



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2020

9:08 AM Call to Order

Roll Call: Present

ABASA	5 votes
CVASA	1 vote
CPSL	3 votes
MASL	4 votes
PASL	1 vote
TASL	7 votes
WASC	3 votes
WSASL	2 votes

President – Scott Eisenbraun
Executive Vice President – Donna Langdon
Treasurer – Charles Gomes
Vice President League Support – Jeremy Mikell
Women’s Commissioner – Alex Vidaurri
Vice President Competitions – Men – Jason Brenner
Vice President Competitions – Women/Coed – Vance Carlisle
Vice President Membership & Development II – Samuel Cohen
Vice President Membership & Development III – Mark Baker
NCSRA Liaison -Paul James

Executive Director – Darius Ejlali

Voting Strength

Leagues	26 votes
Executive Committee	9 votes
Total:	35 votes

Approval of Minutes for 2019 AGM

There was a motion by Jason Brenner to approve the minutes. ABASA stated there should be a correction for Union Brewing – it should have been High Wire. There was a motion by Vance Carlisle and a second by Jason Brenner to approve the minutes with corrections. Minutes were approved.

President's Comments

We are looking forward to a full calendar year cycle for registration and finances. Thank you to Donna Langdon and Darius Ejlali for tracking player numbers closely to assure accuracy. Thank you to the NCASA Board for their efforts this year.

Recognition of Award Winners by Darius Ejlali

- Crampton Harrison Award – Andy Nystrom from TASL
- Dave Williams Award – Jimmy Koutsokalis from CPSL
- Coach of the Year Male – Terran Berry from ABASA
- Coach of the Year Female – Jen Watkins from ABASA
- John Bouda Award – Todd Adkison

Executive Director Report

It has been an honor to serve NCASA. There has been serious work behind the scenes to keep NCASA healthy and in compliance with national governance in addition to the day to day activities. NCASA has been in flux for several years now with the registration software changes, and it has been challenging. The transition to calendar year cycle was a challenge but has helped to align the fiscal cycle with the registration cycle. We are on a productive path for 2020 with all leagues registering in the same platform and our registration and fiscal cycle being the same. Tournaments were a big success this year! NC is excited to host an international game in our state for the next 5 years.

Report on Tournaments by Darius Ejlali

Carolinas Cup Charleston: We continue to build the tournament along with the SC state association. Fields have been tough to find but we have traction now. We have a contract with James Island for fields in a prime location for this year's event.

Celebrate the Ta Tas: We have a wonderful team with Alex Vidaurri and Talia Goldman that results in a very successful, fun event with raffles and presents and donations. We had great league and referee support this year, and we were able to donate \$10,000 to breast cancer research!

Carolinas Cup Winston Salem: This is our premier event of the year with quality fields and referees. We worked with a new assignor and his team this year. It was a successful event with no complaints about the referees.

The budgets for the tournaments are in the Handbook. Darius indicated we missed the mark on the Carolinas Cup Winston Salem due to the lack of teams, especially the coeds. Jono stated that the quality of the event has improved and thanked Darius for his efforts and hard work in improving the officiating, registration and atmosphere of the event. It is an investment towards the membership. The Board and members need to decide the mission of the tournament.

Good news! The Coed Cup, format to be determined, has been added to this year's Regional event in Tennessee the 2nd week of June. Women will not be allowed to play in both coed and women's divisions.

Treasurer's Report by Charles Gomes

Reviewed the Profit and Loss Budget to Actual Report for the Interim 6 Month period. Income was above projected, and expenses were higher than expected.

Reviewed the Two-Year Comparison of 2018 and 2019 calendar year numbers. 2019 income was higher than expected and expenses were higher than projected.

The association's assets are around \$353,000.

There were no questions about the budget.

Scott reminded everyone to review the Officer's Reports in the book.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 NCASA Budget Approval

Charles Gomes presented the proposed 2020 Calendar Year Budget that had been approved by the Board. There was a question as to the absence of marketing dollars with a suggestion that we should review the needs. Jeff Jager motioned to approve with a second by David Zabarsky. Budget was approved.

2020 Budget Initiatives

Samuel Cohen presented a proposal for managing the association's current assets. This proposal was approved by the Board in the January 2020 monthly meeting. The breakdown proposal was presented as follows:

- Operational Reserve Fund - \$100,000 – to be used as emergency cash reserve for operations and maintained in a highly liquid fund
- Investment Fund - \$100,000 – to create a low risk investment fund for some cash reserves earning a better annual return
- Disaster/Emergency Fund - \$25,000 – to create a dedicated funding source to assist member leagues whose operations are impacted by natural disasters or emergencies
- Initiative to Reduce Violent Conduct - \$10,000 – to create a funding source for initiatives to reduce the incidents of violent conduct occurring in league matches

David Zabarsky motioned to approve with a second by Jono Starr. Initiatives were approved.

Jeff Carpenter made a recommendation for the minutes of the monthly Board meetings to be emailed out to league directors after they are approved.

NCASA AGM Format Discussion – remain joint vs stand alone

There was a discussion of whether the leagues preferred the AGM in conjunction with the youth and referee groups or was there an advantage for the adults to break away and have a one-day session for the workshop and AGM. An advantage would be reduced expenses for the state. The consensus was that there is a benefit to having connections with the other groups and to having more time together over a weekend. More member feedback is needed, and we do not have to decide at this time.

NCASA Response Time Frame for Referee Abuse and Assault Hearings

David Zabarsky from TASL requested this item to be on the agenda for discussion due to two outstanding incidents that haven't been addressed since the fall season and the length of time that it took to address another incident. NCASA was not in compliance with state D&A Policy and the timelines set forth in the policy. Scott Eisenbraun acknowledged the issue and noted that our D&A Chair recently

resigned as he was unable to dedicate the time required to do the job. Scott stated that NCASA must be more diligent. The state is looking for a new D&A Chair committed to processing hearings in a timely manner.

Approval of Actions of the Executive Committee

Travel Policy – The Travel Policy that was amended and approved by the Board on January 13, 2020 was included in the AGM Handbook.

Dissolution of NC Futsal – For some years NCASA had \$1,000 in seed money in support of a futsal initiative along with NCYSA. As there was no activity towards making this happen, the youth organization decided to withdraw their support. The NCASA Board voted to dissolve the futsal initiative.

David Zabarsky moved to accept, and Jeff Carpenter seconded, and the actions were approved. Paul James reported that the US Soccer Federation has changed the recertification requirements and all states are struggling to get referees on the field. NC currently has 500 referees certified and we need approximately 3,500.

Election of Officers

There are 7 positions up for election. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Scott Eisenbraun reviewed the nominations:

Executive Vice President – Donna Langdon
Secretary – remainder of term, one year - Bob Kepner
Treasurer – Charles Gomes
VP Women's and Coed Competition – Vance Carlisle
VP Membership & Development II – Samuel Cohen
VP Membership & Development III – Mark Baker
VP League Support – Jeremy Mikell

Paul James moved that the nominations be closed. It was seconded and approved. Paul moved that the slate of officers be approved by acclamation. It was seconded and approved. Congratulations!

For the Good of the Game

TASL lost their President Bill Hanckel this past October. They would like to thank ABASA for their sincere support of TASL and their contribution of funds for Bill's wake.

NC has an MLS team! Congratulations to the city of Charlotte.

North Carolina Support Soccer License Plates – Get your NC license plate!

11:50 AM Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Donna Langdon