



NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2024

Call to Order: 7:07 pm

Roll Call – Darius Ejlali took the roll call.

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

Not Present: Jeremy Mikell, Laura Collins, Fil Wilkinson

Quorum determined.

Officer & Staff Reports

- President – Thank you all for attending. A couple of items on our agenda. One is the goals for Swansboro we approved unanimously via email. For transparency and record keeping, we will be formally ratifying the action.

The devastation of Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina is extensive as well the hardship the storm has had on everyone including our soccer community. We are unsure of the type of assistance our leagues will need now but will keep communications open to impacted leagues. I want our board to consider a motion to approve waiving the entry fee to the Carolinas Cup for any team from Western North Carolina. We will discuss it in more depth later in the meeting.

A lot of exciting things have happened this month since our last meeting, including a very successful Celebrate the Tatas. A lot of funds were raised to donate to Levine Cancer Institute and Novant Health. The field of play was excellent, overall, another successful event.

In late September, we attended the USASA Annual General Meeting in Frisco. The main event was the election for President. Jim Sadowski defeated Fritz Marth in a surprise win. Congratulations to Jim Sadowski.

- Executive Director – It has been a busy month since our September meeting. NCASA attended the meeting in Frisco Texas, then quickly shifted gears and put on the Celebrate the Tatas the first weekend in October.

As Sam stated, the tournament was a success on many fronts. We are working on summarizing the event financially.

Bob and I have met to start the first round of building the 2025 Budget.

D&A cases are increasing. Insurance claims are steady, we average about 12 claims a month. Our biggest focus now is gearing up for the Carolinas Cup.

- Executive Vice President – Attended the USASA AGM. I believe the membership was excited for change and spoke up. USASA will be offering rebates on the AED program that USASA offered last year. I believe NCASA should extend the same offer as NCASA did last year. The program was very successful, and our members appreciated it.
- Treasurer – NCASA is in a strong financial position. We are working on a 2025 Budget to present in November.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the September 16, 2024, minutes.

Minutes were approved unanimously

Growth Initiative

- Registration Report – 2025 has shown a lot of growth in our Annual Pass category. Our Tournament Only Pass has decreased. While our overall player registration has exceeded last year's numbers. Many of our leagues have seen a strong increase. We are about 1000 players short of last year. Cindy and I are auditing the registrations due to the number of refunds that have been issued. At the end of the year, we will have an accurate number.
- First Year Leagues Update – Transylvania Adult Soccer Association can continue their Fall season. The damage from Helene spared their area.
- New League Update – No report given

Competitions

- Carolinas Cup – Registration is solid. The general registration number is around 60 teams.
- Celebrate the Tatas – A fantastic tournament. The weather was wonderful. Donations were strong. All three of our divisions were full and able to compete. Adding a new division was well embraced.

There were a lot of last-minute scrambles due to the hurricane. The teams that were impacted truly appreciated the extra effort made to accommodate needed adjustments.

Sam acknowledges Alex Vidaurri exemplary leadership in this project. Completely Over-and Beyond the call of duty. Alex made extraordinary efforts to keep the project focused and organized despite enduring hardships that the storm brought.

Thank you to Alex Vidaurri from NCASA and all the 17 teams that enjoyed the event. We all really appreciate it.

Organizing Committees

- D&A Committee – NCASA is all caught up on hearings. There are several on schedule.
Attended a conference call USSF held to discuss the amendments made to the USSF Policy 531-9 addressing Misconduct Towards a Match Official.
Donna Langdon suggested that a message to our members and league leaders go out to inform players and administrators of the changes. Additionally, Scott Eisenbraun suggests that our Carolinas Cup teams be informed.
- Budget Finance Committee – Nothing to report.
- AGM Committee – Nothing to report.
- Election/Nominations Committee – Donna Langdon has volunteered to chair the committee. President is still working on the committee.
- NCASA Awards Committee – Nothing to report.

Board Member Reports

New Business (motions)

- Grant to SSAAL for Purchase of Soccer Goals – see below
Motion passed unanimously
- Waiver of Carolinas Cup Registration Fee for Teams from Areas Impacted by Hurricane Helene
Motion amended to also allow NCASA annual pass holders living in impacted areas to count towards the qualifying players on the roster needed for the fee waiver to apply. The motion as amended passed unanimously.

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

Old & New Business (discussions)

- USASA AGM – Jim Sadowski is the new USASA President defeating Fritz Marth. Mary Beth Faulk is the new At-Large board member. Both new board members are from the Metro DC area. Jim has been an active member with USASA for years.
- USASA has been working with a consultant firm to adjust their focus.
- USI sales representative discussed aspects of the insurance policy that were news to NCASA. NCASA is following up to get additional information.
- USASA is sending out a weekly newsletter and if NCASA officers are not receiving it, please let us know to add your email to the distribution.
- Use of video for D&A cases has materialized. There is a need to add more definitions of responsibility and equitable use of video as evidence. This discussion expands the scope of evidence collection and use. Discussion was tabled, allowing the D&A committee to come back with a framework for future talks to encourage more productive input and feedback.

Additional New Business (discussions)

Takeaways / To Do Item Wrap-up

For the Good of the Game / Announcements

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn approved– 8:28 pm

Approved Motions:

- Grant to SSAAL for Purchase of Soccer Goals
- Waiver of Carolinas Cup Registration Fee for Teams from Areas Impacted by Hurricane Helene

Grant to SSAAL for Purchase of Soccer Goals

Whereas, SSAAL has recently needed to move field locations due to unforeseen circumstances,

Whereas, the new field complex has a mix of different size goals on the three available fields,

Whereas, SSAAL believes that using consistent, appropriately sized goals for its 8v8 league play will lead to an improved player experience,

Whereas, SSAAL would need to spend most of its available funds if it were to purchase the required number of soccer goals for its current 8v8 league play needs and has requested NCASA assistance with making this purchase, and

Whereas, NCASA's Board of Directors unanimously approved providing this assistance by an email vote, but wants to ratify its vote at its monthly public meeting for transparency and record-keeping purposes,

Be it resolved that NCASA approve the expenditure of up to \$12,000 to purchase 3 sets of 7' x 21' goals for SSAAL.

Waiver of Carolinas Cup Registration Fee for Teams from Areas Impacted by Hurricane Helene

Whereas, the impact of Hurricane Helene has devastated large parts of Western North Carolina and created significant hardship in the lives of people living in these areas, including members of the NC soccer-playing community, and

Whereas, soccer is not the highest priority issue for people impacted by Hurricane Helene, but NCASA would like to make an initial gesture of support to NCASA Member Leagues, and their players impacted by Hurricane Helene,

Be it resolved that NCASA authorizes the expenditure of up to \$13,000 to cover the 2024 Carolinas Cup registration fees for teams from NCASA-affiliated Member Leagues located in areas of Western NC substantially impacted by Hurricane Helene, and

Be it further resolved that to be eligible to qualify to have their registration fee covered, teams must have a total of at least 10 rostered players (i) who are registered to play with a NCASA-affiliated Member League in areas of Western NC substantially impacted by Hurricane Helene, and/or (ii) who purchased a NCASA Annual Pass prior to Hurricane Helene and reside in areas of Western NC substantially impacted by Hurricane Helene.

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	2024 INDIVIDUAL NCASA PLAYER REGISTRATIONS BY FIRST LEAGUE												TOTAL # PLAYERS			
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	14-Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	2023	2022	2021
ABASA	632	657	91	42	146	156	35	116	200	0			2075	2007	1671	1433
Catawba	105	0	2	47	4	1	3	34	8	0			204	219	193	146
Charlotte Independence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0		692	485
North Meck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	174		
Rock Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	176		
CPSL	564	15	6	5	1	1	2	18	46	10			668	707	690	661
First Flight League	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	261	279	484
Metrolina	332	515	38	26	0	0	20	261	57	10			1259	1016	889	727
Mooresville	166	150	11	1	30	79	1	111	11	0			560	491		
NCASA Annual Pass	205	71	10	15	44	53	42	16	7	0			463	497	308	48
North Carolina Soccer League	0	0	76	24	5	0	0	15	6	0			126			
Pitt Greenville	34	134	99	8	4	34	1	40	34	3			391	402	210	182
Premier Adult	4	82	16	1	0	0	1	10	15	0			129	144	195	130
Seashore Soccer League	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	9	39	73
Swansboro	1	66	185	18	14	0	0	0	20	50			354	390	391	312
Transylvania Adult Soccer	0	0	0	0	63	20	3	1	21	3			111			
TASL	2120	470	94	175	531	171	281	199	80	21			4142	3763	3327	2926
OCASL @TASL	76	374	62	36	138	66	28	92	54	16			942	777	628	0
Wake Women's League	79	53	14	2	6	1	12	17	8	4			196	94		
Wilmington	684	48	42	126	88	22	73	51	17	6			1157	869	775	712
Winston Salem	66	121	14	1	0	0	11	57	3	0			273	251	184	201
TOTAL LEAGUE PLAYERS	5068	2756	760	527	1074	604	513	1038	587	123			13050	12247	10471	8520
TOURNAMENT ONLY PASSES:	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec				
Beer City Cup Asheville						5	24	14					43	866	841	879
Beer City Cup Indianapolis					1	1							2			
Beer City Cup Nashville									12	2			14			
Beer City Cup Savannah	82	27											109	807		
Carolinas Cup Charleston			8	27	42								77	7	32	24
Carolinas Cup WS									8	12			20	382	426	401
Celebrate the Tatas								11	77	10			98	81	93	47
Hummer in the Summer							47	1					48			
Queen City Cup							57	7					64	128	118	175
Tourney Pass Other	2												2	0	34	
USASA Adult Soccer Fest														52	10	1
TOTAL TOURNAMENT PASSES	84	27	8	27	43	6	128	33	97	24			477	2323	1554	1527
Temporary Passes														0	0	27
TOTAL # PLAYERS	5152	2783	768	554	1117	610	641	1071	684	147			13527	14570	12025	10074