



DENVER AREA SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Meeting Minutes *October 24, 2020*

Opening

A meeting of the Denver Area Softball League was called to order at 10:34 am, on October 24, 2020 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

Thomas Pugh – Assistant Commissioner – Open Division

Mike Barrett – Secretary

Katelyn Backowski – Assistant Commissioner – Women’s Division

Guest Present

PC – Smart A’s & Slowskies (5ML)

Thomas Herrera – 5MU

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 August 30, 2020 meeting were reviewed by the membership. Thomas Pugh moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; Katelyn Backowski seconded the motion. Passed.

Treasurer’s Report

PC updated the board on what we currently have in the account. To date there is \$7,237.80 in the account. PC also updated the board on the Rocky Mountain RoundUp. Below is a breakdown of income and expenses. PC stated that DASL did not pay out of pocket to put the tournament on as board members and membership donated their time and money to help make the tournament a success. PC thanked Mike Barrett, Jason Ashby, Kat Martinez, and Becky Richmond for their help in setting up the website and printing of shirts. Thomas Pugh moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report; Katelyn Backowski seconded the motion. Passed.

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Income Earned</u>	<u>Expenses Paid Out</u>
Team Registration Fees	\$4,556.00	
Umpires		\$1,356.00
Trophies		\$397.94
Kennedy Complex		\$2,280.00
Softballs		\$250.00
T-Shirts & Masks		\$728.00
T-Shirt & Mask Sales	\$1,012.06	
Total Profit		\$284.06

PC also discussed the upcoming DASL fees that will be coming due. Below is a list of expenses, amount due, and due dates of upcoming fee payments.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Officer Insurance	TBD	\$740.00
NAGAAA Dues	January 2021	\$350.00
Post Office Box Fee	TBD	\$66.00
Website Fee	February 2021	\$123.40

Public Comment

PC thanked Mike, Thomas Herrera, Thomas Pugh, Nate Larkins, Kat Martinez for their help during the tournament. Roger Japp also thanked the Tournament Committee for their efforts to put on a successful weekend. Roger asked Mike to investigate dates and fields for the 2021 RMRU. Mike updated the board on the positive feedback from the managers on the tournament.

Discussion & Action Items

DASL Treasurer

- Roger asked the board for interested individuals for the position of Treasurer. The only individual that has expressed interest has been Kat. Roger and PC will reach out to Kat to coordinate passing of the books and changing contact names on accounts.

GDASA Communications

- **GDASA** - Roger has reached out to the managers in the other league and is putting together communication that will be sent out the team mangers. Thomas Herrera was asked to help draft this communication. PC stated that previous communications were sent out by Thomas Pugh and Becky Richmond, with no feedback. Roger stated that new forms of communication need to be established between groups as well as a strategy on how to communicate between groups. PC asked if there was going to be reduced fees for players who wish to qualify for the World Series. Roger asked to include this as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- **Expansion of DASL** – Roger explained to the group that one of his goals as Commissioner was to develop a strategy of how to expand the league. Thomas H asked how the pickup player list works. PC stated that the list is emailed out to all the teams that have paid team registration fees. Mike and Roger stated that as

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managers of teams they do reach out to players listed on the pickup list, however, never receive responses from individuals. To bring in folks that would be interested in being part of DASL, Mike suggested hosting a bingo night at sponsor bars and revisiting Mr. & Ms. DASL Drag Show. Katelyn suggested that monthly the board post activities via the Facebook page and website to motivate more involvement. Thomas P suggested attending different LGBTQ+ events to promote DASL. PC suggested that on the DASL website to post links to the suggested LGBTQ+ events. Roger suggested that DASL also investigate being part of the Denver Pride Parade & Pridefest. Mike stated that if the board wants to participate in the 2021 Pride Parade/Pridefest that we should put in our registration as soon as possible as spots fill up quickly. PC recommended that this should be revisited during the next board meeting and to factor in the cost into our 2021 budget.

- **2020 Player Fee Structure** – PC asked to have clarification on the membership level for voting rights, eligibility in the year end tournament, and the ability to be elected/appointed to an office. It was stated by the board for teams from GDASA to become full season teams. Roger recommended moving this to the next meeting.
- **Special Committees** – Roger requested that at least one board member chair each of the following committees.
 - Social Committee
 - Thomas Pugh – Chair
 - Membership Committee
 - Thomas Pugh
 - Fundraising Committee
 - Roger Japp - Chair
 - Tournament Committee
 - Mike Barrett – Tournament Director
 - PC
 - Kat Martinez
 - Ratings Committee
 - Roger Japp – Chair
 - Mike Barrett
- **League Sponsorship** – Roger stated that he was going to reach out to businesses for league sponsorship. PC reminded the board that the only bar sponsors DASL has are Trade & R&R and that Sweet has partnered up with the RMRU and is willing to be part of DASL for sponsorship. PC also stated that Coors has been a longtime sponsor of DASL and the board needs to continue forward with working with them and a proposal needs to be turned into Coors in November. PC and Roger will work together on the Coors proposal.
- **2021 Rocky Mountain RoundUp** – Mike B volunteered to serve as the Tournament Director for the 2021 RMRU with PC and Kat serving on the tournament board. PC suggested keeping the tournament close to the dates that the 2020 RMRU was for branding purposes. Mike stated that the committee needs to determine the dates by the next meeting ahead of the NAGAAA Winter Meetings in Dallas for promotion of the event. PC suggested we try again for

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Ulysses Park in Golden and explore other options as a backup plan. Roger asked the committee to propose at the next board meeting a budget and dates for the 2021 RMRU.

- **Appointments** –Mike moving to fill the vacant appointed positions at the next meeting, Thomas P seconded the motion. Passed. The positions that remain to be filled include the following:
 - **Member At Large** – Open & Women’s Division
 - **Treasurer** – Mike B stated that Kat was only member to show interest in the position during the call for nominations in August.
 - **Webmaster** – Jason Ashby has expressed interest in the position and Roger will follow up with him to see if he is still interested.
- **2020 Calendar**
 - Bar Fundraising – Roger suggested to begin communication with local bars to see what fundraising options were available under the current health orders for COVID 19.
 - Transfer of Leadership – PC stated that Roger, Becky, Kat and herself need to get together to go into the bank to transfer leadership responsibilities over to the new Commissioner and Treasurer. PC asked for permission to pay upcoming fees until Kat is seated at the next meeting. The board granted PC the permission to pay the upcoming fees.
- **New Technologies** – Roger stated that he would like the Webmaster to look at alternative technologies for website design, registration payments, and bracket development.
- **DASL Bylaws** – PC stated that last year the board reviewed the bylaws. Mike reminded the board to revisit the officer positions and their requirements as per discussion from the August 30, 2020 meeting. Roger proposed to move this to our next meeting. PC reminded the board that we need to have \$5900 in our account for the field payment in 2021.
- **DASL 25th Anniversary** – Mike stated that for the tournament we added the 25th Anniversary logo to the shirts. Mike suggested that we utilize 2021 as a way to actually celebrate the anniversary as a league since we couldn’t due to COVID in 2020. Mike, PC and Roger stated that they would come up with ideas to share at the first 2021 Board Meeting.
- **Marathon Petroleum** – Mike updated the board on the fundraising efforts and thanked Marathon for their help during the tournament. Marathon raised \$10,000.00 from concessions and corporate match program with an additional \$500 from their raffle for You Can Play & Rainbow Alley. Marathon is excited to partner up with DASL again in 2021.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be December 5, 2020 at 10:30 am via conference call as there will be no November Board Meeting due to Thanksgiving.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. The motion was made by Mike Barrett and seconded by Thomas Pugh.

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Minutes submitted by: *Michael J. Barrett*

Approved by: