



DENVER AREA SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Meeting Minutes *August 2, 2020*

Opening

A meeting of the Denver Area Softball League was called to order at 10:20 am, on August 2, 2020 via Teams 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

Jason Ashby - Storm

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 July 14, 2020 meeting were reviewed by the membership. Mike Barrett moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; PC 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 the Rocky Mountain RoundUp.

Special Discussion & Action Items

DASL 2020 Officer Elections

- Email Address Verification – Mike Barrett updated the board on the progress of the email verification from the 2019 season. Mike had emailed the team managers on July 28, 2020 to obtain player emails from their 2019 rosters. Mike encouraged managers to make sure they circulate the request to all of their players in order to capture the membership contact information. Currently, 34 players have responded to the request from the following teams:
 - Denver Cowboys

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- 5 ML
- 5 MU
- Daddy's
- Bears
- Bogey's
- Smart A's
- Barbie's
- Election Calendar – Mike updated the board on the proposed elections calendar that was decided by the membership at July 14, 2020 meeting. The calendar is as follows:
 - July 31, 2020 – Email Address Verification Period from membership.
 - August 15, 2020 – Call for Nominations. The nomination period will be for two weeks.
 - August 23, 2020 – Voting ballots 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 – Announcement from the Secretary for election results.
- Election Verification – Becky asked for clarification on if the results of the election needed to be verified. PC stated that in the past it has always been two board members not running for the elected positions to verify the results of the election. Kat Martinez agreed that this has been a long-standing process with the Secretary overseeing the elections. PC suggested that Becky and herself serve as the two acting board members to serve in the verification process. Mike asked for clarification of how the verification process will take place since the voting will be conducted online. Becky stated that the verifying committee will need to be registered as users to view the ballot progress to verify votes.
- Call for Nominations Document – Nate Larkins suggested to reword the document to clarify that Treasurer and Commissioner are elected positions while the Members At Large were appointed by the board. Mike stated that during the managers meeting it was discussed to add the Members At Large positions to the call document to gauge interest of members that were wanting to become part of the board. Jason stated that by revising the language in the document it will differentiate between elected positions and appointed positions. Mike will revise the document and resend it back out to the board for a comment period.

Rocky Mountain RoundUp

- RMRU Committee Update – Mike and PC updated the board on the status of the Rocky Mountain RoundUp. Below are the highlights of what was covered:
 - Location
 - Fields have been secured in Golden (Jefferson County) and in Denver (Denver County).
 - The committee is watching county regulations and preference is given to Golden, but should variances change the committee has secured backup fields in Denver County.
 - First game of the day will be at 7:50 am

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- Team Registrations
 - 20 Teams have registered for the Rocky Mountain RoundUp
 - 6 Teams have paid the \$275 registration fee
 - 14 Teams have not paid the \$275 registration fee
 - Balance Sheet – With the paid teams we have \$1580.32 in coffers for the tournament. This includes the removal of the PayPal Fee and QuickScores Fees.
 - PC stated that currently, DASL, has not had to put any money into the tournament.
 - Registration Payment is due on August 25, 2020 via online payment or by check payment.
 - Pickup Player list has been created and is now active on the website that is directly linked to the RMRU Email to place teams onto the list and to designate teams as “waiting” on the website.
- Divisions
 - Currently RMRU has 5 C Teams Registered, 2 E Teams, 13 D Teams
 - D Division will be broken apart for upper and lower division based on team totals. The lower D Division will then play the E Teams.
- Team Rosters & Waivers
 - Rosters will be sent out to teams and are due September 1, 2020.
 - A waiver will be created on the registration form that addresses COVID 19. By teams signing the waiver they understand that they are accepting the risks associated by travel and playing.
- Umpires
 - Pam has verified that she is fully committed for the weekend of September 19-20.
- Rocky Mountain RoundUp Tagline
 - Communications have been sent out to teams as being “A Softball Community...Serving our GLBTQ+ Community with Pride.”
- State of Colorado Health Orders
 - July 15, 2020 – Governor issued for 30 days a mandatory mask order that will expire August 15, 2020.
 - July 13, 2020 – TriCounty Health Department issues the mask mandate to expire August 21, 2020.
 - 175 people are allowed for outdoor activities. The 175 is your group count that is within the boundaries of the permit requested and does not account for general park populations. Parks are public areas and permits being issued are only for fields not the entire park
 - 6 ft social distance of groups
 - Masks are encouraged to be worn and signage of masks will be displayed as well as social distancing
 - July 24, 2020 – Last call for alcohol is 10:00 pm at bars and restaurants.
- COVID 19 Policy

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- Signage for social distancing & masks will be displayed at the fields
- Masks are encouraged to be worn when not in play
- Lysol and Clorox wipes have been secured for players to use
- Hand sanitizer – Marathon Petroleum will donate travel size bottles to the tournament to use.
- Go/No Go – The committee has set September 1, 2020 as the drop-dead date for the RMRU.
- Folks are encouraged not to congregate around the fields but to watch games at a safe distance
- Bleachers will be roped off from spectators
- Limited capacity will use the dugout during games.
- Supplies
 - Score books have been ordered and we do have 14 extra books to use that PC has collected from other tournaments that can be utilized.
 - LineUp Cards have also been ordered
 - Balls & Bases have been secured.
- Team Registrations
 - Sweet has offered us to use their parking lot for the team registrations.
 - In person registration will be from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
 - Managers will be given a manager's bag at registration.
- Volunteers
 - Marathon Petroleum Denver has offered up volunteers to help over the weekend. Estimation of volunteer support is 2-4 people per day.
- Awards
 - MVP – each game the umpires will determine an MVP. The selected MVP will receive a token to be redeemed for a shirt from the board table.
 - Team Awards – PC has contacted the vendor and awards will be ordered by the end of August.
- Shirts
 - MotherCutter is currently working on the shirts and logos have been sent over. The front will have the DASL logo while the back of the shirts will have the RMRU Logo and corporate sponsorship underneath the logo.
 - Sponsors – Denver West Marriott, Holiday Inn Express (Brown Palace), Mother Cutter, and Marathon Petroleum & MPLX Denver.
- Concessions
 - Marathon will sponsor food trucks for the RMRU that will serve burgers, hot dogs, sandwiches & beverages
 - Marathon will be selling food tickets at the entrance to the field

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- Proceeds from concessions will be coordinated by Marathon to distribute to the Center and You Can Play Organizations.
- Corporate match on money earned by MPC's Give Back Community Engagement Group

Officer's Insurance

- Becky stated that she has been in contact with USI for our insurance policy and what it covers. The policy will not cover COVID cases. PC stated that we are classified as an incorporation and not a corporation.

NAGAAA Tournaments

- Knoxville – PC and Mike have been in contact with Tonya from Knoxville. The K-Town Classic is August 1, 2020 through August 2, 2020. Currently, the tournament is being viewed by other cities as a model to see how to run a tournament during these new times under COVID 19. The tournament had a waitlist, conducted temperature checks, contactless purchases of tournament swag, bleachers roped off. Tonya will be emailing Mike & PC post tournament on players over experience and what they could have done better.
- Indianapolis – Mike has been in contact with John from Indy and their tournament as of date are still a go. The tournament is September 18-20.
- Kansas City – Currently that tournament is slated for October and is still a go. No details have been released at this time. Teams are encouraged to register.
- Vegas Neon Classic – The tournament is still a go no further details have been released. A Facebook posting was made earlier in the week to begin team registrations.
- Charlotte Queen City Classic – Teams have been encouraged to play and the tournament is still a go for the first weekend of October. No further details have been provided.

DASL Player Fee Reimbursements

- PC stated that all reimbursements have been mailed out to players. A few payments were returned, and PC has reached out to obtain corrected mailing addresses to re-send payments back out. PC also stated that team registration fees will be rolled over per the DASL Bylaws to the next season unless the person that paid for the team fee needed the refund due to extenuating circumstances in relation to COVID 19.

Public Comments

- None.

Next Meeting

- The next DASL Board Meeting will be August 30, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am. The motion was made by Thomas Pugh and seconded by Kat.

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Minutes submitted by: *Michael J. Barrett*

Approved by: