



DENVER AREA SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Meeting Minutes *March 20, 2021*

Opening

A meeting of the Denver Area Softball League was called to order at 10:30 am, on March 20, 2021 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

Katelyn Backowski – Women’s Assistant Commissioner

Mike Barrett – Secretary

Kat Martinez – Treasurer

Nate Larkins – Open Division Member At Large

Danielle Hall – Women’s Division Member At Large

Guest Present

PC – Smart A’s & Slowskis

Tamara Southerland – Barbies

Donna Persichitte – Mary’s

Cynthia Miley – TNT

Thomas Herrera – 5MU

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was emailed to the membership prior to the board meeting. Commissioner Roger Japp asked to add to the agenda league sponsorship.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 20, 2021 meeting were reviewed by the membership. Mike Barrett moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; Katelyn Backowski seconded the motion. Passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Kat Martinez updated the board on what we currently have in the account. To date there is \$6,228.80 in the account. A check in the amount of \$350 was credited to the account

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and a withdrawal from the account in the amount of \$80.00 for a Field Day Permit was included in the account balance. Mike moved to accept the Treasure's Report and seconded by Katelyn Backowski. Motion Passed.

Public Comment

Cynthia Miley (TNT) asked if DASL had a COVID 19 protocol in place for the season. Roger stated that DASL will follow recommendations from the CDPHE, Denver County Public Health, as well as Denver Parks & Recreation for the season. In addition, players will sign a waiver on opening day, masks will be required in dugouts and spectator areas, and that teams provide their own hand sanitizer. Roger also discussed using contact tracing for teams and that the board will document everyone that is present at the fields. Roger is working on a document addressing COVID 19 Restrictions and Precautions. Donna Persichitte asked how will the board address those that have been vaccinated? Roger stated that even though players are vaccinated it will not alter how the board will operate during the season and everyone will have to follow the guidelines set forth.

Discussion & Action Items

- **NAGAAA Update** – Roger updated the board on the discussion he had with JJ in relation to GDASA and how to maintain relations. Roger then explained to the guests present the non-NAGAAA group.
- **Team Registration Refunds** – The Bears and The Storm will not be returning for the 2021 DASL Season and both groups have submitted in writing to DASL a refund of their 2021 rolled over registration fees. Discussion on refunding the two teams was then called for. Kat stated that the refunds will be issued to whomever wrote out the check. The board will issue the refunds as determined by the motion from August 2020 in addressing the refund policy.
- **Special Committee Updates** – Committee updates were then given by each committee chair.
 - **Social Committee & Membership** – Roger stated that Thomas Pugh, Mike Barrett and Roger met to discuss league recruitment activities at local bars. Thomas Pugh stated that on April 10, 2021, there will be a recruitment at Hamburger Mary's from 7:00-9:00 pm. Mike reviewed the schedule that was worked out with the local sponsor bars/restaurants for DASL to conduct recruitment activities. Mike asked if Jason Ashby (Webmaster) could help formulate the media advertisements for Mary's and Denver Sweet.
 - **April 10, 2021** – Hamburger Mary's – Recruitment & Registration with a 50/50 raffle from 7:00-9:00 pm.
 - **April 17, 2021** – Denver Sweet – Recruitment & Registration with a 50/50 raffle.
 - **Registration** – 1:00-3:30 pm
 - **Fundraiser & Recruitment** – 4:00-8:00 pm
 - **April 24, 2021** – Hamburger Mary's – Recruitment & Registration with a 50/50 raffle from 7:00-9:00 pm.

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- **May 1, 2021** - Denver Sweet – Recruitment & Registration with a 50/50 raffle.
 - **Registration** – 1:00-3:30 pm
 - **Fundraiser & Recruitment** – 4:00-8:00 pm

- **Fundraising Committee** – Mike went over how the 50/50 will work for each event with the membership and guest and presented the mock-up of the 25th DASL Anniversary Shirts to the board that would be sold during registration events and at the field. Roger, then discussed with the board sponsorship packets for the season. The range for donations to DASL range from \$250-\$2000 and includes a \$1500 GSWS Team Sponsorship. Roger also explained to the group that he would like to send at least two teams to the 2021 GSWS in Columbus, OH this year and asked the membership for interest. Thomas Pugh explained that his company will donate \$500 to DASL. Donna asked Roger about smaller donation amounts and DASL will work on smaller donation packages. Thomas Pugh moved to accept the sponsorship levels; Mike seconded the motion. Passed.

- **Tournament Committee** – Mike updated the board on the progress the tournament committee has made since the last meeting. The tournament Rules & Protest Rules were reviewed by Mike, PC, Kat, Jason, Michael Lucero, and Dustin Bratton. Mike will work on making the revisions for the tournament rules and will have them posted to the website at the next committee meeting on April 11, 2021. Mike also reviewed the Rocky Mountain RoundUp Sponsorship Levels with the board. Donna thanked Mike and the committee for all of the hard work they are doing to make the tournament a success for DASL. The tournament will be held September 17-19.

- **Ratings Committee** – No update available currently.

- **DASL Team Registrations** – Mike reviewed with the board the number of teams and players that have registered for the 2021 season and are below. Kat asked how the board will address registrations on Opening Day and what the time frame before the first games should be for players to register. Historically, registration on opening day has been 1 hour before the first pitch of the registered player's game. Donna suggested that the board increase the time to 2 hours prior to first pitch. Katelyn suggested to cut off the registration early on May 22, 2021 to get a better idea of how many players still need to register. Katelyn also suggested to the board that we have tables by the fields as well as the entrance to the park to help ease registration flow. Roger suggested the R&R to host an in-person registration event either on May 15 or May 22. Kat and Donna agreed that May 15, 2021 from 1:00-4:00 pm for registrations at the R&R. Roger will verify with the R&R that day and time will work.

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<u><i>Team Name</i></u>	<u><i>Number of Players</i></u>
Denver Cowboys	2
TNT	2
Slowskis	1
Smart As	2
Game Cocks	0
Mary's	0
5MU	0
Bogeys	0
Barbies	0
It's Complicated	0
TBD	0

- **2021 DASL Field Day** – Roger stated that the field day for March 21, 2021 will be cancelled due to the recent heavy snowstorm as Denver Parks & Recreation have deemed the fields not playable and that the board will work towards an April Field Day. Denver Parks & Rec. will also issue DASL an \$80.00 credit for Vanderbilt Park.
- **Schedule** – Roger proposed creating a schedule to split up the day for the board members to work during the season. Roger also stated that he will help umpire during the season as a cost savings opportunity for the board. At the April board meeting Roger will have a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer during the season and that no member should have to stay at the fields all day long.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be April 3, 2021 at 10:30 – 11:30 pm via TEAMS conference call.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am. The motion was made by Kat and seconded by Katelyn. Passed.

Minutes submitted by: *Michael J. Barrett*

Approved by: