



**NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2022**

Minutes

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Roll Call – Darius Ejlali took the roll call

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

Not Present: Chad Garber, Laura Collins, Emmanuel Sarkorh,

Quorum determination

Officer & Staff Reports

- **President** – I apologize for any email issue with circulating the agenda and meeting documents. I really appreciate those that are feeling under the weather for jumping on the call. Thank you for your time and to be respectful of your time, we will try to be as quick as possible,

There is only a single proposal to vote on tonight. There was a simple computation that was overlooked when approving the budget and we simply need to correct the budget before sending it on to our members.

First, I'd like to extend a huge Thank You to all that helped with the Carolinas Cup. It was a successful Cup because of all the work everyone accomplished prior to kick off. Board members, South Carolina and all the volunteers and family members that joined in on the event contributed greatly. A big thanks in particular to our Executive Director Darius Ejlali, the Carolinas Cup committee – Scott Eisenbraun, Alex Vidaurri, Vance Carlisle, & Laura Collins, our super volunteer Cindy Morrison, our partners from SCASA (Sofia Hernandez and the rest of the team), and our volunteers at the event – most notably Donna Langdon and Scott's daughter. 71 teams, over 1400 players and the World Cup viewing party, all made for a very positive event. This is the most visible outreach to many of our members and it was very successful. The committee will be having a debrief meeting after the NCASA meeting tonight to talk about any issues that we need to address as we start preparing for next year's event.

Score Sports, the athletic apparel company has reached out to NCASA. They are interested in connecting with adult market. Donna, Darius, and I will be having a meeting with Score later on in the week to explore a relationship.

An election committee has been formed and communication about upcoming elections will be going out shortly. Due to his lack of attendance at NCASA meetings and his lack of response to communication attempts, Emmanuel Sarkorh, our VP of Membership and Development III, is being removed from his position on the NCASA Board, and official notification of this action was communicated to him earlier today. [NOTE – a resignation letter from Emmanuel was received while the NCASA meeting was in progress.] As a result, his position, renamed as VP for Community Development, also will be up for election at the AGM. (We took this action now so the announcement of his position being up for election can go out with the other election announcements.)

Another discussion tonight will be regarding a request from Home Team Soccer Tournaments (the company formed by David Turner & Eric Usher, who are the Beer City Cup tournament directors) to affiliate with NCASA. The inclusion of a tournament organization as an affiliate arguably may require some Constitution and Bylaw amendments to accommodate a different category of membership since they are not a league. The intent is to take ideas from the discussion tonight and draft a proposal by December 28th to be circulated to membership and approved at the AGM.

- Executive Director – As our President stated earlier, a huge Thank You to all of you who made the Carolinas Cup a success. There is an enormous amount of work prior to the actual tournament that lays the foundation for success. Then running the Cup is another level of involvement. The support at the event was second to none, our board members stepped up in a big manner. Our South Carolina partners are true partners, bringing their Executive Vice-President, volunteers, spouses, partners, and children. Scott Eisenbraun's entire family played a pivotal role, Scott set up the World Cup viewing stream, his wife created the scoreboards, kids help with any task we assigned them. The World Cup viewing party was a big hit and well attended. Overall, the Carolinas Cup was another positive tournament for our members. We created a survey that went out to all the captains and players earlier this afternoon.

Wednesday after the tournament, Cindy and I had the pleasure to join Talia Goldman in Charlotte to present NCASA's donations of \$20,000 each to Levine Cancer Institute and Novant Health Foundation. It has always been an enriching experience to participate in the Celebrate the Tatas project and make this type of impact on lives through soccer. Next year, I hope the check presentations will be scheduled so all Tatas committee members can attend. Everyone should be very proud of NCASA and all who contributed to the Celebrate the Tatas Tournament.

Normal office functions are always in gear, I'm looking forward to wrapping up the Cup, and other NCASA activities and start looking forward to 2023 and the AGM.

- Executive Vice President – Will be speaking about the registration system.
- Treasurer – Reviewed the treasurer report. Discussed a re-structuring of how our tournament income and expense are presented in the budget to give a better view for effective understanding. P&L Actuals compare to YTD were circulated, NCASA is in a solid financial position.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for the November 14, 2022, NCASA Board meeting were approved unanimously.

Growth Initiative

- Registration Report – So close to 12,000 players for the year, 11,996. There may be a few more registrations from a couple winter leagues that will take us over 12,000.
- Donna has been working regularly with our new registration system, Team Pass, at a rapid pace. Setting it up for the state and WASC, CPSL and TASL, very close to being ready to launch. The players and administrators will enjoy the simplicity of the system. Team Pass is working closely with NCASA to customize the steps we need.
- First Year Leagues Update – OCASL is still playing.
- New League Update – none.

Competitions

- Carolinas Cup – Jeremy Mikell noted that the tournament is maturing, and the processes are getting fine-tuned every year.
- Celebrate the Tatas – no other updates.

Organizing Committees

- D&A Committee – there are cases that need to be addressed.
- Budget Committee- no report
- AGM Committee – polling the league presidents about in-person AGM, one or two days, then we will examine location.
- Election/Nominations Committee – Committee has been established – Donna Langdon (chair), Jeremy Mikell, Matt Friedman, & Chad Rogers (CPSL). Information about the upcoming elections and the nomination process will be sent out tomorrow to the NCASA membership. Positions up for election are: President, Secretary, VP Men's Competition, VP Women's Membership and Development (old title Women's Commissioner), VP of Marketing and Communications (old title

Membership and Development I), & VP of Community Development (old title Membership and Development III).

- NCASA Awards Committee- Award Description and Nomination form has been sent to membership. Meeting in January. We will discuss the nominees and select winners.

Board Q&A (10 Minutes)

Old Business (motions)

- None

New Business (motions)

- Amendment to the 2023 Budget – there was a math error on the Budget NCASA approved last month and this motion is to correct the math error to ensure NCASA goes into 2023 with a balanced budget. Motion was approved unanimously. (See text below.)

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

- No motions for new business

Old & New Business (discussions)

- None

Additional New Business (discussions)

- Home Team Soccer Tournaments has applied for membership. HTST is an organization that runs soccer tournaments and is not a league. (The HTST leadership have been the Beer City Cup co-tournament directors.) There are many questions to cover if this board decides that having this category of membership is (or should be) permitted. Should a tournament be an affiliate? On the assumption that a tournament should become an affiliate, details will need to be sorted; criteria, voting strength, impact of leagues that run tournaments. If Constitutional or Bylaws amendment is needed to allow a new category of membership, Sam Cohen will draft an amendment by December 28th to be circulated to members, 30 days prior to the AGM to be debated and voted on in January. The board discussed the topic in depth. The board agreed that an independent organization that just wants to run a soccer tournament should be allowed to affiliate with NCASA.

Takeaways/To Do Item Wrap-up

Thoughts & Visions (10 minutes)

For the Good of the Game / Announcements

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn approved unanimously

Approved Motions:

- Budget Amendment was approved.

Amendment to Approved 2023 NCASA Budget Recommendation

Whereas, the NCASA Council is required to approve the NCASA budget each year, and

Whereas, at its meeting on November 14, 2022, the NCASA Board approved a budget for calendar year 2023 to be presented to the Council for approval at the NCASA Annual General Meeting (AGM), and

Whereas, after the Board voted to recommend the 2023 NCASA Budget, math errors were identified in the spreadsheet used to calculate the approved 2023 NCASA Budget, and

Whereas, as a result of the math errors, the Board unintentionally recommended a budget with a deficit of \$1,601, and

Whereas, the Board intended to recommend a balanced budget for 2023 to the Council for approval,

Be it resolved that the NCASA Board amends the 2023 NCASA Budget that it is recommending to the Council for approval at the AGM as follows:

(i) Strike the following language:

CONTRACT SERVICES

Accounting fees	6,000.00	
Contract services	6,000.00	[5,000 + 1000]
Website hosting services/Social Media	750.00	
	<u>12,750.00</u>	

And replace it with the following:

CONTRACT SERVICES

Accounting fees	6,000.00	
Contract services	4,300.00	[3,300 + 1000]
Website hosting services/Social Media	750.00	
	<u>11,050.00</u>	

(ii) Strike the following language:

TOTAL EXPENSES	367,351.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-1,601

And replace it with the following:

TOTAL EXPENSES	365,651.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	99

2022 NCASA REGISTRATION REPORT															
Player Registrations													Total # Players		
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	As of Dec 5	2022 TOTAL	2021	2020
Leagues:															
ABASA	0	954	65	62	4	264	25	45	193	52	7		1671	1433	932
AC Sandhills	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	31
Catawba	59	4	0	49	16	0	8	55	0	2	0		193	146	61
Charlotte Independence	70	324	64	4	2	1	1	178	39	9	0		692	485	0
CPSL	287	269	6	5	0	8	15	22	63	11	3		689	661	614
First Flight League	0	14	106	12	9	11	32	62	19	14	0		279	484	0
Metrolina	0	120	477	29	4	0	0	57	187	15	0		889	727	688
NCASA Annual Pass	1	12	5	8	58	38	132	53	1	0	0		308	48	7
Pitt Greenville	4	24	90	3	0	0	0	0	74	15	0		210	182	134
Premier Adult	13	118	22	7	0	0	0	8	22	5	0		195	130	118
Seashore Soccer League	2	9	18	0	1	0	1	7	1	0	0		39	73	0
Swansboro	0	0	105	144	14	0	0	7	95	20	6		391	312	278
TASL	1438	380	119	55	468	182	356	225	63	41	0		3327	2926	2413
OCASL @TASL	0	0	0	0	242	60	130	100	35	23	32	4	626	0	0
Wilmington	412	84	25	37	70	34	25	72	11	5	0		775	712	474
Winston Salem	21	92	32	0	0	0	0	8	31	0	0		184	201	218
TOTAL League Players	2307	2404	1134	415	888	598	725	899	834	212	48	4	10468	8520	5968
Tournament Only Passes:															
Beer City Cup						110	358	363	10				841	879	
Carolinas Cup Charleston				13	19								32	24	
Carolinas Cup WS								1	7	13	326	56	403	401	
Celebrate the Tatas									38	54			92	47	
Queen City Cup							52	66					118	175	
Tourney Pass Other				2		3	13	14					32		
USASA Adult Soccer Fest				10									10	1	
TOTAL Tourney Passes	0	0	0	25	19	113	423	444	55	67	326		1528	1527	
Temporary Passes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	27	
TOTAL # PLAYERS													11996	10074	