



## NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

### Minutes

September 21, 2020

#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

**Present:** Scott Eisenbraun, Donna Langdon, Bob Kepner, Charles Gomes, Alex Vidaurri, Jason Brenner, Vance Carlisle, Jeremy Mikell, Sam Cohen, Matt Friedman, Darius Ejlali

**Not Present:** Paul James, Mark Baker

#### Quorum determination

#### Approval of Minutes

August 17<sup>th</sup> Minutes

BK made a motion to accept as written

JM – seconded – minutes approved unanimously

#### New Business

- NCASA Return to Play Update
  - SE – reports receiving attorney’s final opinion and will file with the office
  - BK – commends the boards responsible actions
  - JB - members would be proud of the actions of the board
  - JM – suggests a review of process to learn how the board can address time sensitive matters better
- New League First Flight
  - DE – presents First Flight’s request for membership. DE has reviewed league’s Constitution, Bylaws and rules. SE and DE have met with directors and captains. FFL is a traveling competitive league, former UPSL teams.
  - SE - asks for a motion to accept First Flight Soccer League as NCASA’s newest member.
  - BK – makes the motion
  - JM – seconded – no further discussion
  - Accepted Unanimous
- Registration Update
  - DE – registration has begun, our US soccer Connect registration has nice tools to track a “re-Acknowledgment of Waiver”
  - DL – discussed league activities, Wilmington, Greenville not holding a Fall season.

AV – ABASA has not held their meeting regarding re-opening, finances and quality of services are important metrics especially for such a shortened season.

MF – shared similar insight of ABASA discussions

JM – surveyed members, 70% replied, MASL is projecting loosely structured league play starting this October 1.

- Treasurer's Report
  - CG – presented Balance Sheet, August P&L, Not a lot of activities
  - Activating the Budget Committee to prepare a 2021 Budget,
  - SE – adding Bob Kepner to the Budget Committee
- League Affiliation Update
  - DE – reports that only four leagues paid their state affiliation fee prior to the COVID shut down. Now there is a restart, does the board want to pursue the affiliation fee for the remainder of the year or roll over those who paid 2020 to 2021 and remind leagues of their duty to pay their affiliation fee 2021 prior to the 2021 AGM.
  - JM – supported the idea
  - SC – counterpoint, that affiliation should have meaning, and the fee is small enough that it should be collected. Puzzled why the fee had not been collected prior to the 2020 AGM as directed by the Budget Committee.
  - BK – offers the motion – ***Leagues that have paid the \$50.00 2020 Affiliation Fee will have their fee cover their 2021 Affiliation Fee and those leagues that have not paid their 2020 Affiliation Fee will need to be paid prior to the Jan. 31, 2021***
  - JM – seconded
  - SC – discussion, ask if the fee triggers the insurance, DE – the affiliation fee does not trigger the insurance policy
  - DL – historically leagues are slow about paying their affiliation fee, it was discussed at the AGM.
  - DL - outlines that leagues have struggled with our new online affiliation. Given the pandemic, believes this is a good idea.
  - Example Wilmington.
  - DE – reports affiliation notice goes out multiple times prior to the AGM.
  - JB – wants notice going out to leagues to notify the importance of paying prior to the AGM along with ramifications for failing to comply by a certain date.
  - BK – articulate that there is a declaration of “Good Standing” the fee doesn’t determine “good standing” the board determines “good standing”.
  - BK – restates his motion - ***Leagues that have paid the \$50.00 2020 Affiliation Fee, have their fee cover their 2021 Affiliation Fee and those leagues that have not paid their 2020 Affiliation Fee paid prior to Jan. 31 2021 in order to remain in “Good Standing”***
  - DL – seconded
  - JM – wants a process that leagues should have to pay before opening their spring registration.
  - DE – *requests prior to the AGM be amended to the motion instead of Jan. 31, 2021*
  - BK – accepts friendly amendment
  - Leagues that have paid the \$50.00 2020 Affiliation Fee, have their fee cover their 2021 Affiliation Fee and those leagues that have not paid their 2020 Affiliation Fee paid prior to the 2021 AGM in order to remain in “Good Standing”***
  - SE – asks for the vote - **Motion passes, with 1 dissent**
- D&O Insurance
  - SE – states NCASA will looking to secure a policy
  - DE – provides information on D&O policies from K&K and will be receiving quotes and coverage from USI as well. Stressing the importance of a State purchase policy as well as

coverage for our member leagues. Reports the national policy from USASA does not cover the state and leagues properly.

DL – reports this is an important policy to have for the state and the leagues. TASL moved forward with purchasing a D&O policy from K&K. NCASA needs to look at covering our leagues, many of our smaller leagues probably could not afford \$745 bill every year for coverage.

SE – wants NCASA to look at the costs around league coverage. He wants to pursue USASA to explain the savings at the national level, hopes USASA will be willing to assist states with this cost structure. If USASA does not extend financial assistance to states, this will add expenses at the state level that once was not there. The D&O policy is a benefit from USASA that all states and leagues utilized is now its going to costs states and potential leagues.

JM – endorses wanting answers

## Unfinished Business

- NCASA 2021 AGM Planning – Budget Committee, Nomination Committee, Awards  
DE – Our date is our choice and not bound to NCSYA, NCSRA and Hall of Fame.  
JM and JB chairs each committee Virtual or In-person AGM  
Want to keep the board on track with Budget Committee, Nomination Committee, Rules, Awards  
JM – discusses the pros and cons of the In-person – Sat. Only, no overnight unless the outlier leagues need accommodations. Location important to be central. Not use the NC Soccer office. There is a budget for space.  
DL – expresses that In-person would not be her choice and would steer NCASA towards a virtual.  
VC – spoke about the cons of a reduced AGM and suggests a Virtual  
JM – offers a Virtual AGM for business sake, hopefully In-person Mid-Year  
BK – wants the board to make that decision now to move towards virtual. Making the decisions now assists in the planning. BK Offers the motion, **NCASA 2021 AGM will be held as a Virtual meeting**  
VC - seconded  
JB – shares thoughts on the logistic and the complexity of holding a virtual meeting, JB suggests – he and JM work together and prepare a plan and then add VC to the committee  
**Motions carries unanimously**
- NCASA Survey  
DE – The two Constant Contact emails of the survey did not produce enough responses. Survey link was sent to leagues to circulate.
- Spring 2021 Fees  
SE – wants to table the discussions
- Status of planning for NCASA Board Retreat  
JM – multiple sessions, one night a week, for a couple weeks in October  
Good response  
Requests officers to reply with convenient nights during the week and times

## Competitions

- Celebrate the Ta Tas Update (Alex)  
Nothing new – looking at 2021
- Carolinas Cup (December)  
Since the return to play, leagues, teams and players have inquired about the Cup

SC is interested in the Cup proceeding and have offered to host if NC cannot host. Cup Committee have met once and began discussing “how do we move forward and the scope of concern”.

No announcements yet, website is set up, registration is set up

Building several budgets, starting at 32 teams

SC – If the Interim NCDHHS guidelines does not change, what date will NCASA close the tournament?

SC – makes a motion, “**NCASA will not hold the Carolinas Cup, if the Governor’s office and the NCDHHS guidance recommends against holding of soccer tournament**”.

BK – seconded

Planning and registration continue but a date should be set to cancel if the guidelines does “not recommend”.

JM – voting tonight is difficult without the most current guidelines to review. League play and Tournament play are different. Tournament play will require more preparation and execution, but I still do not believe we should be voting on this tonight without the current guidelines to review.

AV – we are not voting on whether to hold the Cup or not, we are voting on adhering to the NCDHHS guidelines and NC Executive Order, if the guidelines express not holding a tournament, then NCASA does not hold the tournament.

BK – teams can register with the understanding that the tournament could be canceled because of NC governing restrictions.

SC – stated his interpretation of the current guidelines “limiting tournaments” means “not recommended”.

SE – makes a motion to “**Table SC’s motion until the October vote**”

JM – seconded, SE – called the vote - **3 yes, 7 no – motion to table - fails**

SE- put **SC’s motion back on the table. Called the vote.**

**7 yes, 3 no – motion carries.**

#### **Officer & Staff Reports as needed**

- President *postponed until October*
- Other officers *postponed until October*
- Executive Director *postponed until October*

**For the Good of the Game** *postponed until October*

**Adjourn** SE – asks for a motion to Adjourn, BK – so moved, JM – seconded – unanimously approved

Next Meeting(s): October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>

**Region III and National Events:** TBD