



NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2025

Call to Order: 7:03pm

Roll Call – Darius Ejlali took the roll call.

Present: Sam Cohen, Donna Langdon, Chad Garber, Bob Kepner, Paul James, Alex Vidaurri, Scott Eisenbraun, Ian Dunne

Not Present: Jeremy Mikell, Laura Collins, Fil Wilkinson

Quorum determined.

Officer & Staff Reports

- President – Welcome. Thank you all for being on the call tonight, this should be a brief meeting. NCASA had three officers attend the USASA Annual General Meeting to give feedback and summary of the event. Unfortunately, only one of the three officers can share, so we will postpone the summary of the USASA AGM until next meeting.

Two items, one when NCASA takes actions, sometimes the entire impact is not always fully known, but a couple weeks ago when talking to a captain from Asheville, wanted NCASA how much he appreciated last year NCASA waving the entry fee to the Carolinas Cup for all our members in western North Carolina that were affected by the storm. Tim Parker wrote a Thank You note to NCASA expressing how positive our actions were for the soccer community in western NC. It is a nice reminder to us about the people we service and the reason we volunteer and commit our time.

The other item is the Celebrate the Tatas and how successful the tournament was on and off the field. I want to thank everyone involved that contributed to the success. Our committee members, both on the NCASA board and not on the board, Alex Vidaurri, Talia Goldman and Cheri Smith, staff, Darius and Cindy. Our other board members that volunteered, Jeremy Mikell, Chad Garber, Fil Wilkinson and Laura Collins. Kim Crabbe has attended the tournament three years in a row to support the tournament. Kim Crabbe is the first African American woman to play for the Women's National Team and has an US Soccer Award named after her. Cindy Parlow-Cone, US Soccer President sent a welcoming video to the Celebrate the Tatas.

This is not the first time, but I want to highlight the generosity of our leagues supporting this event. Asheville Buncombe Adult Soccer Association donate, Metrolina Soccer League covers the referee fees and their President, Jeremy Mikell donates all the referee assigning fees and the Triangle Adult Soccer Association contributed to the raffles. Thank you to all that make this such a special event.

- Executive Director – Preparing for the Celebrate the Tatas tournament has been the focus. After the event, summarizing the financial picture is always exciting.

Carolinas Cup is in full swing, meeting regularly to monitor our progress and ensure we are covering all

the details.

US Soccer reached out looking for quality adult video footage. They want the footage for their “Play It Forward” campaign. Out of all the footage sent to them, US Soccer chose to extract about 10 seconds from our Transylvania Adult league. In addition to the video footage, US Soccer also asked for a write, photos and video from our Celebrate the Tatas. US Soccer wants to highlight our activity on their Instagram posting.

Our D&A cases of Referee Abuse, Assault and Gross Mistreatment continue unfortunately. In addition to the issues directed at referees, the volume of incidences of player-on-player aggressions is surprising and disappointing.

- Executive Vice President – No Report
- Treasurer – The treasurer’s report was distributed and a review of income and expenses as compared to the previous year was given. NCASA is in a strong financial position.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve September 15, 2025, minutes.
Minutes were approved unanimously

Growth Initiative

- Registration Report – The registration report was circulated. From an annual pass perspective, NCASA will be close to last year’s registration numbers, with 3 months left in the year. We knew going into this year that the registration numbers may be lower, given the devastation left by Hurricane Helene in Asheville, our second largest league. Given our numbers are so close to last year’s, it is a testament to the growth of soccer across NC. Most of the leagues in NC exceed their last year’s numbers.

State Associations pay USASA quarterly and when time goes to submit our numbers, Donna and Cindy do a great job of analysis our database and ensuring NCASA is accurate with our reporting. They spend a lot of time reviewing and getting rid of any duplicated registration files.

- First Year Leagues Update – No report
- New League Update – The YMCA in Salisbury has expressed interest in affiliating. We exchanged multiple emails discussing the benefits of affiliation. Our next step will be coordinating a face-to-face meeting in hopes of taking the next step.

Competitions

- Carolinas Cup – Tournament registration is going well. The committee meets regularly. Forty paid teams, eight registered waiting on payment. Many teams registered for the Carolinas Cup are utilizing the “per player” registration process, so the entry fee does not fall on one person to pay or collect.
- Celebrate the Tatas – It was fabulous weekend. Always exciting when the event grows. We had nineteen teams filling out three divisions. The positive feedback from players and captains was incredible, especially the teams that are already making plans for next year, and how much they really enjoy this tournament. We have created a unique event.

We are excited to get our final donation numbers. Our team donation race broke donation record, with our top team raising over \$4800. Our raffle on Saturday night also broke our fundraising record. US Soccer had sent us fantastic gear to raffle which were the most sought after items.

Cindy sent a volunteer letter to four high schools in the area and secured volunteers. The High School volunteers came from North Meck High School, we had students, parents and one teacher. A special "Shout Out" to Evelyn Cohen who was the tournament standout volunteer.

The first estimation of funds to donate is around \$58,000. More donations are still to be counted towards our donation total.

Overall, it was another momentous year for Celebrate the Tatas Tournament of Champions.

Organizing Committees

- D&A Committee – Cases are all up to dates.
- Budget & Finance Committees – Goal is to have a 2026 Draft Budget before the board in November.
- AGM Committee – Planning will start soon.
- Election/Nominations Committee – No Report
- NCASA Awards Committee – No Report

Board Member Reports

New Business (motions)

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

Old & New Business (discussions)

- USASA AGM – Topic will be held at our November meeting.
- Field Initiative – is still an ongoing topic
- Constant Contact costs have gone up significantly.

For the Good of the Game / Announcements

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn approved – 7:44

	2025 NCASA PLAYER REGISTRATIONS													TOTAL # PLAYERS			
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	2024	2023	2022	2021
ABASA	22	519	556	48	42	44	13	129	173				1546	2067	2007	1671	1433
Catawba	17	75	0	2	44	0	0	54	8				200	207	219	193	146
Charlotte Independence														0	0	692	485
North Meck														0	174	0	0
Rock Hill														0	176	0	0
CPSL	525	10	6	5	0	0	6	18	39				609	672	707	690	661
First Flight League														0	261	279	484
Metrolina	406	588	80	27	1	0	12	269	87				1470	1283	1016	889	727
Mooreville	197	144	15	6	1	102	2	86	35				588	559	491	0	0
NCASA Annual Pass	80	3	2	31	24	42	40	-7	-1				214	411	497	308	48
North Carolina Soccer League	0	81	129	16	22	9	-1	0	0				256	159	0	0	0
Pitt Greenville	50	170	62	7	6	66	10	63	68				502	397	402	210	182
Premier Adult	0	83	11	0	0	0	0	12	16				122	130	144	195	130
Seashore Soccer League														0	9	39	73
Swansboro	0	35	163	14	1	0	16	63	8				300	372	390	391	312
Tennessee Adult Soccer	0	17	59	4	0	41	2	1	30				154	114	0	0	0
TASL	1951	415	156	126	656	157	328	216	76				4081	4162	3763	3327	2926
OCASL @TASL	41	413	107	68	92	46	26	76	47				916	1026	777	628	0
Wake Women's League	106	61	24	4	1	1	7	25	7				236	196	94	0	0
Wilmington	657	93	11	96	110	31	80	75	18				1171	1150	869	775	712
Winston Salem	64	192	9	3	1	0	3	54	62				388	275	251	184	201
TOTAL LEAGUE PLAYERS	4116	2899	1390	457	1001	539	544	1134	673	0	0	0	12753	13180	12247	10471	8520
TOURNAMENT ONLY PASSES:	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL				
Beer City Cup Asheville							8	2					10	43	866	841	879
Beer City Cup Indianapolis														2			
Beer City Cup Nashville														17			
Beer City Cup Savannah	3	7	0										10	109	807		
Carolinas Cup Charleston				18	51								69	77	7	32	24
Carolinas Cup WS									2				2	415	382	426	401
Celebrate the Tatas								11	68				79	98	81	93	47
KEDO Cup							42	18					60	48			
Queen City Cup						1	63	11					75	64	128	118	175
Tourney Pass Other							1						1	2	0	34	
USASA Adult Soccer Fest														0	52	10	1
WSASL Summer Clash						15	43						58				
TOTAL TOURNAMENT PASSES	3	7	0	18	51	16	157	42	70	0	0	0	364	875	2323	1554	1527
Temporary Passes														0	0	0	27
TOTAL # PLAYERS	4119	2906	1390	475	1052	555	701	1176	743	0	0	0	13117	14055	14570	12025	10074