



DENVER AREA SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Meeting Minutes *May 31, 2020*

Opening

A meeting of the Denver Area Softball League was called to order at 11:30 am, on May 31, 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

Pam – UIC

Roger Japp – Colorado Gamecocks

Brandan Burns - 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 May 17, 2020 meeting were reviewed by the membership. Mike Barrett moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; Thomas Pugh seconded the motion. Passed.

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Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's Report was given at this time as the meeting was called to monitor and develop a plan of action based on new data provided by Denver County Health as well as how other areas are treating their softball seasons and how DASL will progress.

Open Issues & Public Comment

Public Comment – Jason Ashby asked to give the board an update on the Rocky Mountain RoundUp. The tournament is moving forward with the September 18-20 dates and the tournament board will be extending the early bird entry fee for all teams to \$275.00 with no increases due to the impacts from COVID 19 across the country.

NAGAAA Update

- Becky updated the board on the recent decision from NAGAAA to cancel the 2020 GSWS that was to be held in Columbus, OH. NAGAAA has decided that the 2021 GSWS will be held in Columbus, OH, 2022 GSWS will be held in Dallas, TX and the 2023 GSWS will be held in Minneapolis, MN.

Parks & Recreation Updates

- An update on the status of Denver Parks & Recreation issuing permits was then discussed. Becky stated that permits are now cancelled through June in Denver. The governor recently released guidance for day camps but not for team sports or athletic fields. There is anticipation for the governor to address in upcoming weeks if not sooner on how to move forward with team sports.

DASL Survey Results

- Becky updated the board on the results from the recent DASL Survey that was sent out to registered players as well as previous player registrations from the 2019 season. The total amount of emails that were sent out were 122 with a 96% completion rate from players. Becky did express the concern of at least 20% saying to cancel the season until 2021, while over 50% surveyed asked DASL Board to continue forward.

DASL Path Forward

- The question was then asked of the board on which direction to take for the season based on results and feedback provided from the survey. Mike stated that mid-June Aurora will begin to issue permits based on communications from Parks and Recreation in Aurora. Katelyn suggested working with Mike for the fields at Dove Valley Regional Park. Dove Valley is maintained via the city of Aurora. Thomas Pugh suggested to cancel the summer season. PC suggested to look at a fall season, but fields could be hard to come by and has also asked Golden about a Friday night fall league. Becky expressed concerns of the 20% wishing to cancel the season from the survey results and the fact that folks are looking to begin summer plans and what would it look like if we had incomplete teams. PC stated that Portland is looking at options for those that want to play and Becky proposed a revised season format. Thomas Pugh and Katelyn suggested to forgo the

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summer season, but to wait for definite answers before we do anything. PC then discussed the financial obligations that were made for the 2020 to take place and reminded the board of what we have already paid out for insurance (\$1200), that will not be refundable to the board and the amount that will be refunded from Denver Parks & Recreation in the amount of \$2400. Jason Ashby asked what the implications would be should we forgo the summer season format. PC then stated again that insurance has been paid out and not refundable and should we carry into a different format we would have to pay out another insurance fee for a special season. PC also stated that 5 teams have already said that they wish to carry over their team registration fees to the next season or to have the teams convert their registration fees over to the Rocky Mountain RoundUp Tournament. Mike moved to postpone the season from starting on June 7, 2020 to July 14, 2020. PC seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was conducted amongst the membership. The motion failed with a 5-2 vote. Katelyn moved to cancel the season format, while still meeting to determine if the three metrics the board previously established were being met. Thomas Pugh seconded the motion. Roger mentioned that the motion was the same as the previous motion and Becky asked for clarification. Nate asked to amend the motion to insert the guiding principles that were previously established. Katelyn revised the motion to cancel the summer season, announce to teams and players the cancellation, we don't announce to Denver Parks & Recreation to cancel the fields, and that the board offers something once it is announced that it is safe to move forward. PC stated that the board could be out the money from the field rental costs at \$2000. A Roll Call Vote was done, and the motion passed with 1 vote abstained, 2 No, and 4 Yes. The motion passed.

Refunds

- PC stated that the registration fee for the Rocky Mountain RoundUp Tournament were now set at \$275 a team and if teams wanted to roll their DASL Team Fee over they could. Jason Ashby asked if the money for the tournament was kept separated from the DASL funds. PC stated that as agreed by the board previously that funds for both are separated and if teams wanted to roll over the entry fee, they could fill out a form to account for the funds transfer between the league and the tournament.

Elections

- Becky stated that two board positions were open for election in 2020. The positions up for elections are Treasurer and the Commissioner. Becky stated that a nomination form could be set up in QuickScores. The question of a players standing was then discussed and if we should rely on the 2019 standings or the 2020 standings. PC stated that only 28 people would be in good standings if we rely on the current registered membership. PC moved to suspend elections further due to the uncertainty with the virus and the season, Katelyn seconded the motion. Kat and Nate recommended not to make any immediate changes. Becky stated that the current terms expire end of September. The motion passed to postpone

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elections with the understanding that actions need to be taken before the end of the September.

Next Meeting

- The next DASL Board Meeting will be held on June 14, 2020 at 9:30 am via Teams.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm. The motion was made by Katlyn and seconded by Kat.

Minutes submitted by: *Michael J. Barrett*

Approved by: