



NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

September 19, 2022

Minutes

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Roll Call

Present: Sam Cohen, Donna Langdon, Chad Garber, Darius Ejlali, Bob Kepner Scott Eisenbraun, Alex Vidaurri, Matt Friedman, Laura Collins, Paul James

Not Present: Jeremy Mikell, Emmanuel Sarkorh

Quorum determination

Officer & Staff Reports

- President – Stated we are on the homestretch for Celebrate the Tata's. There will be between 10-13 teams and lots of sponsors. The registration is open for the Carolinas Cup. There will be a committee meeting next week for the Carolinas Cup. Working on awards for the end of year AGM. Also working on planning for the AGM and elections to be held at the AGM. Working on approving next year's budget.
- Executive Director – Beer City was enormous and successful. There were 850 tournament only passes, 104 annual passes. There were over 1800 players to build rosters. There were 80 out of state teams and 35 NC teams. Planning for the Celebrate the Tata's tournament-rules and roster instructions for the tournament have been completed. The AGM meeting is not far off. Darius is working with the USASA for building out a better insurance claims process where the player will be able to track the claim along with Darius. NC files the most claims nationally, The USASA also wants to understand the nature of the injuries, e.g., Are they caused by artificial vs natural grass surfaces? Darius also discussed the Safe Sport Policy Implementation. Some leagues did much better than other in completing the requirements. There is one league that will not complete it. On that topic Sam discussed that we are ahead of other states. We need to work on leagues that are not completing it. Discussed the D & O policy and whether or not NCASA should continue to provide. The league would have to purchase and NCASA would give recommendations of companies to use. If the policy is terminated there may be a claim while covered but it came in after. There is discovery coverage. USI can provide that 1 or 2 years' worth of discovery. Darius is getting confirmation from leagues in reference to D & O.
- Vice President – Commend Cindy for what she has done for the members and Beer City. The time she has put in throughout the summer and has provided great customer service. Donna will be participating with the budget committee at the USASA general meeting. Also, they will be discussing fees and policy changes.
- Treasurer – No international game fee this year. The NCASA is doing well financially. Kudos to Cindy for being nominated to serve on the committee for the NC Soccer Hall of Fame for 2022-2025.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for the August 15, 2022, Board Meeting were approved unanimously.

Growth Initiative

- Registration Report
 - Donna Langdon stated we have 10,000 registered players and 1000 tournament players and have exceeded projections. It is slowing down now until the end of the year,
 - Searching for a new registration system. Affinity has no interface, sales, or execs reaching out. No support from them. We have had league and tournament registration issues with Affinity. Trying to keep the leagues on 1 system and make it easier at the league and state level. Looking at several different registration systems. One from the northeast, one from California-Team Pass. Also looking at Soccer in College and PlayMetrics. There may be a cost for switching systems. Scott mentioned the Fusion use PlayMetrics. Donna is looking at systems that can do scheduling and communication modules. Paul also mentioned Arbiter
- First Year Leagues Update –The OCASL League is continuing to register but currently in a transition period. Players are enjoying it and teams are established.
- New League Update – Sam stated no new league updates. Darius stated the Transylvania league is working with a lady from ABASA. Transylvania is working on a tournament that may help a new league start. Also stated some players from ABASA may be helping the individuals from Transylvania.

Competitions

- Carolinas Cup- Scott stated that check in will be Friday from 6-10 at Small Batch Brewing. Scott also stated that Small Batch is working with Winston Salem on blocking off a street in downtown and showing the USA vs England game and they are expecting over 4000 people. He has been speaking to Fusion about the tent rental. Food trucks will be set up near the tent for a Village Atmosphere. Truist has Field 15 available and as of now the fields look good.
- Celebrate the Tatas – Registration is looking good and there are 9 paid teams as of now. Working on team dinner plans. Also working on pinwheels dedicated to someone to be placed around the fields. Invited Cindy Parlow-Cone to auction off her time to play with different teams. Caitlin Carducci has promised swag from US Soccer and also working on Cindy Parlow-Cone to attend and have items for auction. Laura is working on signed NC Courage and CLT FC jerseys. She is trying to get a video to be played at CLT FC to advertise the tournament. Also working on donations of cleats CLT FC and NC Courage tickets. She is talking to Mint City Collective to advertise on their podcast. Also speaking to Charlotte Observer to promote the tournament. Reach out if you want to volunteer. Pink Ladies has been added from Clover, SC.

Organizing Committees – no reports

- AGM Committee- Sam stated working on establishing a committee,
- D&A Committee
 - No New cases.
- Elections/Nominations Committee- Nothing yet but working on a policy for updated names for the positions.
- NCASA Awards Committee- Working on publishing awards for people to nominate.

Board Q&A (10 Minutes)

- None

Old Business (motions)

- None

New Business (motions)

- Bob motioned to Finance Committee to pay for Cindy's travel to USASA GM. Finance committee approved up to \$450 for gen expenses. Board voted on a motion to ratify the Finance committee decision. Motion passed unanimously. See text of motion below.

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

- None

Old & New Business (discussions)

- None

Additional New Business (discussions)

- Board Position names - Need to work on possibly renaming the board positions. The only positions listed in the new by-laws are Pres, VP, Sec and Treasurer. The current positions in additions to those listed above are: (1) League Support, (2) Men's Competition, (3) Women & Coed Competition, (4) Women Commissioner, (5) Membership & Development I, (6) Membership & Development II, & (7) Membership & Development III. Everyone needs to come up with a list of preferred positions and submit those to Sam. At the next meeting we will determine the names and responsibilities of those positions.

For the Good of the Game / Announcements

- Bob urged the board to nominate people for the NC Soccer Hall of Fame.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn approved unanimously

Meeting Adjourn: approx. 8:50 pm

Text of Motion:

Ratification of Finance Committee Decision to Approve Covering the Cost for Cindy Morrison to Attend the USASA Annual General Meeting in September 2022

Whereas, Cindy Morrison provides incredible service to NCASA as a volunteer,

Whereas, she has vastly increased the amount of work she has done on behalf of NCASA during the time that NCASA Executive Director has been dealing with health issues, and

Whereas, NCASA would like to express its appreciation to Cindy Morrison for the service she has provided;

Be it resolved that NCASA ratifies the Finance Committee's decision to approve the spending of up to \$450 from the General Fund for Cindy Morrison's costs to attend the USASA Annual General Meeting in September 2022 as a small token of NCASA's appreciation for the work that she has done on its behalf.

2022 NCASA REGISTRATION REPORT

	Player Registrations												Total # Players			
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	As of	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	2021	2020	
									Sept							2022
Leagues:																
ABASA	0	954	65	62	4	264	25	45	137				1556	1433	932	
AC Sandhills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	31	
Catawba	58	4	0	17	16	0	8	55	0				158	146	61	
Charlotte Independence	15	325	64	4	2	1	1	178	19				609	485	0	
CPSL	285	269	6	5	0	8	15	22	44				654	661	614	
First Flight League	0	14	106	11	9	11	32	62	5				250	484	0	
Metrolina	0	120	476	29	4	0	0	57	119				805	727	688	
NCASA Annual Pass	1	12	5	8	58	38	132	53	0				307	48	7	
Pitt Greenville	4	24	90	3	0	0	0	0	6				127	182	134	
Premier Adult	13	118	22	7	0	0	0	8	8				176	130	118	
Seashore Soccer League	2	9	18	0	1	0	1	7	1				39	73	0	
Swansboro	0	0	105	144	14	0	0	7	35				305	312	278	
TASL	1438	380	119	55	468	182	356	225	29				3252	2926	2413	
OCASL @TASL	0	0	0	0	242	60	130	100	9				541	0	0	
Wilmington	412	84	25	37	70	34	25	72	1				760	712	474	
Winston Salem	21	92	32	0	0	0	0	8	16				169	201	218	
TOTAL League Players	2249	2405	1133	382	888	598	725	899	429				9708	8520	5968	
Tournament Only Passes:																
Beer City Cup						114	355	377	10				856	879		
Carolinas Cup Charleston				14	19								33	24		
Carolinas Cup WS								1					1	401		
Celebrate the Tatas														47		
Queen City Cup							52	66					118	175		
USASA Adult Soccer Fest				10									10	1		
TOTAL Tourney Passes	0	0	0	24	19	114	407	444	10				1018	1527		
Temporary Passes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	27		
TOTAL # PLAYERS													10726	10074		