



NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

June 20, 2022

Minutes

Call to Order: 7:06pm

Roll Call

Present: Sam Cohen, Donna Langdon, Bob Kepner, Jeremy Mikell, Scott Eisenbraun, Alex Vidaurri, Vance Carlisle, Matt Friedman, Paul James

Not Present: Emmanuel Sarkorh, Laura Collins

Quorum determination

Officer & Staff Reports

- President – Informed Board about NCASA executive director Darius Ejlali's recent eye surgery and told Board that he would not be readily available for the next week and that a card/gift would be sent to him on the Board's behalf wishing him a speedy recover. Noted that Member League Presidents & Beer City Cup organizers would be informed. Congratulated the North Carolina teams that competed at the USASA Region III Championships and noted the teams that will be advancing to the National finals – Sporting Charlotte (champion) & Wanderers FC (finalists) in Men's Over 40 and Charlotte Eagles in Women's Amateur. Thanked Scott Eisenbraun for the work he did helping NC teams prepare for the event and also congratulated Darius (as Region III director) on running a great event. Said that a motion will be brought to the Board next month asking for an appropriation to allow NCASA representatives to attend the Championship of Regions in August. Reminded the Board that they would be voting to confirm the President's appointment of Chad Garber to the position of NCASA Board Secretary. Mentioned plan to hold a Special Council Meeting on July 25, 2022, to approve the Constitution & Bylaws changes recommended by the Board.
- Executive Director – No report (not in attendance due to recent surgery).
- Vice President – No additional report.
- Treasurer – Noted that the written Treasurer's report and financials had been circulated and that the Finance committee will be meeting in July to discuss how to optimize the investment of NCASA's reserves.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for the May 16, 2022, Board meeting were approved unanimously.

Growth Initiative

- Registration Report – Report was provided showing registration by league year-to-date. Noted that more than 1,200 players registered in the last month and that NCASA is still on track to have 12,000 registrations before the end of the year.
- First Year Leagues Update – the OCASL@TASL merger (previously unaffiliated OCASL now being operated by TASL) is going well. OCASL plays four seasons, and the league is currently playing its summer season. More than 300 players registered for the summer season, which was just a little smaller than previous summer seasons.

- New League Update – Discussions are ongoing with the pick-up group in Transylvania County. There was a chance that their affiliation application would have been ready for the Board to review at the meeting tonight, but Darius' surgery put a wrinkle in those plans. NCASA President also noted that he had recently had a conversation with someone potentially interested in forming an adult league in Wayne County and was looking to see if NCASA had resources to assist him. VP League Support Jeremy Mikell offered to provide assistance.

Competitions

- Carolinas Cup –
 - Charleston, SC, Memorial Day weekend tournament was a big success. 62 teams participated, with about 15 teams from NC, 15 from outside the Carolinas, and the remainder from South Carolina. Discussions have started with a second complex due to the increasing size of the event. Darius, Alex Vidaurri, and our South Carolina Partners were thanked for making this event such a success.
 - USASA Region III Championships – NC teams competed at Regionals based on their performance at the 2021 11v11 Carolinas Cup. All teams represented NC well.
 - Tobacco Road (Men's Amateur) – semifinals
 - 1990 Royals (Men's Over 30) – semifinals
 - Sporting Charlotte (Men's Over 40) – champions
 - Wanderers FC (Men's Over 40) – finalists
 - Charlotte Eagles (Women's Amateur) – champions
 - Winston-Salem, NC, December 11v11 – a very productive kick-off planning meeting was held on Wednesday, June 15. Goal was to present the Carolinas Cup budget to the Board for approval at the July meeting, but that may be pushed to August due to Darius' surgery. Committee has decided to put on a special World Cup watch party during the event. The committee will be asking the Board to approve a separate appropriation for this activity, and the plan will be to publicize this event during registration so that players know there will be a viewing option.
- Celebrate the TaTas – Budget is being presented tonight, and the committee is on track to launch registration in July. The committee already has secured enough donations/sponsorships to cover the expected costs of the event.
- Queen City Cup – Social media promotion for the tournament has started, and more promotion will be coming soon. The tournament is August 6-7. There is a Charlotte FC game on Saturday night, and group ticket purchase is being arranged for players. Prize money also will be increasing this year. The goal is to become another premier 11v11 tournament for North Carolina.
- Beer City Cup – It looks like the tournament will be another huge success. This year's tournament will be the largest they have ever hosted, with 110+ teams. Individual player registrations are under way.

Organizing Committees – no reports

- AGM Committee
- D&A Committee
- Elections/Nominations Committee
- NCASA Awards Committee

Board Q&A (10 Minutes)

- State Referee Administrator Paul James asked the President if he'd had a chance to review and provide feedback on the new red card report yet. (Answer: No, but it is on his list.)
- Treasurer Bob Kepner suggested inviting Mario Garcia, the new D&A committee chair, to attend the NCASA Board meetings.

Old Business (motions)

- None

New Business (motions) – all motions passed unanimously (see text below at end of minutes)

- Appointment of NCASA Secretary – Chad Garber
- Celebrate the Tatas Budget
- Carolinas Cup (11v11) – Truist Park Contract

Additional New Business (motions - 2/3 vote required)

- None

Old & New Business (discussions)

- SafeSport policy implementation – significant progress made in having Board members and Member League Board members complete training, but there is wide compliance variation between leagues. Goal will be to have as many complete as possible and encourage holdouts. NC remains far head of most of its peers in terms of implementing the SafeSport requirements.
- D&O Policies – Have reached out to leagues to make sure they do not have any concerns about policies expiring at end of year. No leagues have expressed concern at this point, but another round of outreach will be done. Treasurer Bob Kepner asked if the decision to not purchase the D&O coverage for leagues beyond this year was “definite.” It was noted that no money for purchasing 2023 D&O coverage was included in the 2022 budget (policies need to be purchased in advance), but the Board can always change its mind. Executive Vice President Donna Langdon noted that we may need to consider purchasing “tail coverage” for claims relating to events that occurred in 2022 but are not filed until after the existing coverage expires.
- Phishing – multiple Board members have been the subject of phishing attempts, which normally have taken the form of someone claiming to be the NCASA President requesting money or gift cards. Board members were reminded to be careful and that they can verify any such requests by contacting the NCASA President at his personal email and/or cell phone number, which all Board members have.

Additional New Business (discussions)

- NCASA Council Special Meeting to approve Constitution & Bylaws – discussed intent to call a special meeting of the NCASA Council on July 25 at 7 pm to approve the amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws that the Board previously has recommended. Board members indicated that they should be available at that time. Notice will be sent to the Member League Presidents. Question was raised whether under the current Constitution & Bylaws an election for Secretary would need to occur (as the first meeting of the Council after a Secretary was appointed) or if that election did not need to be held until the regular Council Meeting in January. The language of the Constitution & Bylaws will be reviewed to determine this answer.

For the Good of the Game / Announcements

- Sam Cohen mentioned that he recently received his National D Coaching License.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn approved unanimously

Meeting Adjourn: approx. 8:40 pm

New Board Member Appointment – Approved Unanimously

Whereas NCASA currently has an opening on its Executive Committee (generally referred to as the NCASA Board) for the position of Secretary, and

Whereas the NCASA Bylaws, Article IV, Section 14, provide that in the case of a vacancy on the Executive Committee, “the President with concurrence of the Executive Committee may appoint a temporary successor until the next meeting of the Council,” and

Whereas a qualified individual has expressed interest in the current open Executive Committee position,

Be it resolved that the NCASA President appoints, and the NCASA Executive Committee concurs with the appointment of, the following individual to fill the current vacancy on the NCASA Executive Committee until the next meeting of the Council:

- Secretary – Chad Garber

Celebrate the Tatas Budget – Approved Unanimously

Whereas the Board approved the Budgetary Spending Authority Policy at its February 21, 2022, meeting, and this policy requires the Celebrate the Tatas committee to present to the Board for approval a proposed budget describing how already budgeted funds of \$4,500 are expected to be spent no later than three months before the start date of the Celebrate the Tatas tournament;

Whereas the budgetary authority resolution allows the Celebrate the Tatas committee to expend funds beyond the budgeted funds up to the amount of revenues from the event, and

Whereas the June 20, 2021, NCASA Board meeting is the final Board meeting occurring more than three months before the start date of the Celebrate the Tatas tournament,

Be it resolved that the Board authorizes the Celebrate the Tatas committee to spend the already budgeted funds of \$4,500, along with additional revenues from the event (e.g., sponsorships and donations, including in-kind donations), in a manner consistent with the following proposed budget:

[see next page]

Celebrate the Tatas Budget Proposals - 2022 (6.13.2022)

Revenues		8 teams	16 teams		
Team Registration Fee (\$475 per team)		\$3,800	\$7,600		
Monetary Sponsorships/Donations		\$12,050	\$12,050	\$12,050= pledged sponsorship amount as of 6.13.2022	
In-Kind Sponsorships		\$9,350	\$15,900		
Donation carry-over from 2021		\$4,182	\$4,182		
Total Revenues		\$29,382	\$39,732		
Expenses		8 teams (traditional)	16 teams (goal)	In-Kind Donation	Comments
Field Rental		\$1,800	\$1,800		Per contract with field complex - 2 full size fields at Richard Barry Park (Huntersville, NC) for Saturday 8 am-8 pm & Sunday 8 am-8 pm
Field Prep		\$0	\$0	x	Previously needed to paint/line fields; current fields should not require prep -included in rental costs; if needed, cost = \$150
Referees		\$600	\$1,200		\$40/game; 8 teams = 15 games; 16 teams = 30 games (2 divisions)
Referee assigning		\$150	\$300		\$10/game; 8 teams = 15 games; 16 teams = 30 games (2 divisions)
Trainers (for 8 teams - 2 trainers @ \$25/hr x 20 hours)		\$1,000	\$1,000	x	for 8 teams - 2 trainers @ \$25/hr x 20 hours (donated by Novant when held in Winston-Salem)
Photographer		\$1,200	\$1,200		Donated in previous years, but need to find new photographer this year
T-shirts (teams, refs, & volunteers) (for 8 teams - (8x15 players + staff, refs, & volunteers) * \$10 per shirt)		\$2,000	\$3,000		200-300 shirts - extra shirts are given away for publicity
Trophies & awards (5 @ \$75 each; 5 @ 25 each)		\$500	\$500		2 divisions with a champion and finalist; plus one trophy for most donations. 5 plaques for other themed awards
Saturday Food (team lunch, snacks, fruit, granola bars) (for 8 teams - 150 people x \$20 each)		\$3,000	\$6,000	x	[NOTE - will not be provided if not covered by in-kind donation] \$20/meal; assuming 150 people for 8 teams (15 players per team, plus staff, refs, & volunteers)
Sunday Food (team lunch, snacks, fruit, granola bars) (for 8 teams - 150 people x \$20 each)		\$3,000	\$6,000	x	[NOTE - will not be provided if not covered by in-kind donation] \$20/meal; assuming 150 people for 8 teams (15 players per team, plus staff, refs, & volunteers)
Water / Gatorade		\$350	\$700	x	Walmart/Publix gift cards (expected)
Paper products / serving utensils (garbage bags, recycling bats, plates, napkins)		\$50	\$100	x	Walmart/Publix gift cards (expected)
Generator		\$150	\$150		
Ice		\$100	\$200	x	Walmart/Publix gift cards (expected)
Wipes, sanitizers, cleaning supplies, paper towels		\$50	\$100	x	Walmart/Publix gift cards (expected)
Décor		\$200	\$200	x	Michael's gift card (expected)
Raffle Items		\$500	\$500	x	Donations
Miscellaneous office supplies		\$150	\$150		
Porta-Potty Rental		\$0	\$0	x	Field rental donation includes restrooms, so do not expect to need Porta-Potty rentals (if need to rent, cost = \$320)
Cargo Van / Gas		\$350	\$350		For moving goals, tents, etc.
Table and chair rental		\$200	\$200		Field rental may include some tables & chairs
Publication and Promotion		\$500	\$500		Includes the graphic designs for email mailers, etc.
Signs / Scoreboards		\$75	\$75		
Family Activities (carnival games, craft table, bulles, small-sided soccer, face painting, lawn games, etc.)		\$500	\$500	x	Michael's gift card (expected); some items owned by Alex V
DJ for Saturday		\$600	\$600	x	Playlist connected to iPhone if DJ services not donated
Miscellaneous supplies		\$200	\$200		
Committee /staff lodging (5 people x 2 nights @ 130 per night)		\$1,300	\$1,300		
Committee /staff meals		\$150	\$150		Based on prior year expenditures
Officer travel		\$150	\$150		Based on prior year expenditures
Game Balls (15 @ \$30)		\$450	\$450		We hope to have game balls donated, but it is not confirmed
Total Expenses		\$19,275	\$27,575		
Net Expenses / Revenue		\$10,107	\$12,157		
Player-raised donations		\$10,000	\$20,000		
Total to be donated (player donatons + net tournament revenue)		\$20,107	\$32,157		

Carolinas Cup (11v11) - Truist Park Contract – Approved Unanimously

Whereas the Board approved a motion at its May 17, 2021, meeting recommending entering into a new multi-year agreement to host the December Carolinas Cup at Truist Park (located in Bermuda Run, North Carolinas),

Whereas that the motion required that any agreement to host the December Carolinas Cup at Truist Park would be presented to the NCASA Board for approval prior to execution, and

Whereas terms for a multi-year agreement have been reached with Truist Park,

Be it resolved that the Board acknowledges that the agreement has been presented to it for review prior to execution, and

Bet it further resolved that the Board approves the execution of the multi-year agreement to host the December Carolinas Cup at Truist Park.

[Copy of the agreement circulated to Board members separately]

NCASA Registration Report

	2022 Player Registrations												Total # Players		
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	As Of June 13	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2022 TOTAL	2021	2020
Leagues:															
ABASA	0	954	65	62	4	210							1295	1433	932
AC Sandhills	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	31
Catawba	58	4	0	17	16	0							95	146	61
Charlotte Independence	15	325	64	4	2	0							410	485	0
CPSL	285	269	6	5	0	1							566	661	614
First Flight League	0	14	106	11	9	7							147	484	0
Metrolina	0	120	476	29	4	0							629	727	688
NCASA Annual Pass	1	12	5	8	58	25							109	48	7
Pitt Greenville	4	24	90	3	0	0							121	182	134
Premier Adult	13	118	22	7	0	0							160	130	118
Seashore Soccer League	2	9	18	0	1	0							30	73	0
Swansboro	0	0	105	144	14	0							263	312	278
TASL	1438	380	119	55	468	97							2557	2926	2413
OCASL @TASL	0	0	0	0	242	45							287	0	0
Wilmington	412	84	25	37	70	13							641	712	474
Winston Salem	21	92	32	0	0	0							145	201	218
TOTAL League Players	2249	2405	1133	382	888	398							7455	8520	5968
Tournament Only Passes:															
Beer City Cup						7							7	879	
Carolinas Cup Charleston				14	19								33	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	19	7							50	1527	
Temporary Passes	0	0	0	0	0								0	27	
TOTAL # PLAYERS													7505	10074	