

Belnorth

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date	Sunday 13th December 2020
Time	17:00 hours
Location	Video conference via Zoom

1. Welcome

Ben Muir was nominated as chair and welcomed the members to the 2020 AGM, thanking them for their attendance.

2. Meeting Opened

The Annual General Meeting was opened at 17:08 hours.

3. Attendance

Attendees: Anthony 'Meggsie' Goddard, Martyn Ruddy, Mohammad Rahimi, Kayannie Denigan, Kat Newman, Teresa Meisel-Dennis, Esperance Anderson, Matthew Willington, Trystan Moffitt, Kristian 'Pockets' Aggett, Alasdair Grocock, Andrew Stirton, Jason Faul and Ben Muir.

Apologies: George Lovrinovic.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes from 2019 AGM were tabled – proposed acceptance, seconded by Kayannie Denigan; accepted by Esperance Anderson.

5. Presidents Report (George Lovrinovic)

Dear Belnorth Members,

I am sure that all members will not forget the 2020 season and the challenges that the club, players, parents, spectators and the wider community faced due to smoke (air quality) around Canberra region at the start of the season and COVID19.

Belnorth Vision

Belnorth's vision is to be the football club of choice in the Canberra region, fostering a lifelong love of the game and developing players to their full potential.

Belnorth Football club consists of 88% juniors and 12% seniors.

The strength of the Belnorth Football club is the juniors and parents continue to register kids in the U 5 – U 9's, due to playing with their friends and the convenience of all games being played at Kaleen.

The following table illustrated the number of teams (boys and girls) that played in the COVID 19, 2020 winter season.

Belnorth Football Club	Age Groups	No. of Teams
Juniors Mini Roos	U 5 – U 9	62
Juniors SSG	U 10 – U 11	19
Juniors Competitive	U 12 – U 18	12
Seniors	Community, State and Masters Leagues	13
BNFC	Total	106

The future for Belnorth club is to continue to develop the juniors by investing in developing skills, particularly having a program for the U 5 – U 9's which will flow onto the U 10 – U 18's.

One of the goals is to develop girls and encourage more participation for the girls.

Impact of COVID 19

Capital Football provided leadership and continued to engage with all football clubs throughout the year. There were times during the early part of the COVID 19 lock down that Football in the Canberra region might not be played for the 2020 season.

Capital Football formulated scenarios of different dates on when the competition would look like and how many games would be played for the 2020 winter season.

Capital Football continued to work closely with the ACT Government as they provided direction to the Canberra community on what was feasible.

Belnorth football club had to continue to work with Capital Football in developing the return to training COVID plan.

The committee had to endorse and write up the plans and seek approval from Capital Football.

Thank you to Ben Muir the secretary of Belnorth Committee for all the behind the scene work that he has done with the COVID plans, minutes and agendas, updating and making changes to the website, communicating through web and FB, plus all the other IT tasks. Plus the ground manager role that you have been doing for two years, and now you have a good system in place.

Outcome of the COVID 19 Winter Season

With the number of COVID 19 cases being under control and zero, Capital Football approved Belnorth COVID safe environment plans.

The outcome was a shortened winter season and the focus was participation in football for the 2020 season rather than competition points for the miniroos, juniors and seniors.

Belnorth Football Club	COVID 19 Season Schedule	Actual number of games played due to wet weather
U 5 – U 9	13	11
U 10 – U 18	11	9
Community League, State League and Masters	11	9

Overall the COVID 19, 2020 winter season was a good outcome for football in Canberra, as players, coaches, managers, game day leaders, referees and parents were able to participate in the season.

One of the outcomes from a shortened season was that Capital Football agreed to refund a percentage to the players from clubs that were registered. Capital Football worked with the clubs on the process on how to refund. The Belnorth Committee made a decision on the amount of money that was to be refunded to each age group.

As part of the Capital Football process the club refunded \$33,870 to players and parents who requested a COVID 19 refund.

Belnorth's treasure Martyn Ruddy did a fantastic job with the refunds, processing payments, budgets, junior game day payments, game day payments, organising the auditors and

I would like to thank Martyn for the amount of work that he has done during this challenging year.

The treasure will provide a more detail report on Belnorth strong financial position which will allow investment into equipment and training programs for developing juniors.

Coaches and Managers

A big thank you goes out to coaches and managers who volunteered their time to coach and manage each team. It can be very challenging, however rewarding in watching the children develop as players and having fun.

One of the challenges that Belnorth and other clubs continue to struggle with is parents volunteering their time to coach and manage teams. I encourage parents to step up and assist the club in continuing to coach, manage and be on the committee.

The club requires to invest in developing the juniors in skills and assisting coaches. This can be done through an appointment of a Technical Director for the club that is committed and

has a passion in developing juniors.

Game Day Leaders and Referee Coordinator

This year has been a successful year with developing game day leaders and the success of this has been due to Matt Willington who is the Belnorth Referee Coordinator. Matt has continued to provide training and feedback to the young game day leaders and these game day leaders will become excellent referees for the future.

As part of the COVID19, the committee decided that game day leaders and referees were to be paid by the club, rather than each team paying half of the fees on game day. This was a successful outcome.

Belnorth Committee and Volunteers

I am confident that there will be new and existing committee members that will be able to fill the roles due to their experience and knowledge of the Belnorth Club.

As the club consists of 88% of juniors it is important that there is good representation of committee members who are parents with kids at the club and seniors.

For the 2020 Belnorth committee, out of the 9 committee members, 4 members had children playing for the Belnorth and this gave a good representation to the committee.

I would like to thank all the registrars (Teresa Meisel - Dennis, Kat Newman, Kayannie Denigan, Esperance Anderson and Meggsie (Anthony Goddard) with all the work that they have done in forming teams, communicating with coaches, managers, parents and Capital Football. I appreciate all the effort that you have put in, especially with the COVID 19 season and making changes so that the competitions could run.

To our operation manager, Lenie Kostovska, thank you for all the time that you have spent over the last two years in ensuring that the jersey's, equipment, were ready for collection and pick up by the teams each year and then having them returned. The work that you did last year's presentation was massive and it worked out very well, plus dealing with Dominos as a sponsor (plus organising the medals for 2020, which was appreciated by the kids and parents).

Henk Thijssens Legacy to the club

This year was a sad year for the Belnorth club as Henk Thijssens, a founding Belnorth member, passed away. I would like to acknowledge all that Henk contributed to the club from being a committee member, referee, referee coordinator and other roles within the club.

The Belnorth committee has decided to honour Henk by renaming the Belnorth summer competition.

The new committee will update the Belnorth members once the design and name has been finalised.

As Henk would have said **“for the love of the game”**.

I wish the club and committee members all the best for the 2021 season.

Warmest regards,
George Lovrincevic
President Belnorth

6. Treasurer Report (Martyn Ruddy)

Dear Belnorth Members,

This year has been a challenging one for Belnorth due to a variety of factors. Our President, George Lovrincevic, discusses some of the challenges encountered by the Club in 2020 in his President’s Report. Despite all the challenges, however, the Belnorth Football Club remains in a strong financial position.

A copy of the audited Financial Report for the year ended 31 October 2020 is available on the Club’s AGM webpage for the information of members. In the Auditor’s opinion, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Club as at 31 October 2020 and its financial performance for the year.

Significant financial considerations and outcomes are discussed below.

Operating Result

Belnorth recorded a small operating profit of \$1,292 for the 2020 financial year. This result is largely attributable to a reduction in net receipts from player registrations in 2020, and the timing of expenditures for the hire of playing fields from ACT Sports & Recreation Facilities in 2019. For the previous financial year ended 31 October 2019, Belnorth reported an operating profit of \$103,355. By comparison, the operating results in 2018 and 2017 were profits of \$49,618 and \$48,446, respectively.=

Net Assets

As at 31 October 2020, Belnorth’s net assets amounted to \$508,322, including term deposits totalling \$340,000. The corresponding net asset values in 2019 and 2018 were \$507,029 and \$394,730.

Player Registration Fees

The commencement of the 2020 Winter Season was delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions, and was of a shorter than usual duration. While interest in playing was still strong despite the pandemic, a significant number of players who had initially registered to play chose to withdraw, and subsequently sought refunds.

For the players who did participate, Capital Football, in conjunction with its member clubs, offered reduced registration fees through a partial refund scheme. By the end of the

financial year, Belnorth's contribution to the scheme amounted to \$33,870. The value of other player registration refunds made by Belnorth during 2020 was \$12,578.

The 2020 edition of the Belnorth Football Club Summer Football Junior and Senior 6-a-side competitions, which commenced on October 19th, has again proved to be an excellent source of income for the Club. The corresponding 2019 competitions, while adversely affected by poor air quality due to bushfire smoke, also generated a positive cash flow.

Ground Hire

During 2019, ACT Sports & Recreation Facilities converted to a new system for the booking and invoicing of playing field hire. An unintended consequence of this was the delay in receipt by Belnorth of invoices relating to the 2019 financial year, and their subsequent payment. Accordingly, the Club's 2019 operating result was artificially inflated as amounts that would otherwise have been paid during the 2019 financial year were only paid after the commencement of the 2020 financial year.

Due to COVID-19, the ACT Government waived the requirement for sporting clubs, including Belnorth, to pay for playing field use during 2020. This provided a partial offset to the Club's 2020 outflows.

Looking ahead

While the budget for 2021 is still to be finalised, I have full confidence that the next Committee will be able to deliver a strong financial report in 12 months' time.

Acknowledgements

I wish to acknowledge the support of all Committee members over the past year.

I wish the Club and Committee members all the best for 2021.

Yours faithfully,
 Martyn Ruddy
 Treasurer
 Belnorth Football Club

Election of members to the Executive Committee (2-year appointment)

Ben Muir confirmed that no pre-nominations for vacant executive positions had been received prior to the meeting.

Committee discussed the vacant committee roles and nominations as listed below:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Anthony 'Meggsie' Goddard	Himself	Jason
Vice President	Kayannie Denigan	Ben Muir	Jason
Treasurer	Mohammad Rahimi	Ben Muir	Meggsie
Secretary	Ben Muir	Kayannie	Mohammad
Operations Manager	Vacant		
Senior Registrar	Trystan Moffitt	Meggsie	Andrew
Small-Sided Games Registrar	Vacant		

