



DENVER AREA SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Meeting Minutes *March 22, 2020*

Opening

The regular meeting of the Denver Area Softball League was called to order at 9:30 am, on March 22, 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

Mike Barrett – Secretary

PC – Treasurer

Katelyn Backowski – Women’s Division Assistant Commissioner

Kat Martinez – Women’s Division Member at Large

Nate Larkins – Open Division Member at Large

Thomas Herrera – Open Division Member at Large

Guest Present

Jason Ashby – Storm

Brandan Burns – Storm

Cris Schwanebeck – Cowboys

Chris Summers – Cowboys

Ruben Gutierrez – Cowboys

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 February meeting were reviewed by the membership and all edits were made prior to the meeting and sent back out to the membership for review. Nate Larkins moved to withdraw his motion to approve the minutes due to the edits that were made.

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Mike Barrett moved to approve the minutes, and Nate Larkins seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was given by PC. Currently, DASL has **\$1935.23** in funds available. PC stated that the fields were now paid for and that balls have been ordered. PC stated that even though the balls have been ordered, the lineup cards still need to be produced and QuickScores will be paid out once invoiced, Mike moved to accept the report and Nate seconded. Motion passed. Below are fees that still need to be paid by the board for the 2020 season:

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Bat Stickers – 2020	March	\$80.00
Softballs / Lineup Cards	March	\$700.00
QuickScores	TBD	*\$600.00 (\$1.00 per entry invoiced)

QuickScores Fee - \$600.00 was based off the invoice from 2019

Open Issues & Public Comment

Public Comment – No Public Comment currently.

Discussion & Action Items – New Business

- ***Team Registrations***

- Commissioner Becky Richmond updated the board on the teams in the Open Division that have registered to date, and include the following teams:
 - Slowski's (Formally 5ML)
 - Colorado Game Cocks (Formally Daddy's Boyz)
 - Storm
 - Mary's
 - Denver Cowboys
 - 5MU
- Becky also updated the board on the teams in the Women's Division that have registered to date, and include the following teams:
 - Smart A's
 - Barbie's
 - It's Complicated
 - TNT
 - Bogey's
 - Bears
 - TBD

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- Welcome Back Postings – Becky encouraged all managers to post for the Welcome Back for the 25th anniversary of DASL on facebook.
- Player Registrations – Becky announced that player registration was now live on QuickScores so players can now register for their teams. PC asked if the GSWS question was rolled over from the 2019 registration forms to the 2020 forms. Becky stated that the question did roll over to encourage membership to participate in the 2020 GSWS.
- **COVID 19 Update** – Becky stated that we have received communication from Denver Parks & Recreation in the form of an email to the board dated for March 12, 2020, this included notification on permits and activities through a limited date. All permits are cancelled through May 11, 2020. Becky stated that the season start May 17, 2020. PC has inquired about further notification. Becky stressed the possibility of the board being prepared to adjust the season to delay a few weeks if needed due to the government orders. PC stated that should we miss a couple weeks to treat the cancelled weeks like rainouts and we can schedule around the normal game schedules to have triple headers if needed. Becky encouraged the board to have an open mind regarding the season in relation to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Mike asked that with a modified season would it impact the qualifications for GSWS and if NAGAAA was going to be flexible due to the virus. PC elaborated about how NAGAAA will view the situation and referenced how NAGAAA has treated other natural disasters such as Katrina. Katelyn stated that ASANA will plan to remove the qualifications for their world series. Becky stated that she is looking to NAGAAA for additional guidance. Mike asked if the dugouts will have hand sanitizer. Becky asked everyone to investigate where and how to get this.
 - In-Person Player Registrations – Becky stated that since Colorado has an order for the bars to be closed during the COVID 19 Virus, that the in-person registrations at the bars is cancelled until we receive further guidance on when the bars will open again. It was offered by the board to have an in-person registration opportunity in early May providing what future directives are given by the state.
 - Refund Policy - PC stated that a full refund would be given back minus the process fee not refunded. The example given was \$55 registration fee back minus \$5 process fee paid back to the player. The refunds are to be issued as a check payment to avoid processing fees on our end. Brandon Burns asked about the sign-up increases to see if they will be possibly waived. Thomas Pugh suggested setting up a scholarship program for those that have lost their jobs to help with the entry fee. The impacted player will fill out a financial hardship form. PC suggested small amount donations to a fund to help players out. Pam stated that the board be careful as everyone could want the exemption and agreed with PC on fee donation. PC suggested to appoint a group and Thomas Pugh moved to create a group that will include PC and Thomas Pugh. PC wanted Becky to work with Mike on communications to the membership on how the board will proceed. Jason Ashby asked about field credits from Park & Recreation. Becky stated that Parks and Recreation will refund the fields.

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Jason also asked about Field Day. Becky had stated that those permits are cancelled as of date, through the end of April. PC said the idea of field is still out there.

- **Manager’s Meeting** – Becky stated due to the current circumstances and the orders against the bars to be closed that the manager meeting will need to be cancelled at Glady’s. There is a possibility to explore other ways to conduct the manager meeting such as through Skype / Conference Call.
- **Communications to Teams** - Becky suggested putting a letter out to the teams to stay healthy and the support to the community in this time of need and to call out organizations that help the LGBTQ Community. Kat Martinez suggested to wait until we have our guidance written out to managers and suggested to include the date for the managers meeting. PC said we will have better direction from Parks & Rec in mid-April of what will happen. Kat suggested to include wording that the board will keep everyone up to date communications to team managers. Becky stressed finding a location for a meeting will be challenging due to the state order of bars being closed. PC stated that the ratings are typically discussed during the managers meeting and suggested to pick up the Manager Packets on Opening Day and to host a Ratings Clinic later. Kat suggested communication of events to the group. PC said to check with the Center to help support the community and find where help is needed with the Center.
- **Recruiting** – Thomas Pugh updated the board on the letter to team managers from the other group. Thomas stated that only one response was received back and that was to remove that manager from the list. The letter was sent out on February 19, 2020. Katelyn will reach out to the Summit. Katelyn suggested using Mike Sakamoto and Tom Pugh to bridge the gap of leagues.
- **2020 Calendar Review** – The calendar review is as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mr. & Ms. Softball Pageant – Glady’s	July 25, 2020	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Rocky Mountain Round-Up Tournament – Registration Party	September 18, 2020	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Rocky Mountain Round-Up Tournament – Ulysses Park	September 19-20, 2020	TBD

****Note – ALL in person meetings, field day, and in-person registrations have been cancelled.***

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2020 Season Dates

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>
May 17, 2020 – Opening Day	Vanderbilt Park - Denver
May 31, 2020	Vanderbilt Park - Denver
June 7, 2020	Vanderbilt Park - Denver
June 14, 2020	Vanderbilt Park - Denver
June 28, 2020	Vanderbilt Park - Denver
July 12, 2020	Vanderbilt Park - Denver
July 19, 2020	Vanderbilt Park - Denver
July 26, 2020	Vanderbilt Park - Denver
August 1-2, 2020 – DASL End of Season Tournament	Ulysses Park - Golden

Discussion & Action Items – Old Business

- ***Rocky Mountain Round-Up Softball Tournament*** – Mike updated the board on additional progress the tournament committee has made as follows:
 - Concessions / BBQ – Mike has worked with the MPLX (Marathon Petroleum) Hispanic Group to host tournament concessions/BBQ. MPLX has offered to purchase what is needed to have concessions for the Rocky Mountain Round-Up and has requested the tournament committee to prepare a menu of what will be served. It was suggested to have breakfast burritos, non-alcoholic beverages, hamburgers, hot dogs, chips for the concessions. MPLX has agreed that the concessions will be operated on a donation basis and all money earned will be donated back to the organization to do what they wish with.
 - Promotional Items - PC stated that Coors will donate banners and swag.
 - Communication – Mike stated that the Facebook page and website will be updated with any new updates should the tournament change.
 - Ratings - Mike and tournament committee to re-visit the rule language on non-NAGGAA rated individuals for the tournament. PC refreshed the group on the NAGAAA language for how the ratings are impacting the tournaments and where to draw the line. PC suggested for consistency with cities with our tournament. Mike proposed a meeting next week to re-evaluate rules for non-rated players. Becky brought up questions about folks that are in the database, but managers are using a different rating than what is in the database and the tournament committee needs to also

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handle none rated folks and those that have incorrect ratings. Jason stated that the early bird registration ends May 31, 2020 and this would be possibly extending all deadlines for registration and applicable fees.

- ***Mr. & Ms. Softball*** – Nate stated that the event should be still ok to proceed with but also stressed that this is the last thing for Trade to worry about. Nate also stated that donation sites for Trade and their staff has also been created and encouraged everyone that could to help and make a donation, buy a shirt, or a gift card from the bar. Becky & PC both stated that the board look into our bar sponsors on what they have in place to help out while they are shutdown. Becky will share the trade telethon information from the bar on the website / Facebook Page.
- ***Denver Rescue Mission*** – Mike updated that the Denver Cowboys will be conducting a drive during the season for the Denver Rescue Mission to collect toiletries that could be used to compile hygiene kits for the homeless. Products that the mission is looking for include toothpaste, toothbrushes, body soap, band aids, shampoo, Kleenex, hand wipes. PC stated that a donation box could be setup at the fields to help collect product. Mike encouraged all that travel to collect toiletries from their travels. Becky suggested to send out communication to the managers about the drive in the team newsletter that will be sent out to all managers.
- ***UIC Update*** – Pam informed the board that everyone will be back this year to umpire with a couple new additions. Pam also stressed that if we were interested in having hand sanitizer at the fields that we start looking into this now as orders are back ordered due to the demand to date.
- ***Food Drive & PPE Shortage*** – Katelyn suggested that anyone that is able and willing to bring food and supplies to emergency responders. PC stressed that healthcare workers are in short of face masks and gloves and asked that if anyone had these in excess to please donate them to area healthcare centers/hospitals.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:030 am. The motion was made by Mike Barrett and seconded by Nate Larkins. Becky stated that the next board meeting will be 11:00 am on April 19, 2020, with the location TBD.

Minutes submitted by: Michael J. Barrett

Approved by: