



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Microsoft Teams
June 13, 2024 10:00 AM ET

Present:

Peter Augruso, President and Chair
Paul-Claude Bérubé, Vice President
Dale Briggs
Kelly Brown
Brian Burden
Brad Baker
Tony Delblond
Stephanie Geosits
Terri Mattucci
Gayle Statton
Don Story
Davide Xausa
Kevin Blue, CEO & General Secretary

Absent:

Dominique Grégoire
Orest Konowalchuk

Also in attendance:

Lisa Spina, Executive Assistant
Félix Cardin, Corporate Secretary

Prior to the start of the meeting, the new Men's National Team Head Coach Jesse Marsch joined the call to introduce himself to the Board. He provided a brief background of his experience and shared his vision and outlook for the future of the Men's National Team program and the future of Canadian soccer in general.

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM ET and stated the vision, mission, and values of the organization. Director Brown acknowledged the land on which the Directors virtually gathered for this Board meeting.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Lisa Spina confirmed that the required declaration forms from all Directors had been received prior to the Board meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

M-7 MOTION: On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved to approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes from Previous Board Meetings

4.1.1 Minutes from 02.05.24

4.1.2 Minutes from 04.05.24

4.1.3 Minutes from 13.05.24

4.2 Outstanding Actions

M-8 MOTION: On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

5. Board Calendar

The Board calendar was received for information.

6. Standing Committees

6.1 Addition of Two Working Groups (Football & Government Relations)

The Chair informed the Board that he is interested in establishing two new working groups; a football working group and a government relations working group. Questions and discussions from the Directors followed. It was noted that the purpose and role of these working groups must be very clearly defined in order to ensure that they do not become operational in nature.

M-9 MOTION: On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved to mandate the Governance Committee to determine the Terms of Reference for the proposed working groups, each of which will be focused on a national strategy and alignment.

CARRIED.

6.2 Appointment of the Standing Committees

The Chair proposed the new standing committees for the 2024-25 year ahead.

M-10 MOTION: On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved to approve the proposed standing committees.

CARRIED.

7. President's Report

The Chair provided a brief summary of the important events and initiatives that he took part of throughout May 2024 – including the FIFA Congress and Concacaf Congress – and highlighted meetings with various stakeholders, including Sport Canada.

8. CEO & General Secretary Report

The CEO & General Secretary provided the Board with a detailed update on his continued work and progress in the following areas:

- Resolving the Collective Bargaining Agreements with both National Teams;
- Re-negotiating the CSB Agreement;
- Building an efficient philanthropic and fundraising structure;
- Government relations.

9. Jesse Marsch Contract & Financing

The CEO & General Secretary reviewed the details of Jesse Marsch's contract with the Board.

10. Northern Super League Funding

The CEO & General Secretary, along with the Board, discussed funding of the Northern Super League. It was noted that, similar to when the Canadian Premier League launched, funding from Canada Soccer should commence after the league's first year of operations.

11. FIFA Connects

The FIFA Connects programme is a football management system that helps Member Associations register all of their stakeholders in a systematic way, and keep track of players, coaches, and referees. The recommendation from the Chair was for Board approval to form a working group of Member Associations to review opportunities with FIFA Connects and report back to the Board to determine feasibility of implementation.

M-11 MOTION: On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved to form a working group of individuals with IT and legal backgrounds to research FIFA Connects.

CARRIED.

12. CSA & Members: How to better align all of the actors of the Organization

This item will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

13. Appointment of Board Buddies to Support New Directors

As part of the orientation of the new Board Directors, the Chair will pair up the more experienced Board Directors with the newer Board Directors to provide guidance as needed and to answer any questions the newer Board Directors may have. The Chair will send an email to the Board next week to confirm who has been matched up.

14. In Camera

None.

15. Adjournment

M-12 MOTION: On motion duly made, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

