



**NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 16, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order; Roll Call; Quorum determination**

Officers present (10): Scott Eisenbraun, Donna Langdon, Charles Gomes, Paul James, Sam Cohen, Matt Friedman, Jason Brenner, Alex Vidaurri, Jeremy Mikell, Bob Kepner

Executive Director: Darius Ejlali

A quorum of 10 of the 12-member Executive Committee was present.

**Approval of Minutes**

- February 17 Minutes were approved as written.

**New Business**

- USSF, USASA, NCASA actions in response to Coronavirus outbreak
  - 3/12 (Thu) afternoon: Communication from USSF received
  - 3/12 (Thu) Draft Constant Contact email about USSF communication sent to ExCom
  - 3/12 (Thu) Constant Contact email to league and state leadership about USSF communication
  - 3/13 (Fri) afternoon: Communication received from USASA suspending play until 3/31/2020
  - 3/13 (Fri) afternoon: USASA Communication sent by Constant Contact to league and state leadership

A suggestion was offered that NCASA needs to post a COVID-19 position regarding soccer play. A point was offered that our communication should be consistent. It was also pointed out that a few questions have been presented about disposition of player fees. The President appointed an ad hoc committee to draft a Constant Contact communication. Committee: Jason Brenner, Jeremy Mikell, Matt Friedman, Donna Langdon, Scott Eisenbraun and Darius Ejlali

Jason proposed a draft statement. It was agreed that the ExCom should leave completion of the draft to the ad hoc committee.

Agreement was reached to hold the committee's GoToMeeting call on the next evening, Tuesday, 3/17

Paul recommended that the policy be posted on the website.
- Tax return extension
  - Darius learned from our accountant that NCASA, as a non-profit, has a filing deadline 5 months after the end of its fiscal year to file its return. For NCASA, the deadline is May 15.

**Unfinished Business**

- NCASA SafeSport Policy actions
  - Paul spoke with NCYSA Executive VP Bob Singer (also an attorney) and quoted a Bob Singer email: I see nothing relevant in the Center's Code. In its Minor Athlete Abuse and Prevention Policy (page 9), there is a discussion of a minor player on a team of minors who becomes an adult. It says that the minor now adult does not have to adhere to the Policies unless 1) teammates are 14 or younger or 2) the minor now adult obtains a position of authority over his/her teammates. I suppose an analogy can be made—e.g. what if during a season 17 members of a team become adults and one does not. There is a hotline at the Center where questions can be asked and maybe even answered. Donna and Bob questioned Bob Singer's email. Per Darius, US Soccer Staff Attorney Greg Fike expressed a more urgent and serious approach. The NCASA Constitution says that NCASA administers soccer for 18 years and above. No ad hoc committee to discuss and formulate an approach to the SafeSport question was formed after the February meeting. No formal motion was presented but there appeared to be a sense that NCASA should adopt the SafeSport policy.

- Region 3 Workshop  
Darius stated there are big questions about whether the workshop will be held at all or possibly postponed. Region III Executive Committee is discussing the issue and will inform NC as soon as possible.
- Website actions  
Alignment with Blue Sombrero: Donna reported that building of the new site is in progress, Darius has copied all pages off the old site and they are ready to load to the new site.  
Status of ending the SportsEngine contract: Darius will inform SportsEngine that NCASA will not renew.  
Vance wants to hold an additional call to refine the website's purpose and goals.
- Finance Committee actions  
Status of 2020 Budget Initiative proposals adopted at AGM: Concerning investments, Charles G explained that one option has been secured for investments and that a second proposal is being sought.
- Recent Constant Contact communication with membership:  
Darius reported that a Constant Contact communication was sent to the entire membership about the Carolinas Cup, Wilmington Memorial Day and announcing AC Sandhills and Welcoming the Spring season are the only messages.  
Bob wondered if there any reaction to the communication was received from players in the Charlotte Independence Soccer Club that chose to separate from NCASA.
- Status of actions on goals in storage  
Scott stated that the goals will be moved this month. Jeremy offered to help.
- Status of planning for NCASA Board Retreat  
Under the Coronavirus circumstances, no action has been taken.

### Competitions

- Carolinas Cup 2020 (Charleston) update  
Scott and Darius indicated that the status of the event is in question now.  
When the subject of NCASA liability for canceled contracts was raised, Scott emphasized that the contracts are with South Carolina organizations and that NCASA has no liability.
- Celebrate the Tatas progress report  
Alex asked that Scott secure the complex for the third weekend of October.  
The weekend change is due to the Jewish holidays.

### Officer & Staff Reports

- Treasurer: Charles reviewed the financials P & L Jan/Feb 2020
- Executive Director: The new insurance program with USI is working well. It uses a digital process. Response time is good.

A motion to adjourn was offered and passed at 8:47 pm.

Next Meeting(s): **April 20<sup>th</sup>**, May 18th

**Region III and National Events (subject to change):** USASA Region III Tournament (June 12–14), USASA Region III Workshop June 27–28 (RALEIGH, NC), USASA AGM September 24–27 (Bonita Springs, FL)