

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 2021

INTRODUCTION

This summary provides information relating to the Capital Football Board meeting held on 29 September 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.

GOVERN AND GUIDE

CEO and Acting Head of Participation Meeting With Clubs and Committees

A videoconference with clubs and committees was held on 28 September to discuss NPL Criteria and the Methods of Promotion and relegation. A survey was also distributed that week for individuals to provide further feedback.

Affiliated Clubs Policy

The Board discussed the draft Affiliated Clubs Policy (previously known as Policy for Admitting New clubs).

The Affiliated Clubs Policy seeks to articulate the process for new clubs to be admitted to Capital Football competitions and provides guidelines to clubs regarding club category.

Capital Football Hall of Fame Nominations

On 10 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 3 September 2021.

Capital Football Management presented the Hall of Fame nominations for the Board's consideration.

Hall of Fame Nominations were received for the following three candidates;

- ▶ Angelo Konstantinou (Player)
- ▶ Bill Simeonovic (Referee)
- ▶ Jo Smith (Administrator)

RESOLUTION:

The Board considered the three nominations for Hall of Fame awards but resolved that the three candidates did not meet the criteria.

CONNECT AND ENGAGE

Community Engagement

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

- ▶ Chair Fran Sankey and Deputy Chair Angelo Konstantinou joined the Gungahlin Community Forum call on 7 September 2021.
- ▶ Chair Fran Sankey spoke with PLSAC Chair Michael Sergi regarding the progress of the NPL Review Implementation.

PLAY AND PERFORM

National Futsal Championships

The hosting rights for the 2022 National Futsal Championships have been awarded to Football Queensland. The tournament is scheduled for 5-9 January 2022 on the Gold Coast.

The Board discussed a report put forth by Capital Football Management on the upcoming National Futsal Championships with recommendations regarding the ACT competing. A decision will be made pending further health advice from the ACT Government regarding the easing of restrictions.

Participation Update

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

- ▶ Update on the commencement of summer competition;
 - ▶ Futsal PL, social Futsal and summer Football were due to start early to mid-October. With lockdown extensions and eased restrictions once Canberra is effectively vaccinated (3 weeks after 80% population being double dosed) it is unlikely that Capital Football will be able to commence community futsal until January 2022 and Summer Football may not be able to occur until December/January.
- ▶ Review of the Competition Regulations and Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations for the 2022 season.
- ▶ Competitions Calendar and Key Dates document, currently being drafted, will be finalised by end of October.
- ▶ A report on referee recruitment and training including;
 - ▶ 550 match officials have registered to 13 September 2021 compared with 512 registrations at the same time in 2019.

- ▶ Of the 550 registered, 214 are new officials and 336 are returning, translating to a retention rate of 65% compared to 55% in 2020.
- ▶ Update on RefLIVE for the period 22 March 2021 to 11 August 2021: A total of 95 referees completed 579 Referee self-assessments.
- ▶ Overview of referee coverage and referee courses including;
 - ▶ Following the suspension of football activities, Capital Football sought EOI's from Level 4 Referees who would be interested in completing a Referee Level 3 (RL3) course. A course was delivered in August with a total of 12 participants.
 - ▶ Overall, a total of 22 participants have attended a RL3 course this year, compared to 13 in 2020.
- ▶ Overview of Referee Accreditation Pathway.

Game Development Update

The Head of Game development tabled a Game Development update to the Board. Of note;

- ▶ Update on Walking Football - registrations remain open with 43 players currently registered with start date to be confirmed.
- ▶ Regular meetings are scheduled via Zoom for the All Abilities Academy and Powerchair in order to stay connected while in lockdown.
- ▶ Update on COVID-19;
 - ▶ The ACT Government announced an extension to the Territory wide lockdown until 11:59pm, Friday 15 October.
 - ▶ No current roadmap has been released for Community Sport with all competitions suspended until that time.
 - ▶ Recreational/social sporting activities can recommence at this time ie. social tennis, golf or rowing, but does not include coaching, training, or competition.
 - ▶ The extension to the ACT lockdown and some Regional NSW towns still in lockdown presents significant challenges to our summer competitions and NPL trial periods.
 - ▶ Capital Football staff begin to work on 'return to training' templates for clubs.
 - ▶ Capital Football has engaged with the ACT Government in relation to exemptions for Canberra United players outside the state.
 - ▶ The 'Return to Training' plan for CU is being developed and will be ready prior to pre-season commencing.
- ▶ Clubs have started to send in their summer allocations. Brandon Stroud has been working on the allocation process.
- ▶ Update on renovations at Calwell and Wanniasa playing fields.
- ▶ Hawker Football Centre remains closed. Phil Booth checks on the Centre three times a week to ensure there is no damage or break-ins.

Summary of Disputes and Disciplinary Matters

An updated summary of Disputes and Disciplinary matters for June - September 2021 was provided to the Board for discussion.

EDUCATE AND ENHANCE

Performance Update

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

- ▶ Update on Canberra United recommendations and preparations for season 14.
- ▶ Canberra United Academy update including;
 - ▶ Players setting themselves skills challenges on CUA Slack Channels.
 - ▶ Age groups to be entered for the 2022 season, in line with the changes to the age-groups in the NPLW in 2020.
- ▶ Talent Support Program - player submission of Individual Performance Plans (IPP), and Review of IPP's with individual players.
- ▶ Coach education; Skills Training Certificate (STC) - September 3 and 10 online with Belnorth FC, September 21 and 28 online with GUFC (female only).
- ▶ Community Goal Keeping Course; Friday 17th Online Belnorth FC.
- ▶ Coaching Assessments conducted - C-Licence Theory Exams and C-Licence catch-up sessions for coaches who needed to provide more information in their Theory exams.
- ▶ Additional Coach Education including;
 - ▶ Scott O'Donell attending AFC Coaching Convention online meeting in August.
 - ▶ Scott O'Donell assessing Young Socceroos coach Gary van Egmond for his Pro Licence assessment.
 - ▶ Scott O'Donell, Phil Booth and Ali Efe participating in FNSW Coach Educators Online Workshop 25 August – 2 Sept.
- ▶ NPLW Goal Keeping Program and the lack of take-up or interest.

THRIVE AND PROSPER

Throsby Update

The Board discussed the Throsby Home of Football project including;

- ▶ ACT Government presentation at the Gungahlin Community Council meeting on 8 September 2021.
- ▶ Home of Football Project Control Group. Deputy Chair Angelo Konstantinou and CEO Phil Brown participated, along with representatives of the ACT Government, in meetings on 8 September 2021 and 22 September 2021. The project is still on track for the completion target of mid-2023
- ▶ An update on meetings with the service provider assisting with the development of the business plan for venue operations.
- ▶ An update on draft agreements provided by the ACT Government.
- ▶ Progression of the submission of the Stage 1 Development Application.

Commercial Update

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

- ▶ Tendering of Kanga Cup merchandise.
- ▶ Shared servicing.
- ▶ Streaming and data partnerships below the NPL level.
- ▶ Digital exposure opportunities across both domestic leagues.
- ▶ Canberra United major partners for the 2021/22 season will include:
 - ▶ *University of Canberra*
 - ▶ *Club Lime*
 - ▶ *DKD Consulting*
 - ▶ *Blumers Personal Injury Lawyers*
- ▶ Canberra United Academy major partners for the 2022 season include:
 - ▶ *University of Canberra*
 - ▶ *Blumers Personal Injury Lawyers*
 - ▶ *Capital Chemist*
- ▶ External media organisations during August covered the NPL season, suspension of Capital Football's winter season, cancellation of the 2021 Kanga Cup and Canberra United player signings.
- ▶ In total, the Canberra Times covered 24 stories relating to Capital Football and Canberra United in August 2021. The vast majority of these were positive and impartial for the sport.
- ▶ Media opportunities for Canberra United shifted to virtual interviews, with Michelle Heyman and Emma Ilijoski interviewed over Zoom by the Canberra Times, WIN News Canberra, ABC, the Football Sack, the Inner Sanctum and Beyond 90.
- ▶ Update on websites and social media traffic with the most popular day on the Capital Football Facebook page being August 16, with an update on the suspension of football following an ACT Government announcement. The most popular day on the NPL Capital Football Facebook Page was August 8, which featured fixtures, live streams, and results of NPL1 and NPLW matches.
- ▶ A Communications Plan was provided for September and October.