



DENVER AREA SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Meeting Minutes *December 5, 2020*

Opening

A meeting of the Denver Area Softball League was called to order at 10:38 am, on December 5, 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

Nate Larkins – Open Division Member At Large

Danielle Hall – Women’s Division Member At Large

Jason Ashby – DASL Webmaster

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 October 26, 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

PC updated the board on what we currently have in the account. To date there is \$6492.80 in the account. 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. As of December 5, 2020, the Officer Insurance has been paid. Mike moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Katelyn Backowski seconded the motion. Passed.

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

Public Comment

PC pointed out that Member At Large positions need to be official for the nominated members to vote.

Appointments

Appointments were made for Treasurer, Open Division Member At Large, Women's Division Member At Large, and Webmaster. Roger stated that the Treasurer and the Member At Large positions would be eligible for voting while the Webmaster was a non-voting individual. Nate Larkins was appointed to the Open Division Member At Large, Danielle Hall appointed to the Women's Member At Large, Kat Martinez as Treasurer and Jason Ashby as Webmaster. It was noted again that the Webmaster position is a non-voting position per the current DASL Bylaws. The membership proceeded to vote on the appointed positions. Passed.

Discussion & Action Items

- **DASL Operating Budget 2021 Season** - Roger presented the board the 2021 DASL budget. Roger stated that the board needs to focus on recruiting and need to increase the size of the league as well as challenged board members to come up with ideas for fundraising. The player fees were also discussed during the budget presentation. Discussion was then called for to discuss the 2021 DASL Player Fees. Katelyn requested the fee structure from the previous year. Mike, then reviewed the set fee structure from the 2019 November Board Meeting. The proposed 2021 fee structure is as follows:

<i>Fee Type</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Open Division Player Fee	\$65.00
Women's Division Player Fee	\$55.00
Both Division Player Fees	\$60.00
Team Registration Fees	\$350.00

Thomas Pugh moved to implement the player fee structure for the 2021 DASL Season. Katelyn seconded the motion. Passed. It was then discussed and suggested by Roger that DASL should implement a COVID Clause regarding player fees should our season be shortened by COVID. Katelyn moved to develop the clause as we enter spring of 2021. Mike seconded the motion. Passed.

- **2021 DASL Team Fees** – Thomas Herrera asked the board if the teams fees that were paid in 2020 will still roll over to the 2021 team fee. PC stated that previous fee payments will roll over to the 2021 for paid teams. The only team that would have to pay team registration is Mary's in the amount of \$350.00.

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- **NAGAAA Updates** – Roger will be meeting with the NAGAAA Commissioner on December 8, 2020 and as of current the Winter Meetings will still take place in Dallas, Tx in January.
- **GDASA Update** – Roger reached out for a meeting with GDASA in which Roger informed GDASA that he was the new DASL Commissioner and that the GDASA position is the same that it has always been in previous communications. Roger discussed his vision in which he would like to DASL with GDASA as well as the hopes of the two groups working together and encouraged players and teams from GDASA to also participate in the DASL Season. Roger also explained that DASL will not fold and become a part of the GDASA umbrella. Roger stated that after the first of the year he would like to continue communication with the other group and try to make meetings between the two groups on a regular basis.
- **Expansion of DASL** – Roger explained that one of the visions he had for DASL is to expand the league. The expansion needs to be done through promotion of DASL through the website, Facebook, social interactions, and fundraisers. Roger stated that Jason Ashby have discussed some revisions to the DASL Website to bring it up to date and user friendly. Thomas Pugh suggested that DASL post more in social media and to utilize certain applications to promote DASL. Katelyn suggested starting an Instagram and Tik Tok account for DASL as another way to promote the league via social media. Jason suggested having booths set up at social festivals such as Pride to market the league. Roger stated that at each meeting he would like the board to come with ideas on how to grow and promote the league.
- **Special Committees** – Committee updates were then given by each committee chair.
 - **Social Committee** – Chairman Thomas Pugh suggested that all social events need to be promoted via Facebook and Instagram regularly.
 - **Committee Members**
 - Thomas Pugh - Chairman
 - **Membership Committee** – No updates were provided by Chairman Thomas Pugh at this time.
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 - Thomas Pugh Chairman
 - **Fundraising Committee** – Mike updated the group on recent discussion with Denver Sweet as a suggestion for DASL to be servers for Sweet's Weekend Brunch. Sweet will be hosting this on weekends and allowing charities to work the brunch to raise money in place of beer busts. Roger suggested that at the January meeting we request a month for weekend brunch to sign up for. Roger also suggested that when DASL works events like this for fundraisers that we make sure to promote the league by putting advertisements out on the bar TV and Facebook Flyers. PC also suggested that we emphasize that DASL plugs the fact that we are the original softball group that is affiliated with NAGAAA. Mike and Roger also stated that the 2021 Season will be a reboot of the DASL 25th

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Anniversary that was in celebrated in 2020. Mike will work with Mother Cutter on T-Shirt ideas as a fundraiser idea to help celebrate the 25th Anniversary within DASL.

- **Committee Members**
 - Roger Japp – Chairman
 - Mike Barrett - Member
- **Tournament Committee** – Mike updated the group on the forecasted 2021 budget for 2nd Annual Rocky Mountain RoundUp. PC and Mike stated that the Committee settled on the dates of the RMRU to be held September 17-19, 2021. Currently, Mike is in the process of working with local hotels that have submitted RFPs for room blocks. All pricings will be negotiated like in previous years to waive the attrition fees by asking for corporate room rates during the weekend of the tournament. The hotels that have submitted proposals thus far include the Denver Downtown Westin, Brown Palace, Hyatt Regency, Grand Hyatt, Holiday Inn, and the Hampton Inn Downtown Denver.
 - **Committee Members**
 - Mike Barrett – Chairman (Tournament Director)
 - PC – Field Coordinator
 - Kat Martinez - Treasurer
 - Jason Ashby – Webmaster
- **Ratings Committee** – Katelyn & Mike will help Roger with a spring Ratings Clinic at the start of the season.
 - Roger Japp – Chairman
 - Mike Barrett - Member
 - Katelyn Backowski - Member
- **2021 Calendar** – Roger suggested to keep the same weekends of play with and the same holiday schedule as proposed in 2020. The start of the 2021 season will be in mid-May for Week 1. PC stated that we are grandfathered in for dates of play with Denver Parks & Rec and suggested not to detour from the grandfathered status as if DASL does we would have to hold a permit for at least 2 years to regain grandfather status with Parks & Rec. PC will reach out after January 1 to Denver Parks & Rec for updates for fields.
- **Extended Season & End of Year Tournament** – The first weekend the tournament will be held the first weekend in August. PC suggested using Ulysses Park in Golden as in previous years for the tournament. Roger stated he was open to the idea of the hosting and extended season while Katelyn suggested to play it by ear due to the recent spikes in COVID and what our season may look like.
- **GSWS** – PC stated that the GSWS for 2021 will be held in Columbus, OH and the 2022 GSWS would be held in Dallas, TX. Roger encouraged the membership that DASL would like to have a team per each division compete in the GSWS from DASL. PC stated that folks interested in playing the in the series form a team to represent Denver. Roger stated that as of to date the 2021 GSWS is still ago and will update the membership should anything change.

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- **2021 Sponsorship** – PC stated that she has been in contact with Coors and they will be a sponsor of the league for 2021. Roger will send out to the board suggestions for various levels of league sponsorship that could be sent out to the community to co-sponsor the league. Roger also asked for clarification on the agreement with Coors for sponsorship. PC stated that it would be frowned upon by Coors to partner up with Bud Light/Budweiser. PC will follow up with Coors for the agreement of sponsorship with Coors.
- **DASL Bylaws** – The group moved to discuss this at the January Board meeting due to the time constraints of the December Meeting.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be January 16, 2021 at 10:30 am via TEAMS conference call.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm. The motion was made by Thomas Pugh and seconded by Katelyn Backowski.

Minutes submitted by: *Michael J. Barrett*

Approved by: