



NORTH CAROLINA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2024

Call to Order: 7:03pm

Roll Call – Darius Ejlali took the roll call.

Present: Sam Cohen, Chad Garber, Bob Kepner, Paul James, Alex Vidaurri, Scott Eisenbraun, Jeremy Mikell, Laura Collins

Not Present: Donna Langdon, Vance Carlisle, Fil Wilkinson

Quorum determined.

Officer & Staff Reports

- President – Welcome All, thank you for making the time to be on the call.

NCASA teams did very well at the USASA Region III Amateur Championships.

NCASA has three Region III Champions.

-Men's Amateur Championship - Tobacco Rd. FC defeated North Texas, Florida, Georgia in group play and defeated NPSL Naples FC. for the Championship.

-Women's Amateur Champion – Winger FC. Played in a group of five and went undefeated against North Texas, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina's Carolinas Cup finalists, Shot Callers.

-The Men's Over 40 Championship went to the Wanderers FC from Winston Salem. This will be their first regional title after being in multiple championship matches.

NCASA also had three Finalists at the event; GM Warriors out of Winston Salem lost to North Texas in a tough battle. Sporting Charlotte TRFC from CPSL competed with the Wanderers FC for the Men's Over 40 title and Shot Callers took second in the Women's division having only lost to Winger FC.

Three motions for the board to consider tonight; (i) assisting teams heading to the Final Four in the Amateur Cup and Champions of Regions; (ii) ensuring the budget covers two officers traveling to the events; and (iii) approving the Celebrate the Tatas 2024 budget.

Vance Carlisle has communicated that he will be submitting his letter of resignation.

- Executive Director – Carolinas Cup (Charleston) has been the main focus. The event was fantastic; 74 teams, 12 divisions including two divisions of open teams and coed teams and 10 in the Over 50s, and two-women's divisions. NCASA provides significant support for this event in all stages.

TST was the next event. NCASA provided several email blasts to our membership regarding volunteering opportunities at the TST event.

We worked closely with all 7 NCASA teams traveling to the USASA Region III tournament.

Donna and Cindy have been working with TeamPass on several features to assist leagues and tournaments and the different reports that can be generated from the registration system.

- Executive Vice President – No Report
- Treasurer – Treasurer’s report has been sent out. Income is tied to player registration and registration has been very positive. NCASA expenses are in line. Our income is 11% higher than where we were in 2023, 290 vs 270.

Single event registration has dropped but the NCASA Annual Registration numbers are strong thus compensating financially for the loss.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for the May 20, 2024, NCASA Board meeting were approved unanimously.

Growth Initiative

- Registration Report – The registrar’s report has been circulated. NCASA numbers continue to be positive. There has been significant growth in several leagues, such as Wilmington has already exceeded their 2023 registration numbers.
- First Year Leagues Update – Transylvania Ault Soccer Association has had an excellent start to their opening. Strong registration numbers that are continuing to grow.
- New League Update – No Report

Competitions

- Carolinas Cup (Charleston) – 74 teams, 12 divisions, 2 divisions of open, 2 divisions of coed, 2 divisions for women, 10 over 50 teams; the event was a success.

Carolinas Cup – The Winston-Salem contract is in its last year and the initial conversation has been had with NC Fusion about renewing the contract. Multiple budget scenarios have been drafted, and the committee will begin meeting to shape the event.

The Carolinas Cup assignor, Kevin Broadley has already put blocks on the dates for the Cup.

- Celebrate the Tatas – Main focus is the budget. Registration date is still set for July 1.
- USASA Adult Soccer Fest – Tom O’Shea and his crew have done a lot of great work in multiple areas. They have been recruiting teams, courting sponsors and vendors, picking out a band for the party and have created a souvenir bag for all the party attendees.

Organizing Committees

- D&A Committee – Hearings have been rescheduled
- Budget Committee – Planned meeting was postponed
- AGM Committee – Nothing to report.
- Election/Nominations Committee – Nothing to report.
- NCASA Awards Committee – Nothing to report.

Board Member Reports

Chad Garber will be contacting Charlotte Women's Soccer League.
Laura Collins requested to be part of the outreach to the league.

New Business (motions)

- Celebrate the Tatas Budget – see below
Motion passed unanimously
- Champions of Regions Team Travel Subsidy – see below
Motion passed unanimously
- National Final Four & Champions of Regions Board Member Travel Subsidy– see below
Motion passed unanimously

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

For the Good of the Game / Announcements

Go USA!

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously – 8:18pm

Approved Motions:

- Celebrate the Tatas Budget
- Champions of Regions Team Travel Subsidy
- National Final Four & Champions of Regions Board Member Travel Subsidy

	2024 INDIVIDUAL NCASA PLAYER REGISTRATIONS BY FIRST LEAGUE													TOTAL # PLAYERS		
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	As of June 9	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 TOTAL	2023	2022	2021
ABASA	632	657	91	42	146	109							1677	2007	1671	1433
Catawba	105	0	2	47	4	1							159	219	193	146
Charlotte Independence	0	0	0	0									0		692	485
North Meck	0	0	0	0									0	174		
Rock Hill	0	0	0	0									0	176		
CPSL	564	15	6	5	1								591	707	690	661
First Flight League	0	0	0	0									0	261	279	484
Metrolina	332	515	38	26									911	1016	889	727
Mooresville	166	150	11	1	30	60							418	491		
NCASA Annual Pass	205	71	10	15	44	49							394	497	308	48
North Carolina Soccer League	0	0	76	24	5								105			
Pitt Greenville	34	134	99	8	4	2							281	402	210	182
Premier Adult	4	82	16	1									103	144	195	130
Seashore Soccer League	0	0	0	0									0	9	39	73
Swansboro	1	66	185	18	14								284	390	391	312
Transylvania Adult Soccer						63	10						73			
TASL	2120	470	94	175	531	49							3439	3763	3327	2926
OCASL @TASL	76	374	62	36	138	28							714	777	628	0
Wake Women's League	79	53	14	2	6								154	94		
Wilmington	684	48	42	126	88	7							995	869	775	712
Winston Salem	66	121	14	1									202	251	184	201
TOTAL LEAGUE PLAYERS	5068	2756	760	527	1074	315							10500	12247	10471	8520
TOURNAMENT ONLY PASSES:																
Beer City Cup Asheville						1								866	841	879
Beer City Cup Indianapolis					1								1			
Beer City Cup Savannah	84	27											111	807		
Carolinas Cup Charleston			8	27	44								79	7	32	24
Carolinas Cup WS														382	426	401
Celebrate the Tatas														81	93	47
Queen City Cup														128	118	175
Tourney Pass Other						2								0	34	
USASA Adult Soccer Fest														52	10	1
TOTAL TOURNAMENT PASSES	84	27	8	27	45	3							194	2323	1554	1527
Temporary Passes														0	0	27
TOTAL # PLAYERS	5152	2783	768	554	1119	318							10694	14570	12025	10074

Approved Motions:

Celebrate the Tatas Budget

Whereas the Budgetary Spending Authority Policy requires the Celebrate the Tatas committee to present to the Board for approval a proposed budget describing how already budgeted funds of \$8,000 are expected to be spent no later than three months before the start date of the Celebrate the Tatas tournament;

Whereas the Budgetary Spending Authority Policy allows the Celebrate the Tatas committee to expend funds beyond the budgeted funds up to the amount of revenues from the event, and

Whereas the June 17, 2024, NCASA Board meeting is the final Board meeting occurring more than three months before the start date of the 2024 Celebrate the Tatas tournament,

Be it resolved that the Board authorizes the Celebrate the Tatas committee to spend the already budgeted funds of \$8,000, along with additional revenues from the event (e.g., sponsorships and donations, including in-kind donations), in a manner consistent with the following proposed budget:

Revenues	8 Teams	16 Teams	20 Teams
Team Registration Fee	\$4,400.00	\$8,800.00	\$11,000.00
Carryover from 2023	\$3,156.23	\$3,156.23	\$3,156.23
Monetary Sponsorships / Donations	\$17,890.00	\$17,890.00	\$17,890.00
In-kind Donations (*projected)	\$10,325.00	\$16,850.00	\$20,112.50
Raffle Ticket Sales (*projected)	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
Total Revenues (*projected)	\$36,271.23	\$47,696.23	\$53,358.73

confirmed sponsorship total as of 6/1/24
projected based on prior years' in-kind support

Expenses	8 Teams	16 Teams	20 Teams	In-Kind Y/N	After Donation Price 8 team	After Donation Price 16 team	After Donation Price 20 team	Comments
Field Rental	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	Per contract with field complex - 2 full size fields at Richard Barry Park for Saturday and Sunday, 8am - 8pm
Field Prep	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Previously needed to paint/line fields; current fields should not require prep - included in rental costs; if needed, cost = \$150
Referees	\$1,125.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,700.00		\$1,125.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,700.00	\$75/game (8 teams = 15 games; 16 teams (2 divisions) = 30 games; 20 teams (3 divisions) = 36 games (2023 actual was \$50 per game)
Referee assigning	\$225.00	\$450.00	\$540.00		\$225.00	\$450.00	\$540.00	\$15/game
Trainers (\$25/hr x 20 hrs) per trainer	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2 trainers @ \$25/hour x 20 hours (Donated by Novant in previous years)
Photographer	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00		\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	Donated in previous years; partial pay \$500 last year
T-shirts (teams, refs, & volunteers)	\$2,400.00	\$3,600.00	\$4,500.00		\$2,400.00	\$3,600.00	\$4,500.00	200-375 t-shirts; extras are given away for publicity (2023 actual was \$3345 - estimate was based on \$10 per shirt, increasing to \$12 this year (8 teams/200 16 teams/300 20 teams/375)
Trophies & awards (5 @ \$75 each; 5 @ 25 each)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	2 divisions with a champion and finalist, plus one trophy for most donations. 5 plaques for other themed awards
Saturday Food (Team lunch, snacks, fruit, granola bars) (for 8 teams - 150 people x 20 each)	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$7,500.00	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(Note: will not be provided if not covered by in-kind donation) \$20 per meal, assuming 150 people for 8 teams (15 players per team, plus staff, refs, and volunteers)
Sunday Food (Team lunch, snacks, fruit, granola bars) (for 8 teams - 150 people x 20 each)	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$7,500.00	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(Note: will not be provided if not covered by in-kind donation) \$20 per meal, assuming 150 people for 8 teams (15 players per team, plus staff, refs, and volunteers)
Water/Gatorade	\$350.00	\$700.00	\$875.00	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Walmart / Publix gift cards (expected)
Paper Products/serving utensils (garbage bags, recycling bats, plates, napkins)	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Walmart / Publix gift cards (expected)
Generator	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00		\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	Generator purchase (\$410) covered by NCASA in 2023 rather than having Tatas pay for rental each year; "paying back" amount equivalent to prior rental cost. Generator cost fully paid back after 2024 tournament.
Ice	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$187.50	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Walmart / Publix gift cards (expected)
Wipes, sanitizers, cleaning supplies, paper towels	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Walmart / Publix gift cards (expected)
Décor	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Michael's Gift Card (expected)
Raffle items	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Donations
Miscellaneous office supplies	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00		\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	
Porta-potty rental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Field rental includes restrooms, so do not expect to need a rental; if needed, cost = \$320
Cargo Van Rental	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	For moving goals, tents, etc
Gas for van	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	Based on 2022 cost / 2023 was \$125.49
Table and chair rental	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00		\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	Based on 2022 cost / 2023 was \$310
Publication and Promotion	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Included graphic designs for email and flyers; transportation of tents to other events for promotion
Signs/Scoreboards	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	
Family activities (carnival games, craft table, bubbles, small-sided soccer, face painting, lawn games, etc...)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Michael's Gift Card (expected) / Some already owned by Alex V
DJ for Saturday	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	Y	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Playlist connected to a phone if DJ services not donated
Miscellaneous supplies	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00		\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	
Committee/Staff lodging 6 room x 2 nights lus 1 room x 1 night @150 per night	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00		\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	Based on 2022 and 2023 actuals (5 rooms for staff plus one additional - photographer?)
Committee/Staff meals	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$175.00		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	Based on previous years' expenditures + additional volunteer
Officer travel	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$175.00		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	Based on previous years' expenditures
Game balls (15@ \$30)	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00		\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	Hope to have game balls donated/use existing NCASA inventory
Total Expenses:	\$21,625.00	\$30,700.00	\$35,452.50		\$11,300.00	\$13,850.00	\$15,340.00	

Total Estimated Net Revenue:	without in-kind donations	with in-kind donations
8 teams	\$4,321.23	\$14,646.23
16 teams	\$146.23	\$16,996.23
20 teams	-\$2,206.27	\$17,906.23

Player-raised donations	8 teams	16 teams	20 teams
Give Lively Donations and cash/checks collected at field (*projected)	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$25,000.00
Total to be donated (projected player donations + net tournament revenue)	8 teams	16 teams	20 teams
without in-kind donations	\$14,321.23	\$20,146.23	\$22,793.73
with in-kind donations	\$24,646.23	\$36,996.23	\$42,906.23

Estimate based on 2022 donations (14 teams) and 2023 donations (16 teams Give Lively raised \$24,575.75)

Champions of Regions Team Travel Subsidy

Whereas, NCASA covered entry fees and provided travel subsidies to Carolinas Cup champions and finalists to assist with expenses to compete at the Region III championships,

Whereas, teams representing NCASA won three championships (Men's Amateur, Women's Amateur, & Men's Over 40) and also were finalists in three divisions (Women's Amateur, Men's Over 30, & Men's Over 40),

Whereas, the travel expenses for the two NCASA teams competing at the USASA Men's & Women's National Amateur Cup Final Fours on July 26-28, 2024, in Dekalb, Illinois, will have their travel expenses covered by USASA, and

Whereas, NCASA teams attending the Champions of Regions on August 16-18, 2024, in Murfreesboro, TN, may need financial support to attend the Champions of Regions, and NCASA wants to provide support to the teams attending the Champions of Regions,

Be it resolved that NCASA approves the spending of up to \$3,000 from the General Fund to help cover travel expenses for NCASA teams competing at the Champions of Regions, and

Be it further resolved that no more than \$1,000 will be provided to each team competing at the Champions of Regions.

National Final Four & Champions of Regions Board Member Travel Subsidy

Whereas, NCASA has one Men's Amateur team and one Women's Amateur team that have qualified for the National Amateur Cup Final Fours being held on July 26-28, 2024, in Dekalb, Illinois, based on their performance at the USASA Region III Championships,

Whereas, NCASA also has at least one team that has qualified for the Champions of Regions being held on August 16-18, 2024, in Murfreesboro, TN, based on their performance at the USASA Region III Championships, and

Whereas, designated NCASA representatives at these events can provide support and are able to help NCASA-affiliated teams with any onsite issues that may arise,

Be it resolved that NCASA approves the spending of up to an additional \$2,000 from the General Fund beyond the funds already approved in the 2024 NCASA budget to cover the expenses for up to two NCASA Board members to attend each of the National Final Four and the Champions of Regions.