

# BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

## APRIL 2021

### INTRODUCTION

This summary provides information relating to the Capital Football Board meeting held on 28 April 2021, 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) and Lisa Roestbakken.

### GOVERNANCE – “LEADING FOR UNITY OF PURPOSE”

#### Meeting with Members

Chair Fran Sankey and Director Justin Webb reported on their Pre-Board meeting video conference with the Members on 26 April 2021.

Items discussed at the video conference included;

- ▶ 2021 NPL Competitions Review.
- ▶ Referee Strategy – referee welfare, safety, and creating a positive environment.
- ▶ Registration systems.
- ▶ Visa players.
- ▶ FFA Cup.

#### Member Federation and Football Australia Meeting

The Board discussed the upcoming workshop involving senior Football Australia staff, the Chairs and CEOs of the Member Federations.

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss topics of importance to football nationally, in particular the application of principle VII of Football Australia's XI Principles which relates to Governance.

It was noted that Football Australia funding for Member Federations would also be discussed at the workshop.

### **Policy for Admitting New clubs**

The Board discussed a second draft of the policy for Admitting New Clubs, presented by Capital Football management.

The Admission of the New Clubs Policy seeks to articulate the process for new clubs to be admitted to Capital Football competitions.

Feedback was provided on the draft for inclusion in an amended draft to be presented to the Board.

### **Standards of Behaviour**

The Board discussed standards of behaviour within football, including a summary of disciplinary matters addressed by the Capital Football Disciplinary Tribunals so far this season.

The Board identified the need to reinforce to clubs that bad behaviour will not be tolerated. Clubs are responsible for their spectators and they need to act and in turn promote 'zero tolerance' of such behaviour.

### **Annual General Meeting Overview**

Capital Football Management presented an overview of the 2021 AGM for the Board's information.

The overview included;

- ▶ List of agenda items.
- ▶ Meeting details including procedure for questions from members and club Presidents.
- ▶ Overview of the election format, logistics, scrutineers, and proxies.
- ▶ Annual report update.
- ▶ Strategic Plan launch.
- ▶ Finance report.

### **Throsby**

The Board discussed the Throsby Home of Football project including;

- ▶ An update on meetings with potential service providers to assist developing the business plan for venue operations.
- ▶ An update on the review of the draft agreements provided by the ACT Government.

### **Community Engagement**

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

- ▶ Chair Fran Sankey and Director Justin Webb participated in a Pre-Board meeting via video conference with members on 26 April 2021.
- ▶ CEO Phil Brown met with Tuggeranong United FC President Stan Mitchell and Treasurer Peter Salapatas on 26 March 2021.

- ▶ All Directors of the Board attended the Canberra United Awards night held 9 April 2021
- ▶ Chair Fran Sankey and Directors Grace Gill and Gary Vandenburg attended the Canberra United Volunteers evening held at Erindale Vikings following the last home game of the W-League season.

## **COMMERCIAL – “CONNECTING AND THRIVING”**

### **Commercial Update**

The acting Head of Commercial tabled a Commercial update to the Board. Of note;

- ▶ There have been 60 print stories about football from 1 Mar - 31 March 2021, with none considered negative.
- ▶ Canberra Times covered 18 Canberra United stories in March 2021, a slight increase on previous months' numbers, with Michelle Heyman's milestones.
- ▶ A report on external marketing, including partnerships with WIN TV and Canberra FM and the promotion of Capital Football, Canberra United and Kanga Cup.
- ▶ Schedule of media activities for the month of April and May 2021.
- ▶ A report on website visitation and social media engagement. Canberra United website received the most visits 12 March 2021, the day Canberra United played Perth Glory at Viking Park and Michelle Heyman broke the all-time W-League goal scoring record.
- ▶ An update on corporate partnership across Capital Football, Canberra United, and Kanga Cup.
- ▶ An update on grants applications.
- ▶ Update on Federation Cup and FFA Cup.

## **PARTICIPATION – “PARTICIPATION AND EXPERIENCE”**

### **Participation Update**

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

- ▶ Registration report as of 18 April. Of note, an increase in registrations for Junior, Senior and NPLY leagues however there has been a considerable decline in Miniroos registrations which is down by 495 players YTD.
- ▶ Summer Futsal which concluded 9 April 2021.
- ▶ Winter Futsal with promotion commencing 19 March and the season commencing week of 26 April 2021.
- ▶ NPL update with NPLY kicking off 27 March and NPL1, NPL2 and NPLW commencing 10 April 2021.
- ▶ Community Leagues update: women's pre-season tournament held over the long weekend 6-8 March.
- ▶ Senior Leagues (State Leagues and Masters): competitions kicked off 18 and 19 April. A table of team numbers in comparison to 2020 and 2019 was provided.

- ▶ Overview of Junior League and miniroos.
- ▶ FFA Cup with a live draw on 14 April for Round 5. Semi-finals and our finals will follow before the Round of 32 when Football Australia will step in and oversee the administration of the competition.
- ▶ Federation Cup. Round 2 has commenced with one match completed – Canberra Croatia defeated CUA.
- ▶ Charity Shield which took place on Saturday 27 March 2021 at Deakin Football Stadium.
- ▶ A report on referee recruitment and training including;
  - ▶ 412 match officials have registered to 18 April 2021 compared with 360 registrations at the same time in 2019.
  - ▶ Of the 412 registered match officials, 150 are new officials and 262 are returning.
  - ▶ Capital Football identified 288 unregistered match officials who registered in 2020. They were contacted and reminded to register by 30 April 2021. A link to the 2021 Lapsed Referee Survey was also provided for those match officials who have made the decision to not referee in 2021.
  - ▶ Table of referee courses and training sessions already completed and scheduled for later in the year.

### **Game Development Update**

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

- ▶ After a break over the recent school holiday, the Power Chair league resumes for round two on 1 May 2021.
- ▶ We are currently sourcing a venue for the winter walking football season which will begin in June and run for 8 weeks.
- ▶ The Diplomatic Corps Cup started 28 April 2021 at Hawker Synthetic with 20 teams and over 200 participants. The competition will run for 10 weeks, with 8 weeks being round robin and two weeks of finals.
- ▶ Brindabella Blues ran a girl's only 'come and try' day 30 March 2021. They had over 20 participants.
- ▶ An update on Girls United as part of the FA Football your Way program. As well as aligning with MARSS Australia Inc, we have reached out to clubs who run miniroos and junior league programs to start the program for females in Canberra.
- ▶ COVID-19 plans have been submitted by most Clubs which align with Stage 4 of the ACT Governments road to recovery roadmap, and NSW Government Return to Sport safety plan. Club plans are posted to the Capital Football website Club Return to Play Plan page.
- ▶ New core flute signs have been ordered for Hawker Football Centre and will be arriving in the coming weeks, and will include;
  - ▶ Check in CBR QR code.

- ▶ Check in CBR App download guide.
- ▶ Please sanitise your hands.
- ▶ Please check in.
- ▶ Keep your distance.
- ▶ Please be mindful of your responsibility in our shared spaces.

## **PERFORMANCE – “PERFORMING FOR SUCCESS”**

### **Performance Programs Update**

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

- ▶ Skills Training Program (STP) for clubs. Capital Football has scheduled to pilot the program with Majura FC on 23rd April and Gungahlin FC on 13th May.
- ▶ CUA round one results.
- ▶ Talent Support Program (TSP): Training to increase to 2 nights per week for terms 2, 3 and 4, tournament held at Valentine Park in Sydney for U14 and U15 squads.
- ▶ WWL update: semi-final loss to Sydney FC, Canberra United Awards night with Kendall Fletcher taking out ‘Players Player of the Year’ and ‘Player of the Year’, Jessika Nash awarded ‘Rising Star’ and Michelle Hayman ‘Members Player of the Year’.
- ▶ Coach education courses: schedule for C-licence, miniroos, Skills Training Certificate.
- ▶ Coaching Support Program schedule.