The Ombudsman cum Ethics Officer Punjab Cricket Association Sector 63 Mohali, SAS Nagar, Mohali Email ID: inderjitsingh1945@gmail.com

## Dear sir,

Subject: Complaint against PCA President Sh. Gulzarinder Singh Chahal regarding illegal granting of life membership to various friends, family members and other persons and irregularities connected to it

This is to bring to your notice that over the last one week, there has been a concerted effort on the part of PCA President Sh. Gulzarinder Singh Chahal to grant numerous illegal life memberships to persons known to him without following any due process or any sort of vetting procedure. This has come to the knowledge of the undersigned persons when on the 4th October 2022 a few people came to the IS Bindra stadium with some papers and asked that their application fee for life membership be accepted.

The undersigned are office bearers and Apex Council members of PCA and have no knowledge of what the President is currently doing in this regard. The President has tried to convey that the Life Membership Committee constituted by him is granting these memberships. However, we would like to make the following submissions:

- The Constitution of PCA which has been drafted on the basis of Lodha Committee recommendations and orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India states that life members may be made by the association on the basis of a criteria that may be laid down by the Apex Council from time to time. Till date, no such criteria has been laid down by the Apex Council and moreover no such life memberships have been approved in the Apex Council either.
- The Life Membership Committee constituted by the President consists of five members out of which four are not life members themselves. This includes the President himself.
- The Life Membership Committee so constituted has not held any meetings in the PCA stadium and have not
  assembled even once with notice in the stadium premises. The meetings seem to be happening in a very
  clandestine manner at the President's residence in Sector 35 Chandigarh.
- The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Jt Secretary have both been deliberately kept out of this Committee by the President. They are both life members. Repeated requests to the President to rectify this anomaly have not been considered. As per the latest directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Honorary Secretary is to be completely responsible for all cricketing and non-cricketing activities. The rationale for keeping him and the Honorary Jt Secretary out of this committee reeks of malafide intent.
- The President has not clarified as to what criteria has been set out for granting life memberships to persons so chosen by him and what kind of vetting process has been undertaken by him or any of the committee members before granting such life memberships. Since we have no formal communication from the President on this issue, we fear that close friends, family members and business associates of the President are being obliged so as to gain favour in General Body meetings.
- Over many Apex Council and office bearer meetings it has been impressed upon the President that any decisions that he takes on the basis of an authorisation from the General Body or Apex Council should be taken in consultation with the Chief Adviser of PCA Sh. Harbhajan Singh. However, no such consultations have taken place and we are made to understand that even Sh. Harbhajan Singh has been kept in the dark on this issue.

Recently, wrongdoings and malpractices committed by the President have come to light. A complaint has also been filed with your office by other persons regarding an **Intractable** Conflict of Interest offense that has been committed

by the President in the appointment of the auditor of PCA. This issue has received wide media coverage as well and sullied the name of our prestigious institution.

All the undersigned feel that the current working of the President is in his own best interest and not in the best interest of PCA.

We hereby seek the following relief/directions from you.

- The President and the Life Membership Committee constituted by him be immediately restrained from granting any life memberships to any persons, including themselves, their family members, business associates and other persons so as to avoid any unnecessary liability/litigation for PCA.
- The current Life Membership Committee be immediately reconstituted and the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Jt Secretary be compulsorily be made a part of the new Committee.
- Any such Life Memberships proceased and attempted by the President or this committee be immediately
  cancelled since proper procedure has not been followed.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

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Suniit Rai (Honorary Jt Secretary)

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