



NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2024

Call to Order: 7:09pm

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

Not Present: Laura Collins, Vance Carlisle, Fil Wilkinson

Quorum determined.

Officer & Staff Reports

- President – Welcome to the first NCASA meeting of our 2024 year.

Tonight, we will begin the talks about officers' goals and what each want to accomplish for 2024 and goals of the association.

We will hear from NCASA representatives about attending the US Soccer 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Congratulations to Bob Kepner for his induction as a US Soccer's Lifetime Member.

- Executive Director – Starting off the 2024 playing year by issuing all leagues their Certificates of Insurance. The process is made easier with renewable certificates. There has been a fair number of leagues securing new fields.

Working on launching the NCSL. The website is up but not published. The rules of play are in place. Rules of governance are still being modified to ensure NCASA is kept as the primary stakeholder. Instagram account, ncsfanpage is active and has 90 followers.

NCASA's current website is hosted by SportsConnect and since NCASA is no longer a SportsConnect client, it was time to find another host. NCASA is in the process of moving our ncasasoccer.org website to a GoDaddy hosting platform.

Currently, there are no new insurance claims nor D&A cases.

- Executive Vice President – Question regarding drone recording has come up. NCYSA has a no-drone policy, and many facilities have a no-drone policy. Recommended NCASA look into how other drone policies impact us.
- Treasurer – Treasurer’s Report has been circulated. Registration and income surpassed expectations, NCASA is ahead of last year at this time.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for the January 8, 2024, NCASA Board meeting were approved unanimously.

Growth Initiative

- Registration Report – As of Feb. 12th, NCASA player registration is higher than this time last year. NCASA is already over 50% of annual budgeted registration numbers. Annual pass registrants are higher, both NC players and out of state players. More players are purchasing the annual pass to attend tournaments. NCASA has made a concerted effort to communicate to players about purchasing their pass early.
- First Year Leagues Update – No Report
- New League Update – Some NCSL players have begun to register.

Competitions

- Carolinas Cup – Registration is strong for the Memorial Day tournament. Hotel information is out. The committee meets regularly. The rules have been adjusted to be more consistent with the 8v8 rules in our region.
- Celebrate the Tatas –New teams are reaching out about participating. NCASA has been invited to a June event to read out names of survivors of breast cancer. USASA Adult
- Soccer Fest – USASA is offering a \$300 discount to all NCASA teams. USASA is hoping for some growth in the Men’s Over 30 and Over 40 division. This year, they have introduced coed divisions. Party planning is still taking shape. Nothing has been finalized, USASA is hoping NCASA will continue to offer financial support.

Organizing Committees

- D&A Committee – Nothing to report
- Budget Committee – Nothing to report
- AGM Committee – Nothing to report
- Election/Nominations Committee – Nothing to report

- NCASA Awards Committee – Nothing to report

New Business (motions)

- NCASA Monthly Meeting Schedule – see attachment
Bob Kepner offered an amendment to remove the language that all NCASA board meetings be held virtually. The amendment would allow the board to determine whether meetings will be in person or virtual.
Amendment passes
Motion passed unanimously as amended

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

Old & New Business (discussions)

- PGSAAL – submitted a grant for consideration regarding the purchase of soccer goals. Grant request will be sent to the Budget committee for consideration.
- NCASA officers and staff who attended the USSF AGM shared their experience and impressions from the meeting with the Board.
- Safe Sport – reminder to board members and league boards to meet our obligations.
- Goals for the upcoming year - asking board members to identify (at least) one action item to accomplish this coming year and to share that goal at the March board meeting.

Additional New Business (discussions)

Takeaways/To Do Item Wrap-up

For the Good of the Game / Announcements

- Bob Kepner noted that at the USSF AGM, USASA shared information about a deal it had negotiated to purchase AEDs for \$935 and that USASA has implemented a program to reimburse \$200 for each of the first 100 AEDs purchased (up to 25 per Region). Bob will be bringing a proposal for the purchase of AEDs to the March meeting.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously – 9:33 pm

Approved Motions:

- NCASA Monthly Meeting Schedule

NCASA Monthly Board Meeting Schedule

Whereas determining Board meeting dates in advance will allow Board members to block time on their calendars and allow better attendance at Board meetings; and

Whereas, NCASA traditionally has held its Board meetings on the third Monday of each month;

Be it resolved that NCASA Board meetings from now until the 2025 Annual General Meeting shall be held on the following dates:

- February 19, 2024 (Note: 3rd Monday = President's Day)
- March 18, 2024
- April 15, 2024
- May 20, 2024
- June 17, 2024
- July 15, 2024
- August 19, 2024
- September 16, 2024
- October 21, 2024
- November 18, 2024
- December 16, 2024
- January 6, 2025 (Note: 1st Monday; 3rd Monday = MLK Jr. Day; holding meeting the 1st Monday to allow required 14-days' notice to Member Leagues of AGM-related information (e.g., budget, Constitution & Bylaw amendments, etc.) on assumption AGM will be held Jan. 25-26, 2025); and

Be it further resolved that the monthly Board meeting dates will be posted on the NCASA website.

	2023 NCASA Player Registrations												TOTAL # PLAYERS		
	as of Feb 12	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 TOTAL	2023	2022	2021
ABASA	875											875	2007	1671	1433
Catawba	105											105	219	193	146
Charlotte Independence	0											0		692	485
North Meck	0											0	174		
Rock Hill	0											0	176		
CPSL	577											577	707	690	661
First Flight League	0											0	261	279	484
Metrolina	590											590	1016	889	727
Mooreville	277											277	491		
NCASA Annual Pass	238											238	497	308	48
North Carolina Soccer League	0											0			
Pitt Greenville	74											74	402	210	182
Premier Adult	20											20	144	195	130
Seashore Soccer League	0											0	9	39	73
Swansboro	0											0	390	391	312
TASL	2240											2240	3763	3327	2926
OCASL @TASL	356											356	777	628	0
Wake Women's League	85											85	94		
Wilmington	696											696	869	775	712
Winston Salem	101											101	251	184	201
TOTAL LEAGUE PLAYERS	6234											6234	12247	10471	8520
TOURNAMENT ONLY PASSES:															
Beer City Cup													866	841	879
Beer City Cup Savannah													807		
Carolinas Cup Charleston													7	32	24
Carolinas Cup WS													382	426	401
Celebrate the Tatas													81	93	47
Queen City Cup													128	118	175
Tourney Pass Other													0	34	
USASA Adult Soccer Fest													52	10	1
TOTAL TOURNAMENT PASSES													2323	1554	1527
Temporary Passes													0	0	27
TOTAL # PLAYERS	6234											6234	14570	12025	10074