



DENVER AREA SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Meeting Minutes *July 14, 2020*

Opening

A meeting of the Denver Area Softball League was called to order at 7:00 am, on July 14, 2020 via Skype Conference Call by Commissioner Becky Richmond. Introductions were given to board members as well as managers and players.

Members Present

Becky Richmond – Commissioner

Thomas Pugh – Assistant Commissioner – Open Division

Mike Barrett – Secretary

PC – Treasurer

Nate Larkins – Open Division Member at Large

Kat Martinez – Women’s Division Member at Large

Guest Present

None

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was emailed to the membership prior to the board meeting. No additions to the agenda by membership.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 14, 2020 meeting were reviewed by the membership. Mike Barrett moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; Kat Martinez seconded the motion. Passed.

Treasurer’s Report

No Treasurer’s Report was given at this time as the meeting was called to discuss the upcoming officer’s election and evaluate the DASL Bylaws.

Special Discussion & Action Items

DASL 2020 Officer Elections

- Manager’s Meeting Update – Mike and PC updated the board on the meeting that was called with the league managers and how to proceed with elections. The managers and the secretary created a call for nomination draft document that will be used to be released to the membership. The managers agreed that the board needs to look at the requirements for Treasurer and Commissioner and revise the bylaws accordingly and to also update the definition of a player in “good

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standing” in the bylaws. Becky then went through current bylaws on how to amend the bylaws in accordance with Article 7 -Amending Bylaws.

DASL Bylaw Revisions

- Definition of a Member in Good Standing – Becky stated that since we did not have a season it will be hard to establish a member in good standing for 2020. Becky then reviewed the proposed options for language revisions that Mike and Becky proposed to the board. Thomas Pugh moved to revise the definition in the bylaws under Article 3 Section III – Definition of a member in good standing to read, ***“In the absence of a season, the BOD may determine that the season prior player list be used to determine the eligibility of a member in good standing.”*** Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed to revise the definition of a member in good standing of the DASL Bylaws.
- Officer Eligibility Requirements – Becky reviewed the list of proposed language for officer eligibility requirements for Treasurer and Commissioner. Becky suggested that the commissioner have at least 1-year prior leadership experience and to avoid conflicts of interest the nominee must be only part of DASL. Nate Larkins moved to amend Article IX Section 1 of the Election/Nomination Process of the bylaws to read the following and PC seconded the motion:
 - ***All nominees must be in good standing with the league.***
 - ***All nominees must avoid conflicts of interest by not participating in another competing LGBTQ+ softball league or organization.***
 - ***In order to be nominated for Commissioner or Treasurer nominee must also have served at least one year in an appointed or elected BOD position.***

The motion passed by majority vote and the bylaws under Article IX Section 1 will be revised to reflect the approved motion.

Online Election Process

- Becky proposed that the board use the same software that Palm Springs used for their election. The cost to use the software will be \$29.00 for 300 ballots. Becky stated that the secretary needs to collect membership email addresses. Kat instructed Mike to send out communication to team managers to collect players email addresses and player information that can be legible to use for the election process as the player rosters from 2019 may not be the best resources to get accurate legible information. Nate proposed to use Google DocGen to aid in the collection of names and addresses that could be dumped into a spreadsheet and Q/A quicker. Becky stated we need to also assign a voter number/ballot number to the player email address for the link to work securely to avoid double voting. Mike will send out a copy of the call for nominations draft document that was created during the manager’s meeting to the board for review.

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Election Calendar

- Nate moved the following election process calendar and Thomas Pugh seconded the motion. Passed.
 - **July 31, 2020** – Mike to gather all player email addresses while the board reviews the nomination and bylaws document.
 - **August 15, 2020** – Mike to send out the “Call for Nomination” document after the board reviews. The nomination process will be open for two (2) weeks.
 - **August 23, 2020** – The ballots will be released to the membership to vote on Commissioner and Treasurer. The election will run from August 23, 2020 through August 31, 2020 at 6:00 pm.
 - **September 1, 2020** – Mike will send out the formal announcement from the election of officers.

Officer Elections

- Becky updated that board that this item was a carry over from the May 31, 2020 meeting and we need to have elections this year and enforced that our election process be fully transparent and open with the process and to avoid appointing folks to the open seats on the board along with defining the status of the membership in good standing as per the DASL Bylaws. PC stated that we needed to revisit the requirements for Treasurer and Commissioner and to also wait to see if we have season. PC moved to instruct that a committee be formed to help during the officer elections with Mike heading the committee as the elections are one of the duties of secretary and to begin discussions with team managers for the process. Pam volunteered to serve on the committee with Mike. Becky stated that she will work with Mike to pass along information how other cities are holding their elections and to provide Mike with a complete list of team managers to schedule a conference call.

Public Comments

- August Permits – Nate asked about the status of the August DASL Field Permits. PC stated that she has emailed Parks and Recreation to cancel those field permits per the direction given in the previous DASL Board Meeting.

Next Meeting

- The next DASL Board Meeting will be TBD.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. The motion was made by Thomas Pugh and seconded by Nate.

Minutes submitted by: *Michael J. Barrett*

Approved by: