



# DENVER AREA SOFTBALL LEAGUE



## Meeting Minutes *June 14, 2020*

### **Opening**

A meeting of the Denver Area Softball League was called to order at 9:30 am, on June 14, 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

Thomas Herrera – Open Division Member at Large

### **Guest Present**

Jason Ashby – 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 May 31, 2020 meeting were reviewed by the membership. Thomas Pugh moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; Mike Barrett seconded the motion. Passed.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

No Treasurer’s Report was given at this time as the meeting was called to monitor and develop a path forward based on new data and guidelines from counties and the state.

### **Open Issues & Public Comment**

#### **Public Comment**

- Jason Ashby updated the board on the Rocky Mountain RoundUp. Currently, we have 6 registered teams for the tournament. 1 C Division Team, 5 D Division Teams and four people on the pickup player list. PC stated that we are telling teams to register and hold off on the payment until we get closer to the tournament in case we have to cancel due to COVID 19 as currently Jefferson

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County is saying no to tournaments and Mike and PC are exploring other metro county venues to host the tournament as a backup plan.

## **Public Health Orders**

- Becky updated the board on guidance that has been put out for the governor's next phase of the Great Outdoors. During the rollout of the guidance Becky stated that the CDPHE does not match what was in the next executive order and it has created some confusion across the board. The other confusing part is that each county is starting to apply for variances such as Jefferson County and that also created issues as county rules differ. The state order from the governor does state that no tournaments can be played in Colorado, however, fields are beginning to open with youth leagues taking precedent in having those fields as a priority.

## **Parks & Recreation Updates**

- Becky stated that Denver Parks & Recreation still have permits cancelled through June. Mike & PC discussed that some of the other counties are starting to allow permits which Becky reflected during the Public Health Order updates due to county variances being approved by the state.

## **DASL Next Steps**

- Becky stated that communication was sent out based on the previous meeting regarding the summer season format cancellation but has not received feedback from team managers. Each team manager that was present updated the board about feedback from their teams in regards to what DASL should do going forward. PC stated that we still have interested people and we should move forward with something. PC recommended that if we wanted to save money based on interest we could cancel one field and keep the other for games or scrimmages. Becky agreed to save money that the board looks to cancelling one of the fields for the remainder of the July dates. Mike asked for clarification on dates. Becky stated that the dates remaining for the Denver permitted fields were July 12, July 19, July 26. PC asked for everyone on the board to voice their opinion on going forward and that as a reminder we still have the dates in Golden that were going to be used for the end of the year tournament. PC stated that some type of communication be sent out to teams and the membership of having the possibility of a July through August season. Mike also suggested that if certain people are interested but don't have a team to generate a pick-up player list to create teams out of if needed. Mike moved to have team communications sent out to teams and players regarding the remaining dates of the permit. PC – amended the motion to allow for the August extension if possible. Mike accepted the amendment. Thomas Herrera amended the motion by adding fields are TBD with a draft or pickup list option open to players and that if teams that were full previously be allowed. Mike accepted the amendment. Becky then re-read the motion made by Mike to state that communication be sent out to teams and players about a possible July & August season. The fields will be TBD with a

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possibility of the season being extended even further and to have available a pickup player list created to build teams from and to use a questionnaire to gauge the interest. Thomas Pugh seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote. Thomas H and Mike asked if regular rules would apply to these games. Becky and Pam stated that the rules will be normal, and no changes would be necessary. The board then generated the questionnaire that will be submitted to players and managers.

## **Officer Elections**

- Becky updated that board that this item was a carry over from the May 31, 2020 meeting and we need to have elections this year and enforced that our election process be fully transparent and open with the process and to avoid appointing folks to the open seats on the board along with defining the status of the membership in good standing as per the DASL Bylaws. PC stated that we needed to revisit the requirements for Treasurer and Commissioner and to also wait to see if we have season. PC moved to instruct that a committee be formed to help during the officer elections with Mike heading the committee as the elections are one of the duties of secretary and to begin discussions with team managers for the process. Pam volunteered to serve on the committee with Mike. Becky stated that she will work with Mike to pass along information how other cities are holding their elections and to provide Mike with a complete list of team managers to schedule a conference call.

## **Next Meeting**

- The next DASL Board Meeting will be TBD.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am. The motion was made by Thomas Pugh and seconded by Mike.

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

**Approved by:**