



DENVER AREA SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Meeting Minutes *May 10, 2020*

Opening

A special meeting of the Denver Area Softball League was called to order at 11:30 am, on May 10, 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

Katelyn Backowski –Assistant Commissioner – Women’s Division

Nate Larkins – Open Division Member at Large

Thomas Herrera – Open Division Member at Large

Kat Martinez – Women’s Division Member at Large

Guest Present

Jason Ashby – Storm

Brandan Burns – Storm

Pam - UIC

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 April 26, 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 address Governor Polis’ Safer at Home Order and how it will impact Denver Parks & Recreation issuing permits and what it means for outdoor recreational activities in Denver.

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Open Issues & Public Comment

Public Comment – No Public Comment currently.

COVID 19 Discussion

- ***Denver Parks & Recreation Update*** – Becky Richmond stated that in communication sent out by Denver Parks & Recreation that all permits have been cancelled through end of May. Becky stated that on June 7 will be the first available date to play in hopes that Parks & Recreation are able to issue permits in June. State & County Health Departments to enforce the “Safer at Home” phase. No groups larger than 10. Team Sports are banned during this time.
- ***State of Colorado Safer at Home Requirements & Timeline*** – As of midnight May 8, 2020, Mayor Hancock’s Stay at Home Order expired. and Denver along with surrounding metro counties will enter the governor’s Safer at Home Order. Under the order the governor has delegated this to county health departments for which the order will be set by. For Denver a mask is mandated while other counties in the area don’t have the same orders. Becky enforced that any restrictions are on a county by county basis to prepare for Colorado businesses and communities to open safely and that groups larger than ten (10) people are restricted under the order.
- ***Metrics for Decision Making – Path Forward*** – Becky stated that board needs to focus on how to decide with the data provided from government leaders and how do we communicate to our teams and community what those metrics will be. Discussion of the issue was sent to the board. While in discussion, Becky stated that communication we have received from Parks & Recreation has been vague on what rules will apply to park permit holders. It was also discussed that there could be a possibility of this order lasting longer because Denver and surrounding areas joined the next phase later than the rest of the state. PC stated that when permits are issued that they are issued just for fields and not the entire park and parking lot. Roger Japp proposed dividing the schedule with one game at a time being played to avoid additional traffic coming into the park. Nate Larkins moved to have no spectators at games for the 2020 DASL Season and was seconded by Kat Martinez. The motion was put to individual voice vote and failed 5-2. PC urged the group to release communication to teams for the first couple weeks. Kat moved to instruct Katelyn Backowski to create a survey Mike seconded the motion. PC suggested to email the team managers on the direction we are going and get feedback. Becky also suggested that we update our waiver to include language addressing the virus. Mike and Katelyn suggested having a manager’s meeting to address these questions. Pam suggested to make the questions simple as yes or no. Katelyn moved as starting metrics to decide the season to find out from Denver Parks & Recreation if they will honor permits from June forward, obtain information from Denver County Health Department on when gatherings will be allowed and when gatherings of more than 50 people will be acceptable. Nate moved to amend the language to include a gathering of

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30 people. Katelyn accepted and PC seconded. The new motion from Katelyn now reads as a baseline three requirements must be met – Denver Parks & Recreation honor permits from June forward, outdoor team sports are allowed, under the county health department a gathering of 30 is acceptable. The motion passed to use as a baseline to determine the season. At this time the team managers that were present were called on for discussion. PC moved to instruct Becky, Thomas Pugh, and Katelyn to work together and coordinate communication to managers. Thomas P seconded the motion. Passed.

- **Summary** – Under the three (3) baselines to determine a season the following must be met:
 - Parks & Recreation must honor permits to proceed.
 - Outdoor sports are allowed by the county and county health departments to proceed.
 - Gatherings of 30 people are allowed by county health departments to proceed.

Next Meeting

- TBD – The board will determine next meeting as feedback is provided from teams.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm. The motion was made by Thomas Pugh and seconded by Katelyn.

Minutes submitted by: *Michael J. Barrett*

Approved by: