



NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 16, 2022

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Roll Call: Sam Cohen, Donna Langdon, Bob Kepner, Paul James, Alex Vidaurri, Matt Friedman, Laura Collins, Emmanuel Sarkorh, Darius Ejlali

Not Present: Vance Carlisle, Scott Eisenbraun, Jeremy Mikell

Quorum determination

Officer & Staff Reports

- President – A lot on the agenda, first, NCASA took an email vote to temporarily reduce the state fee for Orange County Adult Soccer League players registering to NCASA through TASL. Seven of the nine board members voted unanimously in favor. There is a need to improve the formal process for new leagues and mid-year incentives that gives the board flexibility.
- The Finance Committee met and reviewed a budgeted 3% salary increase for the Director. The vote was unanimously in recognition of the quality of work for NCASA.
- There are several other motions tonight we will address tonight.
- Executive Director – April 30th, NCASA partnered with NCFC to host a Men's Amateur Gold Championship between Tobacco Rd. FC and Goldsboro Strike Eagles. Match was fantastic, 93 tickets were sold. (40 purchased by NCASA for staff and friends and family of players)

NCASA has been contacted by a group in Transylvania County about starting an adult league.

Carolinas Cup in Charleston is set and ready with 62 teams, 13 from NCASA, 30 from SCASA and 19 out-of-state teams from 9 different state associations. Planning and preparations have gone very well, especially the rostering system that Donna Langdon and Cindy Morrison created.

Referee Assault and Abuse cases are at an all-time high. This trend is across the nation.

Working on a couple system issues with Catawba Adult Soccer League as well as still having issues with our Constant Contact messages being quarantined by NCYSA as a third-party message.

- Vice-President – Thank you to the board for considering the request for OCASL. The temporary fee reduction makes bringing OCASL into the NCASA family possible.

- Treasurer's Report – Financial Reports have been submitted and circulated. The Finance Committee did address several items this month; a 3% salary increase, equipment replacement, canopy replacement and volunteer support.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the April 18, 2022, meeting were approved unanimously.

Growth Initiative

- Registration Report – NCASA is healthy. May 2021 NCASA had registered 4223 players. May 2022 NCASA has registered 6245 players. If this registration pattern continues NCASA could possible reach 12,000 plus.
- First-Year-League Updates – there are no first-year leagues
- New League Update – NCASA has been contacted by a group in Transylvania County about starting an adult league. The group works for the local youth organization. The group started a Facebook pick up that has grown to almost 400 participants and the organizers felt the time was right to formalize a league.

Competitions

- Carolinas Cup – 62 teams registered.
- VP Men's Competition, Scott Eisenbraun is holding a Zoom call to prepare teams for the USASA Region III National Championships.
- Celebrate the Tatas – Dates and location has been secured, October 15-16, 2022, Huntersville, NC
Registration will be open on July 1. Donations are already received.

Organizing Committees

- AGM Committee – no action
- Election Committee – no action
- Awards Committee – no action
- D&A – After years of service as NCASA's D&A Chairman, Bob Kepner has mentored a new D&A Chairman to lead the committee. Mario Garcia from the Charlotte area will begin as NCASA's D&A chairman. Finished up several hearings, one involving 4 players, creating 4 separate hearings. The D&A committee has been busy.

Board Q&A (10 Minutes) – Matt Friedman suggested a good neighbor moment between ABASA leadership and the new league leadership to further cooperation and joint efforts to help grow the game for adults in western North Carolina.

Old Business – none

New Business – All motions passed unanimously

Ratification of Reduction in 2022 NCASA Membership Fee for OCASL Participants (Previously approved via email vote; Board will ratify vote)

Whereas, the purpose of NCASA as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation is to develop, promote, and administer the game of soccer among men and women players over eighteen years of age, and

Whereas, NCASA is to be operated exclusively for charitable purposes, and

Whereas, the Orange County Adult Soccer League (OCASL) has offered a non-profit adult recreational soccer program in the Durham/Chapel Hill area, and

Whereas, OCASL has never been affiliated with NCASA and its referees have not been certified through NCSRA, and

Whereas, OCASL will be merging with TASL effective summer 2022, which will expand NCASA membership by about 500 new players while allowing for continued local opportunities for adults in the Durham/Chapel Hill area to play soccer, and

Whereas, TASL intends to cover the cost for the current OCASL referees to become certified by NCSRA, and

Whereas, the key to managing this merger so that it expands the NCASA player membership and the available pool of NCSRA-certified referees on an ongoing basis is to make sure there is a smooth transition period that has as minimal an impact as possible for the existing players and referees,

Be it resolved, that NCASA will reduce its 2022 state registration fee to \$15 per player for every player who registers with NCASA through OCASL (under whatever name it operates once the merger with TASL has been completed) between May 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022.

Purchase of Speakers

Whereas, NCASA uses loudspeakers at multiple NCASA-sponsored events, and

Whereas, NCASA's current loudspeakers need to be replaced,

Be it resolved that NCASA authorizes the expenditure of up to \$1,100 from the General Fund for the purchase of two loudspeakers and associated accessories.

Purchase of Tent Canopies

Whereas, NCASA uses tents with branded canopies at multiple-NCASA and affiliated-league sponsored events each year, and

Whereas, two of the existing tent canopies are damaged and are decorated with the old NCASA logo and web address,

Be it resolved that NCASA authorize the expenditure of up to \$850 from the General Fund for the purchase of two tent canopies with NCASA-branding.

Carolinas Cup – Memorial Day Tournament – Additional Support Funding

Whereas, NCASA and the South Carolina Adult Soccer Association (SCASA) cooperate in organizing and operating the Carolinas Cup competitions,

Whereas, as part of this relationship NCASA traditionally provides “manpower” to assist with the operation of the Carolinas Cup – Memorial Day tournament held in South Carolina, and

Whereas, NCASA wants to provide additional financial support to Board members providing support to the operations of the Carolinas Cup – Memorial Day tournament,

Be it resolved that NCASA approves the spending of up to an additional \$500 from the General Fund to cover these expenses, and

Be it further resolved that this spending is expected to cover the following expenses:

- Travel - \$270
- Lodging - \$40
- Food - \$180
- Miscellaneous - \$10

USASA Region III Championships Registration Fee for Carolinas Cup Finalists

Whereas NCASA has traditionally paid the \$300 per team application fee for teams representing North Carolina at the USASA Region III National Cup Championships who qualified for this tournament based on their performance at the Carolinas Cup, and

Whereas the 2022 NCASA Budget only included the \$300 subsidy for the champion teams from the 2021 Carolinas Cup and not for the finalist teams,

Be it resolved that NCASA approves the spending of up to \$600 from the General Fund to cover the \$300 per team application fee for 2021 Carolinas Cup finalists attending the USASA Region III National Cup Championships.

Ratification of Finance Committee Approval of Spending for Carolinas Cup 2021 Men’s Amateur Gold Championship Match before North Carolina FC match on April 30, 2022

Whereas, NCASA crowned two Men’s Amateur Gold division champions at the 2021 Carolinas Cup due to the number of teams entering the Men’s Amateur Gold division, and

Whereas, NCASA obtained the opportunity to host a championship match between the two Men’s Amateur Gold division champions in connection with a North Carolina FC home match, and

Whereas, this championship match provided an unexpected opportunity to showcase the elite soccer played by some of NCASA’s amateur players that NCASA should be pursued, and

Whereas, because of the speed with which this event was planned the expenditures needed to put on this event were not fully known before the last NCASA meeting occurring before

Whereas, as a result, the Finance Committee authorized the spending of up to \$1,100 for holding this event pursuant to the authority provided by the Budgetary Spending Authority Policy, and

Whereas, the Budgetary Spending Authority Policy calls for spending authorized by the Finance Committee to be presented to the full NCASA Board for ratification at the first NCASA Board meeting after the Finance Committee has approved additional spending,

Be it resolved that NCASA ratifies the Finance Committee decision to approve the spending of up to \$1,100 from the General Fund for holding the Carolinas Cup 2021 Men’s Amateur Gold Championship Match on April 30, 2022, and

Be if further resolved that the expected breakdown of the authorized \$1,100 in spending was as follows:

- Referees: up to \$275;
- Trainer: up to \$100;
- 40 game tickets for player friends & families: up to \$470;
- Van Rental: up to \$175;
- Miscellaneous: up to \$80.

Additional New Business (discussions) – Paul James, NCSRA discussed the increase in referee registration fees.

Takeaways/To Do Item Wrap-Up – none

For the Good of the Game – none

Adjourn – 8:08pm

2022 NCASA REGISTRATION REPORT

	2022 Player Registrations												Total # Players		
	As of											2022	2021	2020	
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May 8	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec			TOTAL
Leagues:															
ABASA	0	954	65	62	1								1082	1433	932
AC Sandhills	0	0	0	0	0								0	0	31
Catawba	58	4	0	17	6								85	146	61
Charlotte Independence	15	325	64	4	0								408	485	0
CPSL	285	269	6	5	0								565	661	614
First Flight League	0	14	106	11	2								133	484	0
Metrolina	0	120	476	29	3								628	727	688
NCASA Annual Pass	1	12	5	8	23								49	48	7
Pitt Greenville	4	24	90	3	0								121	182	134
Premier Adult	13	118	22	7	0								160	130	118
Seashore Soccer League	2	9	18	0	0								29	73	0
Swansboro	0	0	105	144	7								256	312	278
TASL	1438	380	119	55	25								2017	2926	2413
Wilmington	412	84	25	37	7								565	712	474
Winston Salem	21	92	32	0	0								145	201	218
TOTAL League Players	2249	2405	1133	382	74								6243	8520	5968
Tournament Only Passes:															
Beer City Cup														879	
Carolinas Cup Charleston				14	4								18	24	
Carolinas Cup WS														401	
Celebrate the Tatas														47	
Queen City Cup														175	
USASA Adult Soccer Fest				10									10	1	
TOTAL Tourney Passes	0	0	0	24	4								28	1527	
Temporary Passes	0	0	0	0	0								0	27	
TOTAL # PLAYERS													6271	10074	