



# DENVER AREA SOFTBALL LEAGUE



## Meeting Minutes *February 20, 2021*

### **Opening**

A meeting of the Denver Area Softball League was called to order at 10:34 am, on February 20, 2021 via Teams Conference Call by Commissioner Roger Japp. Introductions were given to board members as well as managers and players.

### **Members Present**

Roger Japp – Commissioner

Mike Barrett – Secretary

Kat Martinez - Treasurer

Danielle Hall – Women’s Division Member At Large

Jason Ashby – DASL Webmaster

### **Guest Present**

PC – Smart A’s & Slowskies (5ML)

Krista Vohs – Bad News Bears

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was emailed to the membership prior to the board meeting. No additions to the agenda were made at this time.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the January 16, 2021 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**

Kat Martinez updated the board on what we currently have in the account. To date there is \$5,958.80 in the account. PC stated that DASL still has the fields for May 23, 2021 and we have already been invoiced for opening weekend as this fall under the Denver Parks & Rec Spring billing. The remaining of the season will be invoiced later date by Parks & Recreation as that will fall under the Summer Season. PC asked for approval to obtain insurance that is required by parks and recreation in the amount of \$465-\$480. Roger had asked for quote for the entire season. PC stated that the insurance must be with DPR as the coinsured. PC also stated that the board needs to investigate purchasing balls for the lower division. Kat stated that no payments are expected before the next meeting.

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<i><u>Fee Type</u></i>	<i><u>Amount</u></i>
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A

Mike moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Kat seconded the motion. Passed.

## Public Comment

Mike addressed the board regarding an email that was received regarding the safety of teams and players during the COVID Pandemic. Roger stated that the board will observe and follow all state, county, and federal requirements during the season to promote playing softball safely as we are still in the early stages of planning the season and the fluidity of the State of Colorado COVID Dial. Once the board gets closer to the season it was recommended to send out the COVID Policy to the membership as well as posting it on DASL social media outlets. PC asked if the waiver/release form could be incorporated into the new webpage to be populated online instead of completing on paper. Jason Ashby, said we could do this however, he would need guidance to complete the form. PC stated that the waiver/release form should be a blanket statement that the individual has no symptoms. Mike suggested doing something similar to how the Gasparilla Waiver was set up and sent to players. Roger will work on wording for the waiver. Jason addressed the board on anyone needing a pick-up player from the Storm. Mike stated that to date the following teams have returned their registration form: Colorado Game Cocks, Denver Cowboys, TBD and Bogey's. The Storm has stated that they will not return for the 2021 season.

## Discussion & Action Items

- **NAGAAA Update** – PC updated the board on the upcoming NAGAAA events. The NAGAAA Cup will be held in Palm Springs, CA on May 29-30, 2021. NAGAAA is working very hard to promote a safe environment for players and teams for this event. GSWS will be held in Columbus, OH, August 30-September 6, 2021. NAGAAA also approved of the Louisville League application to join NAGAAA at the winter meetings.
- **Special Committee Updates** – Committee updates were then given by each committee chair.
  - **Social Committee & Membership** – Roger stated that the Social Committee is looking towards April to promote events.
  - **Fundraising Committee** – Mike updated the board on possibly exploring the possibility of doing a Beer Bust at Sweet and is working with the bar to come up with details and event dates. Mike also updated the board on the T-shirts for the league in celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of DASL. MotherCutter has agreed to do the shirts at wholesale price for the board to sell during the season. Mike will work on production timeline to have the shirts available opening weekend. Roger is also working on sponsorship packets for local businesses.
  - **Tournament Committee** – Mike updated the board that the tournament committee has explored back up plans for fields and we have received notification from Parker, Commerce City, Denver, and Aurora that no

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permits will be issued until April/May for tournaments. Mike also stated the Rocky Mountain RoundUp still needs to reimburse DASL for balls that were used during the 2020 RMRU. PC stated that while Golden will be the preferred site we will still explore the backup plans as we enter the spring months. Mike stated that tournaments are putting caps on the number of team slots made available. The current cap will be 20 teams for the RMRU but can be adjusted as we enter closer to opening registration. Tentatively, the committee plans to open registration April 25<sup>th</sup>.

- **Ratings Committee** – No update available currently.
  
- **DASL Team Registrations and Pick-Up Player Registrations** – Mike and Roger have sent out to returning teams the registration form. Mike will work with Jason on updating the New Team Registration form to add to the website. PC also discussed adding the Pick-Up Player Add Me Button to the website. Mike will also work with Jason to update this to go live. The deadline for returning teams to submit their paperwork will be March 1, 2020. Below is the event timeline for registration:

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Event</b></i>
February 15, 2021	DASL Returning Teams Registration Forms Released to Teams
March 1, 2021	DASL Deadline for Returning Teams Close
March 1, 2021	DASL Online New Team Registration Opens
April 24, 2021	DASL Online Team Registrations Close
March 15, 2021	DASL Online Player Registration Opens
May 14, 2021	DASL Online Player Registration Closes
May 23, 2021	2021 DASL Opening Day

- **2021 Schedule** – Roger stated that The Center has changed the dates for Pride Weekend. Pride will be moved to June 27<sup>th</sup> going forward. PC has submitted a date change with Parks & Rec from having off on June 20<sup>th</sup> to account for the change over Pride Weekend. The current DASL Calendar is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Week</b>
May 23, 2021	Vanderbilt Park	Opening Day – Week 1
May 30, 2021	N/A	Memorial Weekend – No Games – Week 2
June 6, 2021	Vanderbilt Park	Week 3
June 13, 2021	Vanderbilt Park	Week 4
June 20, 2021	Vanderbilt Park	Week 5
June 27, 2021	N/A	Pride Weekend – No Games – Week 6

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July 4, 2021	N/A	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Weekend – No Games – Week 7
July 11, 2021	Vanderbilt Park	Week 8
July 18, 2021	Vanderbilt Park	Week 9
July 25, 2021	Vanderbilt Park	Week 10
August 6-7, 2021	Ulysses Park – Golden	End of Season Tournament

- **DASL Website** – Jason updated the board on the status of converting the existing Doteasy url to the Wix platform. The website is almost ready to launch and the document section of the website needs to be updated to the most current season. QuickScores will be used for only game information, brackets, scores, and standings while all the league documents will be housed on the main webpage. Jason and Roger stated that it would be possible to link the old url to the new platform. Jason asked the board members for headshots to be used on the new webpage. Mike asked when the website will be launched. Tentatively, the site would go live on March 1 in hopes of registration and player registrations.
- **Denver Parks & Recreation Update** – PC stated that parks and recreation are working on historical permits now for the summer league and she is currently working on obtaining updates from Golden.
- **2021 Bylaws & Rules** – The board did the annual review of the existing DASL Bylaws and Rules. Corrections were made during the meeting and will be available on the website for team managers. Kat moved to accept the changes to the DASL Bylaws and Rules, Mike seconded the motion. Passed.
- **DASL Officer Contact Information & Conflict of Interest Statement** – Mike reviewed the worksheets with the board and will need to have the remaining officer's information and Conflict of Interest as soon as feasible.

## Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be March 20, 2021 at 10:30 – 11:30 pm via TEAMS conference call.

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am. The motion was made by Mike and seconded by Kat. Passed.

**Minutes submitted by:** *Michael J. Barrett*

**Approved by:**