



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Microsoft Teams Call
August 28, 2023 6:00 PM ET

Present:

Charmaine Crooks, President and Chair
Paul-Claude Bérubé, Vice President
Charisse Bacchus
Kelly Brown
Dale Briggs
Charlie Cuzzetto
Stephanie Geosits
Dominique Grégoire
Orest Konowalchuk
Pierre Marchand
Dino Rossi
Don Story
Brittany Timko Baxter
Jason deVos, Interim General Secretary

Absent: Brian Burden

Also in attendance:

Lisa Spina, Executive Assistant
Paulo Senra, Head of Public Relations & Communications

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM ET.

2. John Herdman

The purpose of this evening's call was to discuss MNT Head Coach John Herdman's departure from Canada Soccer to move into the Head Coach role at Toronto FC.

The Interim General Secretary informed the Board that he received John's official resignation today, along with four others on his coaching staff. The Interim General Secretary and Paulo Senra worked together with Toronto FC to prepare and send out a release announcing his departure and thanking him for everything he has done for the sport in Canada. Assistant Coach Mauro Biello will act as interim Head Coach until a replacement is found.

John has given an immense amount to football in this country and he deserves to be celebrated. This is an excellent opportunity for him to prove himself at the professional club level, where he will take over as of October 1. He will work with Mauro Biello for the month of September to help him transition into the role. The Interim General Secretary will ensure that exit interviews will be conducted throughout the month of September.

John expressed his thanks to the Board for their strong support over the years.

The first step in the search for a new MNT Head Coach will be to create a selection committee. The President, Vice President and Interim General Secretary will sit down this week to determine the composition of the committee and report back to the Board as soon as possible.

3. Adjournment

On motion duly made, it was unanimously resolved that the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM ET.