



NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2025

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

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, Ian Dunne

Not Present: Fil Wilkinson

Quorum determined.

Officer & Staff Reports

- President – The NCSL is launching the spring season with 7 teams. There has been a lot of work to get the league ready and the goal is a successful spring leads to a successful Fall.

NCASA officers will be attending the US Soccer Annual General Meeting. Looking into connecting the President of ABASA with a USSF official to discuss the devastating remains of Hurricane Helene.

Tonight's proposal is our Meeting Schedule for the year 2025.

Next month there will be an update on our Safe Sport policy based on the passed policy amendment from the NCASA AGM.

A copy of our AGM Draft Minutes has been circulated, if everyone could take the time to review them.

- Executive Director – The area of focus has been wrapping up our 2025 Annual General Meeting and launching the NC Soccer League

We have begun holding regular calls regarding the Carolinas Cup in Charleston, SC over Memorial Day weekend.

Preparing for the US Soccer AGM and the USASA mid-year meeting and preparing communications to our members regarding the new referee protections in USSF Policy 531-9 that deals with misconduct towards a referee.

A new tournament organizer has sought out affiliation with NCASA. This is a charity tournament called The KEDO Tournament. This is a tournament started last year to attract competitive 11v11 teams with a goal of raising proceeds for hospitals in Liberia.

Working on two grants, Novant and Atrium, for our Celebrate the Tatas event and ensuring that all our leagues have current, update Certificates of Liability.

- Executive Vice President – No report
- Treasurer – Our January finances are in line with normal expenses and our income is also in line with last year's income.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve January 6, 2025, minutes.
Minutes were approved unanimously

Growth Initiative

- Registration Report – Registration is off to a great start, just over 4000 players. Most of NCASA's leagues have opened registration.
- First Year Leagues Update – NCSL is launched with 7 teams, teams in Charlotte, Greensboro and the Triangle.
- New League Update – Salisbury youth club has invited NCASA to one of their adult matches in the spring to discuss with the members about affiliating.

Competitions

- Carolinas Cup – Talks about Charleston has begun. The contract with Truist will be signed in March for the December event.
- Celebrate the Tatas – Not much to report except the grant applications to Novant and Atrium. Planning meetings with the tournament committee will begin soon.

Organizing Committees

- D&A Committee – No new cases
- Budget & Finance Committees – No Report
- AGM Committee – No Report
- Election/Nominations Committee – No Report
- NCASA Awards Committee – No Report

Board Member Reports

President introduces our new board member, Ian Dunne. Ian shared a bit of his interests that tied him to soccer. Ian has worked in communications and marketing for 10 plus years, started out working in television. Ian has freelanced as well as owns and operates a marketing firm called Spice. They work on all digital platforms. Ian is a huge soccer fan and player and jumped at the chance to help the state association.

New Business (motions)

- NCASA Monthly Board Meeting Schedule - (see below)
Passed unanimously

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

Old & New Business (discussions)

- Goals for 2025 – Board held discussions of over state association goals and officer driven project goals. Here is a list of some of the discussed goals.
 - Break 15,000 in player registration
 - Increase team participation at all three tournaments
 - Celebrate Queen City Cup's 10th Anniversary
 - Marketing, have a plan for our digital outreach
 - A bigger footprint for the NCSL
 - Revise D&A Manual and Policies
 - Improve registration system
 - Improving league outreach
 - Introduce Walking Soccer
 - Connect with unaffiliated women's league
 - Grow the women's divisions at the Carolinas Cup and at the Tatas
 - Improve the newsletter
 - Leverage content lists
 - Create a content strategy
 - Marketing Audit
 - Increase number of adult referees
 - More assistance to the NCASA office and projects

For the Good of the Game / Announcements

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn approved– 8:01 pm

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 17, 2025 (Note: 3rd Monday = President's Day)
- March 17, 2025 (Note: 3rd Monday = St. Patrick's Day)
- April 21, 2025
- May 19, 2025
- June 16, 2025
- July 21, 2025
- August 18, 2025
- September 15, 2025
- October 20, 2025
- November 17, 2025
- December 15, 2025
- January 5, 2026 (Note: 1st Monday; 3rd Monday = MLK Jr. Day; holding meeting the 1st Monday to allow required 14-day notice to Member Leagues of AGM-related information (e.g., budget, Constitution & Bylaw amendments, etc.) on assumption AGM will be held Jan. 24-25, 2026); and

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

	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												22	2067	2007	1671	1433
Catawba	17												17	207	219	193	146
Charlotte Independence														0	0	692	485
North Meck														0	174	0	0
Rock Hill														0	176	0	0
CPSL	525												525	672	707	690	661
First Flight League														0	261	279	484
Metrolina	406												406	1283	1016	889	727
Mooreville	197												197	559	491	0	0
NCASA Annual Pass	107												107	411	497	308	48
North Carolina Soccer League	0												0	159	0	0	0
Pitt Greenville	50												50	397	402	210	182
Premier Adult	0												0	130	144	195	130
Seashore Soccer League														0	9	39	73
Swansboro	0												0	372	390	391	312
Transylvania Adult Soccer	0												0	114	0	0	0
TASL	1951												1951	4162	3763	3327	2926
OCASL @TASL	41												41	1026	777	628	0
Wake Women's League	106												106	196	94	0	0
Wilmington	657												657	1150	869	775	712
Winston Salem	64												64	275	251	184	201
TOTAL LEAGUE PLAYERS	4143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4143	13180	12247	10471	8520
TOURNAMENT ONLY PASSES:	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL				
Beer City Cup Asheville														43	866	841	879
Beer City Cup Indianapolis														2			
Beer City Cup Nashville														17			
Beer City Cup Savannah	3													109	807		
Carolinas Cup Charleston														77	7	32	24
Carolinas Cup WS														415	382	426	401
Celebrate the Tatas														98	81	93	47
Hummer in the Summer														48			
Queen City Cup														64	128	118	175
Tourney Pass Other														2	0	34	
USASA Adult Soccer Fest														0	52	10	1
TOTAL TOURNAMENT PASSES	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	875	2323	1554	1527
Temporary Passes														0	0	0	27
TOTAL # PLAYERS	4146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4146	14055	14570	12025	10074