



## NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2024

**Call to Order: 7:10 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, Fil Wilkinson

**Not Present:**

Quorum determined.

#### **Officer & Staff Reports**

- President – Thank you all for attending. Short agenda but good topics of discussion for later this evening. Next month, the meeting should be very full. We have a budget to discuss and approve, the registration committee needs to conclude its work. Plus, other end-of-the-year topics, along with Carolinas Cup
- Executive Director – Celebrate the Tatas tournament was a success on and off the field. All incomes have been collected and all expenses have been covered, Celebrate the Tatas will be donating \$65,000 to be divided between Levine Cancer Institute and Novant Health Foundation.

Each year, the Tatas is making big strides in surpassing previous years accomplishments.

The Carolinas Cup planning is a steady constant.

I attended a US Soccer workshop early this month. US Soccer is outlining the next several years of soccer with the US 2025 World Club Championships, 2026 World Cup, 2028 Olympics and US Soccer is bidding on the 2031 Women's World Cup . Exciting times for the growth of soccer in the US.

There was a presentation of the new US Soccer headquarters and training facility in Atlanta, GA.

The biggest take away was the commitment US Soccer is showing towards the grassroots. As expected, heavy on the youth side but utilizing current sponsors to expand their reach to the grassroots, developing market strategies to help state associations as well as investing in a robust intern project to be extended to the state level.

- Executive Vice President – Chairing the Election committee, we have a group from across the state, very good representation. The letter announcing our upcoming elections will be out soon.
- Treasurer – NCASA’s financials are healthy. Our investments are yielding positive returns.

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to approve the October 21, 2024, minutes.

Minutes were approved unanimously

### **Growth Initiative**

- Registration Report – Registration is strong. We are approximately 900 above on annual registration. As we have noted that our Tournament Only passes are expected to be lower. Overall, NCASA’s registration is strong.
- First Year Leagues Update – Transylvania Adult Soccer Association is our only new league, and they are active and growing.
- New League Update – Darius has followed up with the two youth leagues that reached out in the summer, but he has not gotten a response. Darius will continue to try to have a conversation with them to gauge their true interest for 2025.

### **Competitions**

- Carolinas Cup – Registration deadline was yesterday, and this is shaping up to be our largest event to date. 82 teams are registered and there are several that have reached out and are interested in seeing if we can fit them into the schedule.

Divisions: 8 - Men’s Platinum, 4 - Women’s Platinum, 6 - Men’s Diamond, 6 - Men’s Silver, 6 - Men’s Silver, 8 - Men’s Over 30 Gold, 5 - Over 35 Women, 5 - Men’s Over 40 Gold, 6 - Men’s Over 40 Silver, 6 - Men’s Over 50, 4 - Men’s Over 55, 4 - Men’s Over 60, 6 - Coed Gold and 8 - Coed Silver.

All pieces to this big puzzle are in place for a successful Cup.

- Celebrate the Tatas – Raised \$65,000.00 to be donated so that free mammograms can be provided to women who are uninsured or under-insured.

Many leagues support this event. ABASA donated \$2000.00 to Celebrate the Tatas right before Helene hit western NC. Celebrate the Tatas reached out to return the donation given the struggles in their area. ABASA came back and stated that their entire board supported the event and wanted their donation to remain with the Celebrate the Tatas. NCASA recognizes ABASA for their generous support in the face of tough times.

A huge and special thank you to Jeremy Mikell who donated all the assigning fee to the Tatas. He also encouraged referees that if they could, to donate their referee fee. In addition, the referees that couldn’t donate, Metrolina Adult Soccer covered the difference making the entire referee engagement cost free to the Celebrate the Tatas, which is very significant.

## **Organizing Committees**

- D&A Committee – The D&A committee has held hearings last month. Bob and Darius are reviewing the new amendments to the USSF Policy 531-9, the policy that addresses Misconduct towards a Match Official, and how the changes impact NCASA's approach to D&A Matters. NCASA is all caught up.
- Budget & Finance Committees – A 2025 budget has been worked on and a copy of the current budget proposal will be circulated to the Budget Committee.
- AGM Committee – Put some thought into topics for the AGM. One workshop that we will hold will be details of D&A processes, league responsibility and authority, the state's role in the process and referees' duties.

No other details surrounding the location, costs and hotels from NCYSA yet. Outreach to the youth for details has happened.

- Election/Nominations Committee – Donna Langdon is chairing the Election Nomination Committee and has Jeremy Mikell from our board, Dean Froelich from Pitt-Greenville Adult Soccer League and Cem Canel, President of the Wilmington Adult Soccer Club. Letter to membership will be going out. Current board members should reach out and confirm your intentions of running.
- NCASA Awards Committee – Award Nominations Letter will be going out soon.

## **Board Member Reports**

### **New Business (motions)**

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

### **Old & New Business (discussions)**

- Potential new NCASA Award. Bob Kepner has suggested NCASA to ask those at the league leadership level to acknowledge individuals that are unsung heroes behind the scenes. This award would focus on contributors that help leagues serve their members.  
Discussions were robust and needed to continue to fine tune the award description.  
The board agrees on establishing the award but will need more definition before announcing.

### **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

	2024 INDIVIDUAL NCASA PLAYER REGISTRATIONS BY FIRST LEAGUE												TOTAL # PLAYERS			
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	10-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	14			672	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	25	1		1275	1016	889	727
Mooresville	166	150	11	1	30	79	1	111	11	2			562	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	5			393	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	58	3		365	390	391	312
Transylvania Adult Soccer	0	0	0	0	63	20	3	1	21	4	1		113			
TASL	2120	470	94	175	531	171	281	199	80	43	4		4168	3763	3327	2926
OCASL @TASL	76	374	62	36	138	66	28	92	54	38	10		974	777	628	0
Wake Women's League	79	53	14	2	6	1	12	17	8	5			197	94		
Wilmington	684	48	42	126	88	22	73	51	17	7			1158	869	775	712
Winston Salem	66	121	14	1	0	0	11	57	3	0	1		274	251	184	201
<b>TOTAL LEAGUE PLAYERS</b>	<b>5068</b>	<b>2756</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>1074</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>13148</b>	<b>12247</b>	<b>10471</b>	<b>8520</b>
<b>TOURNAMENT ONLY PASSES:</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>10-Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>				
Beer City Cup Asheville						5	24	14					43	866	841	879
Beer City Cup Indianapolis					1	1							2			
Beer City Cup Nashville									12	3	2		17			
Beer City Cup Savannah	82	27											109	807		
Carolinas Cup Charleston			8	27	42								77	7	32	24
Carolinas Cup WS									8	46	42		96	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
<b>TOTAL TOURNAMENT PASSES</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>44</b>		<b>556</b>	<b>2323</b>	<b>1554</b>	<b>1527</b>
Temporary Passes														0	0	27
<b>TOTAL # PLAYERS</b>	<b>5152</b>	<b>2783</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>1117</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>1071</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>64</b>		<b>13704</b>	<b>14570</b>	<b>12025</b>	<b>10074</b>