



NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

May 18, 2020

MINUTES

Call to Order; Roll Call; Quorum determination

Present: Scott Eisenbraun, Donna Langdon, Charles Gomes, Bob Kepner, Paul James, Alex Vidaurri, Sam Cohen, Jeremy Mikell, Matt Friedman, Darius Ejlali

Not Present: Jason Brenner, Mark Baker

Approval of Minutes

- April Minutes – will be presented at June Meeting

New Business

- How do WE see reopening of play for NCASA?
Questions around liability main concern looking at Phase Two and moving towards Phase Three
Looking for central guidance – US Soccer, USASA and insurance
Age Discrimination – Example – league normally offers aged division but decides to close aged divisions due to COVID, is the league violating players
First guideline is to follow NC Government guidelines
Social Distancing
Mass gathering rules and definition
Which activities will insurance cover?
Collective conversations with league leaders – cover many topics, jerseys, managing sidelines, etc.
“At this point in time” decisions – standards NCASA should advocate

JM - states NC may move into Phase Three prior to NCASA next meeting

Phase Two – 2–3 weeks

Phase Three – 4-6 weeks

SE - makes a motion to move NCASA June 15th meeting to June 8th to consider Gov. Cooper announcement regarding Phase Three.

JM – seconds

Motion passes unanimously

NCASA will meet June 15th instead of June 8th

Region III National Cup

Tournament is suspended – NO National Final Four

Event may happen with different focus

Carolinas Cup Champions and Finalists will NOT receive travel subsidy

(travel subsidy is to assist with National Cup pursuits)

In normal times, NCASA Champions and Finalists receives travel subsidy after Team Bond has been submitted and travel plans have been secured

Unfinished Business

- USSF, USASA, NCASA actions in response to Coronavirus outbreak (Scott; Darius)
Review of communication received – most leagues are in lockdown – many NC captains are still hoping the Region III event happens this summer.
Review of communication to leagues – have been centered around the question of returning to play.
- NCASA Safe Sport Policy actions
Communication with USSF – USASA meet with US Soccer legal council to create a “Recommended Guidelines for States”
USASA Guidelines discussed – states, like NCASA; that do not register U18 players but have travel teams:

1. Each League director and NCASA board should take the course.
2. All travel teams must have one designated individual that takes the Safe Sport course and have a background check.

NCASA questions the thoroughness of these guidelines; enforcement, background checks and logic.
NCASA wants a more concrete answers before establishing a policy.
USASA's guidelines took too long and are too thin.

- Region 3 Workshop actions
RIII workshop has been canceled. May be zoom meeting
- Website actions (Vance; Donna; Darius)
Update (Visit the NEW website) – Website being worked on – JM was key to getting the website up and running
Improving our communications and defining who we are
Have bios for all our officers to connect with membership
Events - calendars
Blue Sombrero alignment
Status of ending the SportsEngine contract
Maintenance of the website; keeping it up to date
- Recent Constant Contact communication with membership – reduction in fee
- Status of planning for NCASA Board Retreat – hope to be in person – possibly a weekend
Questions around when
How realistic is a gathering between August - September?
Retreat should evaluate our organization and look at a 1-year to 5-year plan
Establish Goals and implementation on how to achieve
The retreat needs to be structured
- OTHER TOPICS: _____

Competitions

- Carolinas Cup 2020 (Charleston) - CANCELLED
- Celebrate the Tatas progress report – in a holding pattern – discussions over postponing the event to 2021 or possibly re-structure the focus.

Officer & Staff Reports as needed

- President – Communicating with USASA and other states that are close to opening – eager to return to play
- Executive VP – need to have a proper financial report – TASL no Summer Heat
- Executive Director – looking forward to setting up the league communications, insurance claims continue to come in, cleaning warehouse, reviewing our internal documents
- Secretary – Recognizing Jeremy Mikell in shaping the website. Bob sent the actual Safe Sport Law

For the Good of the Game

SE – enjoying Bundesliga – no fans

Stay Safe and Healthy

Adjourn

Next Meeting(s): June 8th, July 20th

Region III and National Events: USASA Region III Tournament (June 12–14) Postponed, **USASA Region III Workshop June 27–28 (RALEIGH, NC)**, U - SASA AGM September 24–27 (Bonita Springs, FL)