

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

JULY 2021

INTRODUCTION

This summary provides information relating to the Capital Football Board meeting held on 28 July 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), Gary Vandeburgt, Justin Webb, Phil Brown and Lisa Roestbakken.

Absent

Grace Gill (Leave of absence sought and approved by all Directors).

GOVERNANCE – “LEADING FOR UNITY OF PURPOSE”

Meeting With Chair of Disciplinary Tribunal

The Board met with the Chair of the Disciplinary Tribunal, Chris Gardiner via Zoom and panel member, Marc Mowbray D'arbela, to discuss disciplinary matters within football and the role and process of the Disciplinary Tribunal.

Discussions included;

- ▶ Tribunal and investigation process.
- ▶ Football Australia regulations and responsibility for spectator behaviour.
- ▶ refLIVE

Appointment of the Disciplinary Committee Chair

The Board discussed the appointment of the Disciplinary Committee Chair.

Resolution:

- **The Capital Football Board appoints Chris Gardiner as the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee for a term commencing 27 May 2021 and concluding 10 October 2022.**

Kanga Cup Update

The Board discussed the postponement of the 2021 Kanga Cup, which is currently scheduled for commencement on 25 September 2021.

Community Engagement

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

- ▶ Chair Fran Sankey and Director Gary Vandeburgt met with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the PLSAC on Thursday 22 July 2021 to provide an overview of the Board's preferred model for the NPL.
- ▶ CEO Phil Brown met with St. Edmunds Football Administrator Carmela Wilson on 4 June 2021, Marist Football Club President Troy Kleppe on 4 June and ANU Women's FC President, Vice President, Secretary and Head Coach on 21 May.

Update to By-Laws

The Board discussed the update of By-Law 7 to reflect the clubs that participate in Capital Football competitions.

Resolution:

- **Inclusion of South Canberra FC in the Central District register of clubs.**
- **Update of the club's name of Woden Weston FC to West Canberra Wanderers FC in the Central District register of clubs.**
- **Removal of North Canberra Untouchables FC from the Ginninderra District on the register of clubs.**
- **Removal of Canberra City FC from the Ginninderra District on the register of clubs.**
- **Update of the club's name of Canberra City SC to Canberra City FC in the Limestone District on the register of clubs.**

Disputes and Disciplinary Matters

The Board discussed Disciplinary matters for June and July 2021.

Reduce Abuse Campaign

The Board discussed the 'Reduce Abuse' Campaign and options to assist clubs to promote good behaviour at venues, with teardrop and corflute signage being recommended as a better option than A Frames.

A Pledge Board for clubs to sign up to was also discussed and will be progressed.

COMMERCIAL – “CONNECTING AND THRIVING”

Commercial Update

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

- ▶ FFA Cup, Federation Cup finals, NPL season and Michelle Heyman were the highlights of June, all receiving comprehensive coverage by external media.
- ▶ An update on print media - majority of stories were positive with 2 negative stories surrounding the NPL1 on-field altercation.
- ▶ A report on website visitation and social media engagement with the Kanga Cup website experiencing a significant increase in traffic in June.
- ▶ Request for tender for Capital Football's apparel requirements;
 - ▶ 30 Companies have tendered for the rights including ISC, VIVA, LEGEA, S-Trend, PROJECT Clothing, Garment Exchange, Kappa, O'Neill, ONE Sport.
- ▶ Update on Kanga Cup
- ▶ Applications for grants with success in obtaining funding for a drinking and bottle refill station at Hawker.

PARTICIPATION – “PARTICIPATION AND EXPERIENCE”

Participation Update

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

- ▶ NPL update with a number of ladders being very close, particularly in 1st grade competitions. Mid-season windows have now closed.
- ▶ Community Leagues update: With several games cancelled due to unsafe and unplayable field conditions, the competitions team are discussing viable options for the final series.

- ▶ A report on referee recruitment and training including;
 - ▶ 537 match officials have registered to 19 July 2021 compared with 503 registrations at the same time in 2019.
 - ▶ Of the 537 registered match officials, 203 are new officials and 334 are returning, which translates to a retention rate of 65% compared to 55% in 2020.
 - ▶ An update on RefLIVE for the period 22 March 2021 to 30 June 2021: CF continues to deliver and promote the referee management system, a total of 94 referees completed 417 Referee self-assessments with overall wellbeing of female and male referees being Good. The overall behaviour rating for teams was rated as Good.
 - ▶ Referee coverage; 30-40% of registered referees being available each weekend.
 - ▶ 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 a Game Development update to the Board. Of note;

- ▶ Update on Walking Football: EOI for the summer season have been sent out on the website with 51 individual submissions received to date.
- ▶ Brandon and Kelly were invited to Wanniasa Hills High School to talk to Year 7 and 8 students as part of the ACT Education Directorate's 'Everyone, Everyday' program. Brandon spoke about how Powerchair and Capital Football have helped him to overcome the barriers he faces as a person with a disability. The talk was well received and Brandon has been asked to go out to other schools in the near future.
- ▶ Diplomatic Corps Cup - Sudan defeated Palestine 1-0.
- ▶ Update on COVID-19 including;
 - ▶ Stay at home requirements for anyone who leaves Orange City Council, Blayney Shire Council or Cabonne Shire Council LGA's after 11:59pm 21 July 2021 and enters the ACT.
 - ▶ Canberrans should not be travelling to any areas subject to quarantine or stay at home requirements.
 - ▶ Capital Football are continually liaising with ACT Health to provide up to date information to our community. All clubs are updated when the situation changes.
- ▶ Discussions continue with ACT Sport and Recreation in relation to the quality of grounds around Canberra.

PERFORMANCE – “PERFORMING FOR SUCCESS”

Performance Update

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

- ▶ Skills Training Program (STP) for Clubs; Phil Booth and Ali Efe conducted another pilot STP on Tuesday 13th July for Belsouth FC and Belwest FC at Scullin.
- ▶ Update on CUA results for rounds 11 – 14.
- ▶ Annie Grove, who has been part of the CUA program for the last five years and former CUA 1st Grade goal keeper Isy Davey have both left for University of Maryland, Baltimore County USA.
- ▶ Capital Football hosted a Junior Matildas Elite Match on Thursday 24 June at HFC. Football Australia were thankful for our support in hosting the match and we hope to run more of these games in the coming months.
- ▶ The proposed FNSW Girls TSP Tournament that was to be held in Sydney on Thursday 8th July and Friday 9th July was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- ▶ Update on Coach education courses including assessments and miniroos.
- ▶ Coaching Support Program schedule.

Canberra United Post Season Reports

The Board further discussed Canberra United post season reports. These included a report by Head Coach Vicki Linton, Physiotherapists Report by Sarah Kelly and a Commercial Report provided by Melinda Green.