



NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2023

Call to Order: 7:07pm

Roll Call – Darius Ejlali took the roll call

Present: Sam Cohen, Donna Langdon, Chad Garber, Bob Kepner, Paul James, Alex Vidaurri, Scott Eisenbraun, Jeremy Mikell, Laura Collins

Not Present: Vance Carlisle

Quorum determined

Guests: David Turner – Director Home Team Soccer Tournaments

Officer & Staff Reports

- President – Welcome everyone, hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. The USASA Adult Soccer Fest just concluded their weeklong tournament in Greensboro. It was a very positive event. NCASA had many teams competing and several officers participating at different levels, volunteering or playing or both.

Tonight's meeting related to USASA Adult Soccer Fest, the finance committee did approve a \$2,000.00 sponsorship of the USASA Adult Soccer Fest. Following our budget policies, we will vote to ratify the action of the Finance Committee.

Two other topics, one is a new membership category for USASA, tournament organizations that operate in multiple states. The second is the state-wide league, is this an area that the board feels NCASA should enter. As First Flight has requested operational assistance and UPSL continues to grow, this may be a good time for NCASA to establish an equivalent competitive league.

- Executive Director – The office has been busy. The D&A committee has been focused on clearing the docket. This is full swing for tournament season, so a large portion of time has been assisting the USASA Adult Soccer Fest and processing Queen City and Beer City registrations.
- Executive Vice President – Attended Adult Soccer Fest, watch matches during the day and volunteered at the Player Celebration Party. Worked closely with Laura Collins and Susan Morecroft on varying topics of league management. Held a call with Team pass to address long-standing action-items and where are they on the list. One item on the programming list was a Spanish version.
- Treasurer – Treasurer report submitted & circulated. NCASA is in a strong financial position.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for the June 19, 2023, NCASA Board meeting were approved unanimously.

Growth Initiative

- Registration Report – Registration is very healthy. Many leagues are already opening Fall registrations. NCASA annual passes are over 10,000 as of this meeting and the Tournament Only passes have broken 1000 and there is still a lot of growth to come.
- First Year Leagues Update – No Report
- New League Update – Laura Collins and Susan Morecroft will be launching a new women's league, Wake Women's Soccer League in Apex. The league will have 11 v 11 Over 30 and Over 40 divisions.

Thank you to Laura Collins for producing and circulating the NCASA quarterly newsletter.

Competitions

- Carolinas Cup – Working on several background documents; referee assignor contract and Cup budget. The website is all geared toward the Winston-Salem 11 v 11 event. Mapping out announcements as we prepare to open registration September 1.
- Celebrate the Tatas – Registration is open, and 3 teams have registered. There have been several inquiries from out of state teams and new NC teams. USASA is donating all of the beer garden tips from Soccer Fest, \$1,532.00, to Celebrate the Tatas.
- 2023 USASA Adult Soccer Fest
Alex Vidaurri – It is a long tournament, worked in many roles over 5 days and played in a younger division. Overall, a very positive tournament, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Jeremy Mikell – Assigned referees along with Kevin Broadley, local and from around the country. Rewarding but exhausting. The tournament handling of the storm was excellent. Took any opportunity to connect with Regional, National, and even with our local unaffiliated.

Scott Eisenbraun – Huge thanks to NC Fusion, they had their staff do 90% of the set up with tents, flags and pop ups which was a tremendous help. NC Fusion were very active partners in ensuring the event ran smoothly. Wednesday morning the Today's Show was filming the Over 70 women's game and Scott's son was invited by USASA President John Motta to referee the match. The airing of the segment will happen after the Women's World Cup.

Chad Garber – Refereeing was fantastic, the beer garden was supreme, communicating about changes in the schedule was poor. USASA did try to improve. Besides the heat, we had a great time.

Sam Cohen – A big thank you to everyone who was there and representing NCASA. USASA communicated that the event will return to Greensboro in 2024 which will give the opportunity to be even better.

Organizing Committees

- D&A Committee – The committee held a hearing and is scheduling the next series of cases.
- Budget Committee- Wake Women's Soccer League will be applying for the New League Incentive
- AGM Committee – No report
- Election/Nominations Committee – No report

- NCASA Awards Committee- No report

New Business (motions)

- Ratification of Finance Committee Approval of Spending for Soccer Fest Sponsorship (see text below for motion)
Motion passes unanimously

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

Old & New Business (discussions)

- (New) NCASA-Operated State-wide League
Discussions were held regarding NCASA operating a State-wide league. The board was in favor of moving forward with the project.
- (New) USASA Tournament-Only Affiliate Category
NCASA President discussed USASA establishing a new category of membership for tournament organizations that are operating in multiple states and region. Guest, David Turner from Home Team Soccer Tournaments was invited into the discussion.

Additional New Business (discussions)

Takeaways/To Do Item Wrap-up

For the Good of the Game / Announcements

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn approved unanimously – 8:38pm

Approved Motions:

- Ratification of Finance Committee Approval of Spending for Soccer Fest Sponsorship

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Whereas the USASA Adult Soccer Fest tournament (Soccer Fest) is being held this year from July 12-16 at the Bryan Park Truist Soccer Complex in Greensboro, NC, and

Whereas, the Soccer Fest organizers had indicated an interest in obtaining NCASA's financial assistance in defraying the costs of the Friday night tournament party, and

Whereas, the NCASA Board discussed this issue at its June Board meeting and was generally supportive of providing this assistance, and

Whereas, the written request for sponsorship was not received from Soccer Fest until July 6, and

Whereas, reflecting the NCASA Board's prior discussion, the NCASA Finance Committee authorized the expenditure of \$2,000 in funds to sponsor the tournament party, 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 expenditure of \$2,000 from the General Fund for sponsorship of the USASA Adult Soccer Fest tournament party.

2023 NCASA REGISTRATION REPORT

Player Registrations														Total # Players		
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	As of July 9	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2023 TOTAL	2022	2021	2020 Covid
Leagues:																
ABASA	356	810	65	27	103	258	9						1628	1671	1433	932
AC Sandhills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	0	31
Catawba	42	71	11	0	4	33	0						161	193	146	61
Charlotte Independence														692	485	0
North Meck	65	95	11	3	0	0	0						174			
Rock Hill	105	62	8	1	0	0	0						176			
Mooreville	85	200	9	2	26	76	1						399			
CPSL	518	18	19	4	7	6	0						572	690	661	614
First Flight League	0	68	134	16	26	12	0						256	279	484	0
Metrolina	27	671	20	2	1	0	0						721	889	727	688
NCASA Annual Pass	203	77	10	9	29	27	19						374	308	48	7
Pitt Greenville	6	59	115	18	10	9	13						230	210	182	134
Premier Adult	0	82	37	4	0	1	0						124	195	130	118
Seashore Soccer League	0	1	8	0	0	0	0						9	39	73	0
Swansboro	0	139	86	9	1	0	0						235	391	312	278
TASL	1997	281	121	51	519	146	25						3140	3327	2926	2413
OCASL @TASL	23	410	55	11	76	17	3						595	628	0	0
Wilmington	454	116	15	46	99	8	2						740	775	712	474
Winston Salem	53	116	2	0	0	0	0						171	184	201	218
TOTAL League Players	3934	3276	726	203	901	593	72	0	0	0	0	0	9705	10471	8520	5968
Tournament Only Passes:																
Beer City Cup Asheville							217						217	841	879	
Beer City Cup Savannah	421	320	34										775			
Carolinas Cup Charleston				20									20	32	24	
Carolinas Cup WS														426	401	
Celebrate the Tatas														93	47	
Queen City Cup						10	3						13	118	175	
Tourney Pass Other														34		
USASA Adult Soccer Fest				8	22	28	3						61	10	1	
TOTAL Tourney Passes	421	320	34	28	22	38	223	0	0	0	0	0	1086	1554	1527	
Temporary Passes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	
TOTAL # PLAYERS	4355	3596	760	36	923	631	295						10791	12025	10074	5968