



**NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING  
July 18, 2022**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order: 7:05pm**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Sam Cohen, Donna Langdon, Chad Garber, Jeremy Mikell, Scott Eisenbraun, Alex Vidaurri, Matt Friedman, Laura Collins, Emmanuel Sarkorh, Paul James

**Not Present:** Bob Kepner, Vance Carlisle

**Quorum determination**

**Officer & Staff Reports**

- President – Expressed the Board's gratitude that Darius was doing better after his eye surgery. Informed Board that Sporting Charlotte-Over 40, Wanderers-Over 40, Tobacco Road- Open, Charlotte Eagles Women- Amateur will all be representing Region 3 in the Champions of Regions Tournament. Also mentioned that the Carolinas Cup is the same weekend as the Quarterfinals of the World Cup. There is a committee working on having a viewing party for those games at the complex during the Carolinas Cup. Confirmed each Board member's preferred email address and confirmed that if the Board member did not prefer their ncsoccer.org email address, then that account was set to forward emails to their preferred email account.
- Executive Director – The state has been proactive with the Beer City Cup and has taken it to the next level with the registration process for the tournament. It was noted that other states are following some of the registration process that has been implemented for the Beer City Cup. Mentioned that Mario Garcia is taking over the D&A process from Bob. Brief updates on other topics – keeping up with player accident insurance claims, D&A letters have been sent, resent AGM communications re: D&O tail coverage to member leagues, & working with Impact Canopies to get the canopies replaced.
- Vice President – Contacted by one league in reference to the By Laws. Working with several leagues for fall registration. Also doing research with various companies about a new registration system. One system is TeamPass but they appear to be very expensive.
- Treasurer – Not in attendance, but report had been circulated.

**Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes for the June 20, 2022, Board Meeting were approved unanimously.

**Growth Initiative**

- Registration Report
  - Donna Langdon mentioned the number of registrations has slowed down but will pick up for the fall season.
  - A positive note is that for Beer City people are obtaining the annual pass instead of the tournament pass.
  - YTD there have been over 8000 players registered.
- First Year Leagues Update –The Ocasl League is going well and the summer was the first registration process and expect more in the fall.

- New League Update – Discussions are ongoing with the pick-up group in Transylvania County. NCASA President also noted that he had recently had a conversation with someone potentially interested in forming an adult league in Wayne County.

### **Competitions**

- Carolinas Cup – The goal this year is to have 78 teams which would be an increase from the 75 teams in 2021,
- For the Championship of Regions, the Board is going to be asked to approve a travel supplement for up to \$2,000 for 2 NCASA representatives to attend.
- Alex is continuing to work on items for the Celebrate the Tata's tournament.
- Mario Garcia mentioned that the Over 65 NC team won the Over 65 age group at the Adult Soccer Fest tournament in Chattanooga. They did not allow any goals the entire tournament

### **Organizing Committees – no reports**

- AGM Committee
- D&A Committee
  - Mario Garcia, new D&A chair, noted that he has some ideas that he will be looking to implement based on his experience as a "Charlotte panelist" for the last few years. He has noticed a few patterns about what players do & don't do, and he is working on drafting some letters to pass on to leagues/captains/players to help reduce some recurring incidents.
- Elections/Nominations Committee
- NCASA Awards Committee

### **Board Q&A (10 Minutes)**

- None

### **Old Business (motions)**

- None

### **New Business (motions)**

- (New) Championship of Regions Board Member Travel Subsidy – passed unanimously (after friendly amendment to change reference to three teams to be a reference to four teams)
  - Text included below (at end of minutes)

### **Additional New Business (motions - 2/3 vote required for consideration)**

- Travel Subsidy for NCASA Teams Attending Championship of Regions
  - Voted to consider proposal to provide \$3,500 in travel subsidies to the 4 teams from NC representing Region III in the Championship of Regions tournament on August. Those teams are Sporting Charlotte (RIII champion) and Wanderers (RIII finalist) for Over 40, Charlotte Eagles (RIII champion) for Women's Amateur, and Tobacco Road for Men's Open. Adopted amendment proposed by Jeremy Mikell to provide \$1K to each team, increasing total to \$4K. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Text included below (at end of minutes)

### **Old & 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.

**Additional New Business (discussions)**

- World Cup Viewing Party. Working on setting up space for the World Cup during the Carolinas Cup. Scott has been working with NC Fusion and Party Reflections in order to obtain a 20x20 or 30x30 tent along with tables, chairs and large screen TV's. The approximate cost will be between \$3,000- \$5,000. We want to make sure this is advertised when people are registering for the tournament. The goal is to bring a formal motion (and appropriation amount) to the Board for approval in August.
- Referee registration. US Soccer added more extensive Waiver of Liability and Promotional Likeness Waiver to the items referees must agree to as part of the registration process. The State Referee Administrator thinks these new provisions are problematic (and referees will choose not to register), so 2023 referee registration is not being opened yet while the issue is addressed.

**For the Good of the Game / Announcements**

- None

**Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn approved unanimously

**Meeting Adjourn: approx. 8:40 pm**

**Approved Motions:****Championship of Regions Board Member Travel Subsidy**

Whereas, NCASA has four teams that have qualified for the Championship of Regions tournament being held on August 19-20 in Murfreesboro, TN, based on their performance at the USASA Region III Championships, and

Whereas, designated NCASA representatives at the event can provide support and are able to help NCASA-affiliated teams with any onsite issues that may arise,

Be it resolved that NCASA approves the spending of up to an additional \$2,000 from the General Fund to cover the expenses for up to two NCASA Board members to attend the Championship of Regions, and

Be it further resolved that this spending is expected to cover the following expenses (per person):

- Travel - \$450
- Lodging - \$300
- Food - \$180
- Miscellaneous - \$70.

**Championship of Regions Team Travel Subsidy**

Whereas, NCASA provided travel subsidies of \$1,000 to Carolinas Cup champions and \$500 to Carolinas Cup finalists to assist with travel expenses to compete at the Region III championships,

Whereas, four NCASA teams will be competing at the Championship of Regions based on their performance at the Region III National Championships,

Whereas, NCASA wants to provide additional financial support to the NCASA teams attending the Championship of Regions, and

Be it resolved that NCASA approves the spending of up to an additional \$4,000 from the General Fund to help cover travel expenses for the four NCASA teams competing at the Championship of Regions, and

Be it further resolved that this appropriation will be divided between the four teams as follows:

- Tobacco Road - \$1,000
- Charlotte Eagles - \$1,000
- Sporting Charlotte - \$1,000
- Wanderers FC - \$1,000

2022 NCASA REGISTRATION REPORT													Total # Players	
2022 Player Registrations														
As of														
July														
2022														
Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	10	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	2021	2020
<b>Leagues:</b>														
ABASA	0	954	65	62	4	264	12					1361	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	1						411	485	0
CPSL	285	269	6	5	0	8	9					582	661	614
First Flight League	0	14	106	11	9	11	2					153	484	0
Metrolina	0	120	476	29	4	0						629	727	688
NCASA Annual Pass	1	12	5	8	58	38	27					149	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	182	10					2652	2926	2413
OCASL @TASL	0	0	0	0	242	60	10					312	0	0
Wilmington	412	84	25	37	70	34	3					665	712	474
Winston Salem	21	92	32	0	0	0						145	201	218
<b>TOTAL League Players</b>	<b>2249</b>	<b>2405</b>	<b>1133</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>73</b>					<b>7728</b>	<b>8520</b>	<b>5968</b>
<b>Tournament Only Passes:</b>														
Beer City Cup						114	149					263	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	
<b>TOTAL Tourney Passes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>149</b>					<b>306</b>	<b>1527</b>	
<b>Temporary Passes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>							<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	
<b>TOTAL # PLAYERS</b>												<b>8034</b>	<b>10074</b>	