

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

AUGUST 2021

INTRODUCTION

This summary provides information relating to the Capital Football Board meeting held on 25 August 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), Grace Gill, Gary Vandeburgt, Justin Webb, Georgia Briggs, Phil Brown, and Lisa Roestbakken.

Attendees

Stan Mitchell (South Region Council representative), Aleks Trninic (North Region Council representative) and George Lovrincecic (Junior SAC representative) joined the meeting as part of Meeting with Member Representatives only.

GOVERN AND GUIDE

Appointed Director

RESOLUTION:

- The Board appoints Georgia Briggs as an Appointed Director to the Capital Football Board to fill a casual vacancy in accordance with 10.18 of the Capital Football Constitution and subsequent consultation with Members. Georgia has joined the Board for a term effective from 25 August 2021 until the Annual General Meeting in 2024.

Kanga Cup Update

The Board discussed the proposed cancellation of Kanga Cup 2021.

RESOLUTION:

- That the 2021 Kanga Cup is cancelled due to the impacts of Government Public Health Orders on team travel, gatherings, and tournament feasibility.

CONNECT AND ENGAGE

Meeting With Member Representatives

The Board invited representatives of the Members to the August board meeting as part of formal engagement with Members. South Region Council representative Stan Mitchell, North Region Council representative Aleks Trninic, and Junior SAC representative George Lovrincevic joined the meeting.

Topics of discussion included;

- ▶ Meeting forum.
- ▶ Community League review.
- ▶ Implementation of the new NPL model.
- ▶ Reduce Abuse Campaign.
- ▶ Impact of Covid-19.
- ▶ 2021 season.

Canberra United Playing Strip 2021-2022

The Board discussed the new design of the Canberra United strip for the 2021/22 season.

Community Engagement

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

- ▶ Chair Fran Sankey spoke with Stan Mitchell (Club President, Tuggeranong United) on 17 August regarding 'Reduce Abuse' initiatives.

PLAY AND PERFORM

2021 Season Update

The Board discussed the 2021 season and the impact of Covid-19.

Discussions included;

- ▶ Possible scenarios to the end of the winter season dependent on ACT Govt health advice – 4 weeks, 2 weeks or 0 weeks left in the season.
- ▶ Recommendations to the Board will consider survey results, bench marking with other Member Federations and ACT health advice.

NPL Model – Promotion and Relegation Criteria

The Board discussed the new NPL model and its implementation in the 2022 season.

Discussions included;

- ▶ Capital Football will engage with clubs regarding potential methods for promotion and relegation and the NPL Criteria (minimum standards) for each competition ahead of providing a recommendation to the Board.

Participation Update

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

Of note;

- ▶ Temporary suspension of football aligned to public health orders, with lockdowns applied from Thursday 12 August until 5:00pm Thursday 2 September.
- ▶ Commencement of competition modelling work to prepare for when the suspension is lifted.
- ▶ Capital Football engaged with ACT Sports Grounds, ACT Sport and Recreation, and COMPS to discuss options to extend access to fields beyond 16 September 2021.
- ▶ A meeting with Club Presidents, Region Councils, SAC's, and the Technical Committee has been scheduled for the evening of 19 August 2021 to share information and discuss possible options.
- ▶ An update on rescheduled, washed-out matches.
- ▶ In response to the increase in load/expectation of already overloaded referees, the following decisions were made;
 - ▶ Suspend all training sessions until 7 September at the earliest.
 - ▶ Cancel the remaining CARP sessions for the year
- ▶ A report on referee recruitment and training including;
 - ▶ 547 match officials have registered to 2 August 2021 compared with 512 registrations at the same time in 2019.
 - ▶ Of the 547 registered match officials, 213 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 31 July 2021: Capital Football continues to deliver and promote the referee management system, a total of 94 referees completed 523 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 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;

- ▶ Registrations have now opened for Walking Football with 29 players currently registered.
- ▶ After speaking at Wanniasa Hills Senior School, Brandon Stroud from Capital Football has been asked to run a practical Powerchair session at the school.
- ▶ Jake Naylor from the ACT Education Directorate has engaged with Brandon to go out to more schools within the Canberra region.
- ▶ Capital Football have been asked to run Powerchair sessions for the International Day of People with a Disability on 3 December 2021, alongside the ACT Education Directorate.
- ▶ Update on COVID-19 including;

- ▶ The ACT Government announced a Territory wide lockdown from 5:00pm Thursday 12 August until 5:00pm Thursday 2 September.
- ▶ ACT residents are not permitted to participate in any form of organised training, matches or face to face events or meetings for the duration of the ACT lockdown.
- ▶ The NSW Government announced that Regional NSW will enter stay-at-home requirements from Saturday 14 August until 12:01am Sunday 22 August 2021.
- ▶ All NSW residents are not permitted to participate in any form of organised training, matches, face to face events or meetings for the duration of the Regional NSW lockdown.
- ▶ The extension to the ACT lockdown, announcement of the broader NSW lockdown and the impact on competition.
- ▶ ACT Sportsground shutdown to prepare for summer competition will be from 17 September - 30 September.
- ▶ Summer allocations are now open and a JotForm will be sent out to clubs asking for their allocations up to April 2022.
- ▶ Calwell fields will be offline from September - April 2022 as all fields will be resurfaced.
- ▶ Part of Wanniasa 1 and 2 will also to be resurfaced. The timeframe on this is unknown.

EDUCATE AND ENHANCE

Performance Update

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

- ▶ Skills Training Program (STP) for Clubs; Friday 27th – Belnorth FC (TBC).
- ▶ Update on CUA results for rounds 16 – 18.
- ▶ Ali Efe assisted Eddie Senatore for two weeks while Vicki Linton was on annual leave.
- ▶ NPLW First Grade League Table provided with CUA currently 4th on the ladder.
- ▶ TSP continued training on Mondays and Wednesdays at Hawker Football Centre due to bad weather and poor ground conditions at Southwell Park, Lyneham.
- ▶ Some Canberra United WWL players, who were playing in FNSW NPLW have been training with the U15 TSP boys to keep up their fitness.
- ▶ Update on Coach education and Goal Keeping courses.
- ▶ Coaching Support Program schedule; COFC U15's, 17 August and COFC U13's, 19 August. Both have been cancelled due to Covid-19.

THRIVE AND PROSPER

Throsby Update

The Board discussed the Throsby Home of Football project including;

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

- ▶ Meetings scheduled by the ACT Government to progress the submission of the Stage 1 DA.

Commercial Update

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

- ▶ The NPL season, wet weather, NPLW players heading abroad and local hype ahead of the Olympics were the main stories covered in July.
- ▶ An update on print media - majority of stories were positive with 2 negative stories, one surrounding an NPL1 off field altercation.
- ▶ Canberra Times covered 25 stories relating to Capital Football and Canberra United in July 2021, which is 6 stories more than June.
- ▶ The new date for the McDonald's Kanga Cup and the 'Reduce Abuse' campaign both featured in the news.
- ▶ ISC to become the new apparel supplier for Capital Football's programs and activities.
- ▶ Meeting with commercial partners who would like to increase their involvement.
- ▶ Lockdown may impact the willingness of organisations to become involved with Capital Football assets as sponsorship is threatened by environmental factors.
- ▶ Capital Football is currently investigating ACT and Federal Government support through COVID-relief.