



NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2025

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Roll Call – Darius Ejlali took the roll call.

Present: Sam Cohen, Chad Garber, Bob Kepner, Paul James, Scott Eisenbraun, Jeremy Mikell

Not Present: Donna Langdon, Alex Vidaurri, Laura Collins, Fil Wilkinson, Ian Dunne

Quorum determined.

Officer & Staff Reports

- President – Carolinas Cup registration closed midnight Sunday we have registered over 80 teams, some divisions need a team, working on rosters, the tournament is looking strong and ready for a great event.

US Soccer contacted NCASA that FIFA has a fund to assist soccer communities that have suffered natural disasters. US Soccer has put Asheville and Los Angeles as the two cities for consideration. Mike Rottjakob, Executive Director for ABYSA and Felice Bell were brought into the loop. Mike Rottjakob worked to provide information on planning, timelines, finances and funding for the restoration of JBL Soccer Park. December 2nd, Jose Rodridquez from FIFA, Sari Rose from US Soccer, Mike Rottjakob, Felice Bell and NCASA will meet and review the damage brought on by Hurricane Helene and the plans for JBL. Hopefully the project will meet FIFA criteria to receive the funds to help further the project along.

US Soccer has an annual Members meeting where they present a number of relevant soccer topics: Understanding soccer in America, presentation about player development, safeguarding youth, pathways to professional soccer, World Cup activation and how organizations can capture the afterglow of the World Cup.
- Executive Director – Busy month building towards the Carolinas Cup and finalizing the Celebrate the Tatas finances.

NCASA and Celebrate the Tatas will be able to donate \$60,000 this year, split between Levine Cancer Institute and Novant Health Foundation.

Carolinas Cup is full steam ahead. We are filling out the divisions. Final number of teams should be in the mid-80s.

Begun the 2026 budget process with Bob Kepner and after the first draft, we met with Sam and Donna to review and adjust. Next, the budget goes to the finance committee.

Traveled to Salisbury to meet potential new league members.

Attended the USASA Insurance review.
- Executive Vice President – No Report

- Treasurer – Lead the formation of the budget process after reviewing past figures to determine entries for 2026.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve October 20, 2025, minutes.
Minutes were approved unanimously

Growth Initiative

- Registration Report – On Annual Pass Registration, NCASA will be slightly lower than last year. Given the difficulties Asheville experienced this past year, lower numbers were expected. Overall, the numbers are strong, many leagues have exceeded last year's registration numbers. Still a very strong year. MASL is now at 1500 members, and this is the first time that NCASA has a third league reaching this level.
- First Year Leagues Update – No report
- New League Update – Met with YMCA director and a local soccer organizing leader about affiliation. YMCA is a self-reliant organization and offers multiple sports to a wide range of ages. When asked directly why the interest in affiliation, his response was they want to grow soccer, recognizing the importance of the World Cup being played here in the US, the connection between NCASA and USSF plays a large role in growth, and our participant accident policy appeals to them as a benefit to membership. They have asked for assistance in shaping the budget for 8v8, to stay within a reasonable price point.

Competitions

- Carolinas Cup – Team registration is strong. After we passed our Carolinas Cup budget, the tournament was hit with additional costs that will increase the subsidy.

The women's and men's silver divisions are the two we are working hard to complete. Volunteers are always welcomed, the more the merrier.

Currently we have 22 men's amateur teams, 4 women's amateur, 6 over 35 womens, 18 coed teams, 8 over 30s, 10 over 40s, 6 over 55, 4 over 55s, 4 over 60s, and 4 over 65

- Celebrate the Tatas – Our Talia Goldman landed another \$1000 donation for the Celebrate the Tatas.

Organizing Committees

- D&A Committee – Cases are all up to dates. One to manage, unfortunately, multiple players from said team continued their beratement of the officials after the game with no jerseys on, making it impossible to clearly identify the alleged perpetrators.
- Budget & Finance Committees – Budget committee will be reviewing the 2026 Proposed Budget.
- AGM Committee – Planning will be a main topic for next month's meeting.
- 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 December meeting. Jeremy Mikell shared his role on USASA committees he serves on as well as some of the positives and some of the setbacks.
- USASA Insurance Seminar – USI is our USASA broker and AG is our provider. USI agent was the presenter. Questions around Tournament Pass costs as compared to our Annual Pass. It was difficult understanding the “try-out” player coverage. Are our coaches and referees covered as non-participants that do participate in matches? Coverage that stays in place when our members play with other organizations was also confusing given the risks that remain with the organization that requests the COI. Since many are not insurance experts and attorneys that handle liability cases, USASA should be very deliberate on what they put in place for members. We want teams to play without exposing the state association to higher risks. Also, the time for filing an insurance claim is 90 days from incident and USASA website stated one-year from date of incident.

For the Good of the Game / Announcements

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn approved – 8:06pm

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	25			1571	2067	2007	1671	1433
Catawba	17	75	0	2	44	0	0	54	8	-1			199	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	1			610	672	707	690	661
First Flight League														0	261	279	484
Metrolina	406	588	80	27	1	0	12	269	87	44			1514	1283	1016	889	727
Mooreville	197	144	15	6	1	102	2	86	35	2			590	559	491	0	0
NCASA Annual Pass	80	3	2	31	24	42	40	-7	-1	4			218	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
Transylvania 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	75	0	0	12828	13180	12247	10471	8520
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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
Hummer in the Summer													0	48			
KEDO Cup							42	18					60	0			
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				
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