

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 2020

INTRODUCTION

This summary provides information relating to the Capital Football Board meeting held on 30 September 2020, and contains resolutions made by the Directors.

The summary excludes information that is commercial in confidence, is sensitive in nature or is restricted due to privacy. Standing agenda items including the finance report, Chair's report and CEO's report may contain such information. Where information discussed under those agenda items can be shared, it will appear under the subheadings, aligned to the strategic pillar to which it is most relevant.

Attendees

Fran Sankey (Chair), Angelo Konstantinou (Deputy Chair), Richard Naumovski, Grace Gill, Gary Vandeburgt, Jodie Newall, Justin Webb, Phil Brown (CEO). Scott O'Donnell (Technical Director, NPL Formats and Performance Review only), John Athanasiou (PLSAC Chair, as a lead in to the NPL formats only).

GOVERNANCE – “LEADING FOR UNITY OF PURPOSE”

Meeting with Members

Directors Angelo Konstantinou and Richard Naumovski reported on their pre-board meeting video conference with the Members held on 28 September 2020.

Items discussed at the video conference included;

- ▶ Coach education
- ▶ Leagues for 2021
- ▶ Canberra United WWL finances
- ▶ CUA player selection
- ▶ Referees

Throsby

The Board discussed the Throsby Home of Football project. Topics of discussion included;

- ▶ That the ACT Government are reviewing the most recent detailed drawings.
- ▶ The ACT Government indicated the likely completion date is June 2023 for stage 1 of the project.

Hall of Fame Nominations

On 4 August 2020 Capital Football released an online form for the football community to submit nominations for individuals to be considered for induction to the Capital Football Hall of Fame.

The closing date for nominations was 28 August 2020.

The Board discussed the received nominations, unanimously supporting the nomination for Allyson Flynn to be inducted in the Capital Football Hall of Fame.

Resolution:

The Capital Football Board endorsed the nomination of Allyson Flynn to be inducted into the Capital Football Hall of Fame.

Community Engagement

The Board and CEO noted the following engagement with the football community since the last meeting;

- ▶ Chair Fran Sankey and CEO Phil Brown attended the All Abilities Academy launch on 8 September 2020.
- ▶ Fran Sankey, Phil Brown and Directors Gary Vandeburgt and Jodie Newall, attended the Governance Working group meetings on 7 September 2020 and 21 September 2020.
- ▶ Director Angelo Konstantinou and Phil Brown attended meetings with the ACT Government on 11 September 2020 and 22 September 2020 regarding the Home of Football project at Throsby.
- ▶ Phil Brown attended a joint meeting of the Technical Committee and PLSAC on 21 September 2020 to discuss the 2021 league formats.
- ▶ Directors Gary Vandeburgt and Grace Gill, and Phil Brown attended the NPLW Senior and NPL1 Finals on 26 September 2020.
- ▶ Fran Sankey and Grace Gill attended the NPLW Youth Finals on 27 September 2020.
- ▶ Directors Richard Naumovski and Angelo Konstantinou participated in a meeting with Members on 28 September 2020 ahead of the September Board Meeting.

COMMERCIAL – “CONNECTING AND THRIVING”

Media and Communications Update

The acting Head of Commercial tabled an update on Media and Communications to the Board. Of note;

- ▶ There have been 185 print stories about football to 31 August 2020, with 6 considered negative.
- ▶ Website visitation in August 2020 was up compared to August 2019 and July 2020. This could be attributed to several rain-affected weekends with people checking the Capital Football website to see if their matches were washed out.
- ▶ Facebook reach and twitter impressions in August 2020 were strong, with competitions playing and engagement regarding potential washed out matches.
- ▶ Schedule of media activities for the months of September and October 2020.

PARTICIPATION – “PARTICIPATION AND EXPERIENCE”

Participation Update

The Head of Participation tabled an update on the participation programs to the Board. Of note;

- ▶ Comparisons on team entry across leagues between the 2019 and 2020 season.
- ▶ Overview of club delivered summer football competitions scheduled to commence in October.
- ▶ Update on Premier League and Social futsal competitions delivered by Capital Football.
- ▶ Table of referee qualification courses delivered and/or planned between August 2020 and September 2020.
- ▶ Table of referee fitness sessions conducted between August and September 2020.
- ▶ A proposal to adjust the Futsal Referee fees for senior competitions.
- ▶ An update on Capital Football inclusion programs.

Resolution:

The Board approved an increase to social futsal referee match payments, effective from the commencement of the 2020/21 futsal season, including;

- a) Division 1 fee increase from \$29.00 to \$33.00 for Referee 1 and Referee 2**
- b) Division 2 fee increase from \$26.00 to \$31.00 for Referee 1 and Referee 2**
- c) Division 3 fee increase from and below from \$24.00 to \$29.00 for Referee 1 and Referee 2**
- d) Mixed futsal fee increases from \$24.00 to \$29.00 for Referee 1 and Referee 2.**

2021 NPLW, NPL1, NPL2 and NPLY League Formats and Nominations Process

Having previously set the 2021 League Formats for the NPL1 and NPLW competitions, the Capital Football Board directed Capital Football Management to engage with the PLSAC and Technical Committee and recommend;

- ▶ The number of teams admitted in the 2021 NPL2 competition to guide the application process for the 2021 competition.
- ▶ That Capital Football management, the PLSAC and the Technical Committee are asked to consider the implementation of a tiered NPLY league format.

Capital Football met with the Premier Leagues Standing Advisory Committee (PLSAC) and Technical Committee via Zoom on Monday 21 September to discuss the NPL2 and NPLY league formats.

The Capital Football Board discussed feedback from the meeting and the recommendation tabled by Capital Football management.

Resolution:

- 1. For National Premier League Men's 2, the Capital Football Board endorsed;**
 - a) A league format that includes;**
 - i. 1st Grade and U23 Divisions.**
 - ii. No more than 8 clubs required to field teams in each division.**
 - iii. 3 round format with finals.**
 - b) Applications are open to existing clubs and new clubs.**
- 2. For National Premier League Youth Boys, the Capital Football Board endorses;**
 - a) A league format that includes;**
 - i. U18, U16, U14 and U13 age grades.**
 - ii. 2 divisions, being division 1 and division 2.**
 - iii. 8 clubs per division, required to field teams in each division.**
 - iv. 3 round format with finals.**
 - v. Applications are open to existing clubs and new clubs.**

PERFORMANCE – “PERFORMING FOR SUCCESS”

Performance Programs Update

The Technical Director tabled an update on the performance programs to the Board. Of note;

- ▶ SAP term 4 registrations are open, with 28 players registered.
- ▶ A high-level overview of the CUA season was provided.
- ▶ An update on Canberra United players for the upcoming season.
- ▶ Update on the TSP and NPLW Goalkeeper training.
- ▶ Update on Coach Education, including the upcoming AFC C-Licence course and delivery of the practical modules of the AFC B-Licence course.
- ▶ Update on Coach Support Program Club and coach visits.