would be taken at 12.30pm
- Directors were invited to both the semi-finals and final of the CT 20 2011
- He wished all those attending a good but less formal meeting in the BCA boardroom.

At this juncture the President introduced the Selection Committee [Mr. C. Butts [Chairman]. Mr. R. Haynes and Mr. C. Browne] along with Mr. Otis Gibson, the West Indies Coach. The President advised that this opportunity had been taken to hear the views of the Committee and the Coach as well as to allow Directors to ask questions of material value. The Chairman Mr. Butts outlined the following goals which represented his Committee's vision for the future:

- **West Indies to reach the semi-finals of the World Twenty 20 in 2012**

- West Indies to win the Cricket World Cup (CWC) 50 over Tournament in 2015
- West Indies to be rated in the top 5 teams in Test Cricket by 2013

In response to a question the Coach **Mr. Otis Gibson answered that it was possible for the team to reach the semi-finals of this year's 50 over World Cup** but it would have to play very well to do so. Following discussion it was emphasized that the imposition and adherence to the rules on physical testing was of vital importance and the omission of Ramnaresh Sarwan had made a salutary impression on the players. This regime would be carried down to the Under 19 Tournament. It was also the considered view that camps prior to tours should be held whenever possible and the attendance of selected players would be mandatory. Territorial Boards would be kept abreast of all standards set with regard to fitness and were asked to support these efforts. As this was a work in progress the CEO, Director of Cricket and the Coach will deal with all administrative details. At this point the CEO, with regret, raised the issue of public criticism of the Selection Committee by Directors. He assured the Meeting of both the competence and integrity of the Committee and requested the cessation of slurs against the bona fides of its members. The Director of Cricket then outlined the programmes on fitness and remedial work regarding players and asked for the support of the Executive Committee in these matters.

The Vice- President then thanked the Selection Committee and the Coach for their attendance and contribution to a very worthwhile discussion.

#### 4. Adoption of the Agenda

It was agreed to amend the agenda to include the following items:

- 7.3 Digicel Sub Licence
- 10. WICB Development Company

#### 5. WT20 2010

##### 5.1 Final Report

This had been circulated to the Board. It was noted that the Report had been adopted by the WT20 Policy Committee at its meeting on the previous day, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2011. Following a short discussion the Report was adopted by the Executive Committee.

##### 5.2 Auditor's Report

The Auditor's Report and a Statement of Income and Expenditure were placed before the Executive Committee. Mr. Shillingford was concerned as to whom the Report was addressed and what was the purpose of the Report as only ticketed sales were reported under revenue while the Report encapsulated all the expenses incurred by the WICB in staging the Tournament. It was then established that the Statement of Income and Expenditure fulfilled the requirement of the Host Agreement with ICC by which the WICB had to account for tournament disbursements, ticket sales and ticketing expenditure. These accounts were therefore not WICB Accounts per se but those of a tournament managed by the WICB on behalf of the ICC. En passant it was reported that each Full Member Country of ICC had been paid a distribution of the sum of USD 4.5 million for the event to date. On the proposal of

Mr. Singh seconded by Dr. Sammy the Accounts were then adopted as presented. Mr. Shillingford exercised a dissenting vote.

It was noted that claims for expenses were still outstanding from Barbados and Guyana. It was agreed that the Guyana claim could be settled between the two parties. The CEO proposed that he would investigate the far more substantial Barbados claim and report to the Board that will then determine how to proceed. This was agreed.

### 5.3 Revenue Distribution

The CEO requested the withdrawal of the paper on the subject on the grounds that all accounts were not yet audited. This was agreed. There followed a long discussion on the formula to be adopted for Revenue Distribution. The CEO reminded the meeting that under the MOU signed by the National Cricket Associations and the WICB preferential rights were accorded to the host NCAs under the ICC Future Tours Programme and that WICB had also undertaken to pay a hosting fee to the NCAs. Several formulae were then proposed without adoption. It was finally agreed to entrust the settlement of this matter to the CEO with a ceiling of US\$350000 to be distributed among the four (4) Member Territories. It was noted that this sum will be paid from the hosting fee of US\$750000 paid by the ICC to the WICB.

## 6. CT20 2011

### 6.1 Budget

This revised [indicative] budget was reviewed on a line by line basis. The CEO noted that the cost of television cover had been reduced by US\$100.000 and other costs had been refined. This emanated from negotiation with the object of reducing expenditure. The cost of the television production was a third of the total cost of the tournament. The CEO also reminded the meeting that the budget had been presented in detailed form following a request from Director Reis. With regard to advertising the CEO suggested that Territorial Boards should retain the revenue each sells and this should also apply to the WICB. Mr. Garner remarked that the quality of the television broadcast commentary was poor. It was noted that the revised budget was within the projected global figure of US\$3 million which had been previously agreed.

### 6.2 Ticket Revenue Distribution

In opening this item the President suggested that a decision on this matter should be deferred until the next meeting of the Board in March 2011. There followed debate on this proposal. It was finally decided to adopt the proposal from the President pending consideration of a paper from the CEO on the subject under discussion. It was agreed that the ticket sales for CT20 2011 alone would be retained by the Board in view of the below budgeted attendances.

## 7. Commercial Matters

### 7.1 Report of the Marketing Committee

The CEO took the meeting through the Report. Mr. Shillingford was of the view that all reports should go to the Chairmen of Committees for review before presentation to the Directors. He also felt that this report did not always fully reflect the issues. The President in response ruled that Mr. Shillingford's initial contention could not be made mandatory.

It was noted that the Woodworm [Sports HQ Group] which had been appointed the Kit Supplier to the West Indies team had been apprised of potential problems with WIPA. A proposal for new 20\20 cricket clothing and cap was noted by the meeting.

The Executive Committee then formally endorsed the following decisions taken by management and embodied in the Report:

- The appointment of Mr. Peter Steep as the Executive Producer for Regional Cricket 2011-2012.
- The decision of the Commercial Department to engage in contract negotiations with ESPN, CMC, Tempo and ESS and also endorse the appointment of Woodburn [Sports HQ Group].

#### 7.2 Investor Interest in West Indies Cricket

The President advised that approaches had been made particularly with reference to 20\20 cricket. He asked for ratification of the following committee to meet and report on discussions with potential investors: the President, Vice President, Mr. G. Shillingford, Mr. C. Reis, the CEO and CFO. This was approved. It was noted that due diligence would be employed in all negotiations.

#### 7.3 Digicel Sub Licence

It was noted that Digicel had sold a variety of rights to the Pearls Group in India for the home series against India in 2011 and that WICB had expressed its concern at the manner in which this action had been carried out. There had been further contact with Digicel without a resolution of this matter and at present the WIBC were awaiting a response from the company. It was agreed that it would not be in the Board's overall interest if trouble was stirred up prior to the tour by India. It was agreed that the Board would seek a legal opinion as to its position.

#### 8. WICB-WIPA Arbitration

There had been no progress on the Arbitration since it was last discussed at the Special Meeting of the Board on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2010. The Board reiterated its position that every step should be taken to initiate the start of the Arbitration.

#### 9. Annual General Meeting

The programme was determined in this form:

Thursday 24 March – Dinner in honour of Mr. Lennox John and Mr. Chetram Singh.

Friday 25 March – WICB Board Meeting

Saturday 26 March – WICB Board Meeting

Sunday 27 March – WICB Annual General Meeting

The President then thanked the CEO for his preparation and contribution to the meeting. He then observed to the Board that Director Chetram Singh was stepping down as President of the Guyana Cricket Board and that this was his last meeting. On behalf of the WICB the President thanked Mr. Singh for his long and dedicated service to West Indies Cricket to which he had made a great contribution. The President regretted that because of time constraints it had not been possible to address every item on the agenda but the few that

remained would be dealt with at the meeting in March. The meeting was then terminated at 3,17pm.

President

Date

Secretary

Date