



NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2025

Call to Order: 7:05pm

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 – Welcome everyone to our May 19 meeting. This will be a short meeting. We have reports to go through, and we are postponing our discussion on Bob Kepner’s field initiative to next month.

NCASA expresses our collective condolences to Bob Kepner for the passing of his brother.

US Soccer as part of opening their new facility, they have created a “Brick Program” to help raise funds. NCASA will use our marketing budget to purchase a “Brick” with our name on it to be part of the display at the new US Soccer training center.

There is a lot of soccer activity between this meeting and our next meeting; Memorial Day Carolinas Cup in Charleston, the Region III Workshops that Scott Eisenbraun and Alex Vidaurri will attend, the TST 2-million-dollar Tournament in Cary and the USASA Region III Championship being held in Greensboro.

- Executive Director – Thank you to the NCASA board for all the support shown to Cindy and me as we navigate a difficult challenge in our family. Especially to Donna Langdon for her tremendous help on key functions for this association.

The US Soccer “Brick Program” to raise funds for their new training facility. US Soccer is offering to purchase a Brick or a Granite Tile to engrave with our name or message that will be on display. NCASA is choosing the granite tile and will have our name engraved on it.

Tatas fields have been secured. Communication with Charlotte Independence has been very positive and they are willing to assist with finding volunteers for the event.

All arrangements for Carolinas Cup in Charleston have been secured; van rental, trophies, brackets, schedules and scoreboards printed.

Working on Regionals, with complex, hotels, NC Fusion and Greensboro CVB to ensure a proper regional event.

NCASA receives all red cards. We have had a rash of cases due to the new protections from US Soccer. The focus of my review of these red cards is centered around referee issues of abuse, assault and mistreatment. Unfortunately, there are a significant number of cases revolving around player-on-player violence which is quite alarming.

I traveled to Salisbury in mid-April to meet with a group of adult players that have started an Old Man's Soccer Club. At this point they are a very organized pickup group that loosely organizes themselves. Players show up in a range from enough for four 11v11 teams down to two 8v8 teams. They are not quite ready to become a formal league, but they want to get there. They would be very interested in submitting a team to one of our tournaments using our tournament pass until they become a full member.

A current youth club, Rutherford County, reached out to NCASA years ago regarding affiliation. Nothing materialized. They have reached back out to explore again the possibilities of affiliating. This time there is an adult portion, and they want to bring in the local Hispanic league.

- Executive Vice President – Have taken on a larger role in assisting the office with a variety of functions. I've been working with Sofia in South Carolina preparing NCASA teams for Carolinas Cup in Charleston. Also, assisting with the state league, the NCSL, coordinating schedules and referees and interfacing with teams
- Treasurer – Sharing how the treasurer's report is created, I have two approaches. One month I use the P&L Budget vs Actuals from January to the previous month and the next month the P&L Actuals compared to the previous year. As of April, NCASA has hit 75% of our annual budget. I am speculating that NCASA will have a very good year as we approach the end of the year.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve April 21, 2025, minutes.
Minutes were approved unanimously

Growth Initiative

- Registration Report – Overall, NCASA is down about 4% from last year. I do not believe that is significant because all the numbers look healthy as we head into the summer. Most of our leagues are doing a great job and have exceeded last year's registration at this time of the year.
- First Year Leagues Update – No report
- New League Update – Updated in Executive Director report

Competitions

- Carolinas Cup – Team registration is lower than last year. The tournament is in the mid-50s teams. 18 teams are from NCASA.
- Celebrate the Tatas – No new information

Organizing Committees

- D&A Committee – There are new cases.
- Budget & Finance Committees – No Report
- AGM Committee – No Report
- 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)

For the Good of the Game / Announcements

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn approved– 7:38pm

	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									1145	2067	2007	1671	1433
Catawba	17	75	0	2									94	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									546	672	707	690	661
First Flight League														0	261	279	484
Metrolina	406	588	80	27									1101	1283	1016	889	727
Mooreville	197	144	15	6									362	559	491	0	0
NCASA Annual Pass	80	3	2	31									116	411	497	308	48
North Carolina Soccer League	0	81	129	16									226	159	0	0	0
Pitt Greenville	50	170	62	7									289	397	402	210	182
Premier Adult	0	83	11	0									94	130	144	195	130
Seashore Soccer League														0	9	39	73
Swansboro	0	35	163	14									212	372	390	391	312
Transylvania Adult Soccer	0	17	59	4									80	114	0	0	0
TASL	1951	415	156	126									2648	4162	3763	3327	2926
OCASL @TASL	41	413	107	68									629	1026	777	628	0
Wake Women's League	106	61	24	4									195	196	94	0	0
Wilmington	657	93	11	96									857	1150	869	775	712
Winston Salem	64	192	9	3									268	275	251	184	201
TOTAL LEAGUE PLAYERS	4116	2899	1390	457	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8862	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	7	0											109	807		
Carolinas Cup Charleston				18										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	7	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	875	2323	1554	1527
Temporary Passes														0	0	0	27
TOTAL # PLAYERS	4119	2906	1390	475	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8890	14055	14570	12025	10074