

# GREATER DENVER AREA SPORTS ASSOCIATION

# MEETING AGENDA

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5-6-2024 / May 2024 / Bad Habits, Denver, CO

## CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 6:41 PM by Katie Padderud.
  
- Roll Call
  - The following members were present at today's meeting:
    - Katie Padderud - secretary and womens+ sb
    - Patrick Batten - commissioner
    - Keenan Kanaeholo - marketing and communications and tennis
    - Sam Frahm (phone) - treasurer
    - Joel Saslaw - competition
    - Brian Forney - open ss
    - Zach Ford - DEI chair
    - Michael Alexander - athletic director
    - Ryan Coleman - pickleball
    - Ersin Sulukioglu - pickleball co-director
  
  - The following members were not present at today's meeting:
    - Nate Ayala - membership
    - Joel Saslaw - competition
    - Jason Eckhoff - sb director
    - Golf

## OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of [Minutes from April](#) - approved
- Commissioner Report
  - Softball started yesterday
  - Golf is gearing up
  - Tennis is getting going
  - IPride Meeting later in the agenda
  - Disappointed in member participation at beer bust at XBar
  
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair
  - Zach (he/him) played softball, prefers fall because of the costumes
  - DEI practitioner with an accounting firm
  - Here to learn for now, will work to ensure that all identities feel welcome and want to play sports
  - Happy to listen and look into any issues we want him to
  - needs an email
  
- Finance
  - Debit cards have been issued to Patrick and Michael, 2 main users
    - Patrick for operations

- Michael for fields, payments and equipment
    - Sam is the backup in emergencies only
  - PO Box is officially closed. All future correspondence should go to Patrick's mailing address - **925 N Lincoln Street, Apartment 4H, Denver, CO 80203**
    - per the IRS and state, address does not affect our doing business
    - change website addresses
    - change Denver Parks and Rec
    - change Arvada
  - Approx 12,000 in bank
    - reimbursed Patrick and Michael for Feb/March expenses
    - Softball fields are paid through August
    - Need to pay for fall ball, EOS tourney
    - Golf coming due in May and June
      - Softball fronts golf, golf fronts softball
- Pickleball
  - Summer registration 10 weeks opens 5%
  - multiple outdoor locations, Clear Creek Valley, Gates and tries for indoor in the case of inclement weather
  - New co-chair Ersin (pickleball1), Ryan (pickleball2)
  - People will register through Sports Engine
  - Some members of Summit (not the Summit board) was looking at a making a Pickleball league. Summit board referred them to us. Keenan will connect with them and work together to move forward(ish)
- Golf
  - All 28 spots have been filled. Sub List link can be sent out whenever and I'll begin compiling the list.
  - I'm in the process of creating the schedule and will have it out this weekend.
  - Payments are due this month and next month. Sam should have the amounts/dates for that
- Tennis
  - Saturday 5/4 was first meetup, continuing pickups for next couple of weeks
  - 6-7 in attendance
  - updates are posted on GDASA socials, emails are sent to registered members
  - ironing out courts, city park is booked but some others are easier to reserve
  - Saturday mornings will be the best
  - 10 weeks, 3 courts for 2 hours, starting after Memorial Day
    - pickleball format, no organized schedule
    - Herardo will lead at the courts
- Softball
  - First spring week done
    - rough start to fields, no bases
      - Katie will reach out to parks and rec about bases clarification
    - teams clean up after selves, board members won't do it
    - courtesy foul rule, Halo rule recap
    - only captains/managers should be talking to the umpire
      - confusion to courtesy rule with all umpires
      - PG is on a fine line with the umpires, needs a personal contact to

- watch what he is saying and his tone
    - 3 refunds requested
      - Cat has been refunded
      - email explanations to Sam
    - how to switch Mary to full year registration
      - sign up for summer
      - discount code for fall (\$15)
  - Manager meeting - before summer starts, do it at the field on a Sunday, come see new players etc.
  - Summer registration - no pay later option, preventing teams with sponsors from registering
  - M. Sakamoto has a list of pickup players from DASL who are looking from a team and aren't having luck finding a team - maybe we can get them to join us
  - recruit new open members
- 5280 Showdown
  - canceled this year
  - Keenan took the stuff down on socials
  - Jason was contacting the teams who registered - update (Brian)
  - Room block canceled, reach back out to Vib for an event in the future
- ASANA
  - August 2026 dates have been OK'd, 2nd and 4th weekend, also a late July push, need field confirmation
  - Will need to build out a series committee
  - Need to field a team this year (Patrick hasn't gotten to speak to Christy CF yet, it's on his to do list)
  - Need to put women into women's database, re-ratings needed
  - Deadline for those ratings is June 20th
  - July 10th deadline to submit a team into the Series, fees etc. due
- Athletic Director
  - Summer softball fields have been paid, times have been adjusted
  - Sam adjusted the times, we have fields for every week except for 8/11
    - check Kennedy first then look at Addenbrooke
  - Softball needs a restocked first aid kit - Michael will come Sunday morning and proceed as needed
    - need new ointments, gels, ziploc bags
  - There were no bases set out this week - did we misunderstand the communication from parks and rec? Or did they drop the ball? Who will investigate and find out what we should expect moving forward?
    - Katie will email
    - ask for discount if they aren't going to put out bases
    - sport director should save permits into drive → folder under the sport
- Director of Competition
  - Make sure all blues clarify courtesy foul before game begins
  - PG (see above)
  - Captains talk to blue only
- Events

- 2024 Calendar of Events
    - shared Google calendar  
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y18zbG9uOWUwYTJ2dDZjMxGxqNmIhYjZ0dGF2b0Bncm91cC5jYWxlbnRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>
  - Party in the Park - cancelled due to weather, 4th of July weekend for people in town, 2-6, no permit this time!
  - Upcoming XBar dates - TBD, Keenan will follow up with XBar lady
    - governing board takes 10%, volunteers get the rest
    - \$758 made, Banditos will take half to go team registration
      - \$360 to Banditos
      - \$360 to Pixxxies
      - \$38 to board (10% to gov. board)
  - Rockies - June 19th, will bring QR codes to spring ball
    - [www.rockies.com/gdasa](http://www.rockies.com/gdasa)
  - Rockies - September 27th
  - Mary's Gives Back - Tuesday, December, 10th = \$300 for the drag bingo
    - Patrick will front the \$300
    - we will make the proceeds of food and drink, cards etc.
- Communications
    - see above/events
  - Membership
    - I have sent out emails through the website to all the new players to Spring and Summer softball. The players who just signed up for Spring got an email welcoming them to the league, offering them help with finding a team if they want to continue in Summer and Fall. New players that signed up for Spring and Summer received a similar email welcoming them to the league, included was the survey that I believe all of them have returned - **SHARE WITH SOFTBALL BOARD!**
    - There are a couple other players that signed up after those emails have been sent out, and I will start looking at the summer list to send updated emails and surveys as needed.
    - At the Spring draft party I talked to Jorge and Juniur about building/registering teams for DASL tournament so that we can support but also save face for our bid to IPS/NAGAAA.
      - C team and D team
    - I say we table the idea of starting the Hall of Fame for a while longer.
    - I will also send out updated emails to the Spring softball players to see what we can do better/what they liked about Spring Softball after week 3 just to get feedback half way through.
    - **Invite newbies (summer mostly) to the fields for a mixer ahead of summer, especially newbies without a team**
  - Sponsorship/Fundraising
    - XBar
    - Marys

- willing to sponsor a team maybe
  - \$1500 approved by Zach's company - need to follow up due to closing PO Box
  - Keenan has a sponsorship packet, Patrick will get it to some people - in progress
  - Can't ask for gigantic sponsorships unless we have an event
  - Follow up with Juniur about his company - in progress
  - Restaurants vs bars for the non-drinkers
  - 15 Steakhouse, gay friendly
  - Still looking for people to help
- Community Sponsorship
  - One chosen for all GDASA for the year
    - Denver Element - 501c3
      - under Mile High Behavioral Health
      - Healthcare programs to the LGBTQ community
      - Keenan will contact them to get us connected and we will start supporting them
  - Keenan will get Gay Games and whatever we pick for community sponsorship onto softball and golf registrations
- Gay Games
  - Patrick needs someone from each sport to help
  - Letter of Support
  - Questions? Ask Keenan!

## NEW BUSINESS

- IPride fall conference attendees - Vegas in October, Keenan and Patrick, Brian and Nate, Michael
  - winter meetings - Houston in January (usually) -
- Open Governing Board Positions
  - Sponsorship
    - Chris Wright and Trent Castleberry still working on them
    - Kellan, too
  - Fundraising
    - Patrick will take it on in the short term, Keenan will help!
  - Treasurer
    - can we reach out to pickleball and golf and get one of them on our board (Patrick)
- Next Meeting
  - June 3 6:30pm TBD, Michael will pursue options for locations

## PARKING LOT BUSINESS

- Is Director of Competition an appointed position by board
  - Job Description
  - Bylaws
  - all sports eventually
- joint event with Football?
  - Drag battle for a cause?

- Giant tip jar battle of the bottles
- GDASA merch other than hats and not rainbows
- Any update on Brian's grievance?
  - Brian will have his paperwork resubmitted this weekend

**ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm by Katie Padderud.

**SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE**

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes approved by the Board of Directors.

Katie Padderud

6/3/2024

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*Katie Padderud, GDASA Board Secretary*

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