

GREATER DENVER AREA SPORTS ASSOCIATION

MEETING AGENDA

1/11/2026 / January 2026 / 11720 W 17th Ave Lakewood, CO

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM by Katie Padderud.

- Roll Call
 - The following members were present at today's meeting:
 - Tony Rush - Athletic Director & Co-Softball Director
 - Keenan Kanaeholo - Marketing/Communications
 - Katie Padderud - Secretary & Women's+ Softball Director
 - Robert Hooser - Treasurer (sent update)
 - Patrick Batten - Commissioner
 - Chris Wright - Membership
 - Herardo Martinez - tennis
 - Ersin Sulukioglu - pickleball co-director

 - The following members were not present at today's meeting:
 - Damian Hopper - tennis assistant director
 - TJ Dubovich - pickleball co-director
 - Softball Director
 - Competition director - Joel Saslaw
 - Ersin Sulukioglu - pickleball co-director
 - Melissa Stolhammer - member at large
 - Zach Ford - DEI Chair
 - Russell Johnson - golf
 - Tony Leyendecker - golf

OLD BUSINESS

- [Approval of Minutes from December](#) - approved

- Commissioner Report
 - Welcome to 2026, looking forward to a fantastic season! Working on more fundraising, bar partnerships and more as a goal for this season
 - ANNUAL MEETING DATE - February 15, 12pm at Charlies
 - Rockies 2026 nonprofit tickets, have Patrick reach out to Blake to see if we pick some dates - patrick will find out more
 - Let sport directors know they will present 2026 budget and plan for their year at annual meeting
 - bylaws...need to update to include other sports clearly/defined roles under governing board
 - Andy Smith would like to help with corporate sponsorship, would like to come to a board meeting or meet with us to discuss more - Patrick will see if he can come to annual meeting before board meeting

- Finance
 - Checking balance: \$1,515.04
 - Savings balance: \$485.03
 - [2026 Registrations List](#)
 - [2025 Budget v. Actual](#)
 - All financial docs are posted on website
 - Not a word from Christy or her team, Patrick will reach out to them

- Pickleball
 - 21 registrations so far, still got Venmo but maybe getting better
 - 3ish more in last half hour, still signing people in
 - 10-15 dropins!
 - only one Venmo
 - At Pickleball food pub as we speak
 - Court reservation receipts will come over as soon as they are done playing
 - Working with Patrick and Volo to see if their indoor court facility could be used for the winter
 - Places are starting to charge per person per court
 - A few players going to Sin City, let us know how they do! Post to Pickleball page, share across, socials
 - email about COI, need some info

- Golf
 - not in attendance
 - no new updates

- Tennis
 - Really good core group this year, for winter just planning to meet up, don't do court reservations
 - If weather is nice meet up outside, if not nice courts would be reserved and then people would be charged
 - Keeping up with Instagram
 - Will have a mini-board under Herardo's directorship
 - In talks with Apex about hosting GLTA tennis tournament, looking for dates
 - Spring season will start in March, give dates and locations to Tony for reservations
 - Herardo will work with his team and Keenan to get beer bust date(s)

- Softball
 - No updates, should work on a gameplan for upcoming year ahead of annual meeting
 - Tony, Katie, Melissa, Adrienne should meet
 - No reply from Addenbrooke, so going with Kennedy again this year
 - Need job descriptions for directors and UIC, more transparency about how/why payments are going - more itemized
 - Spring 4/26 to 5/17 if we can't get 5/31, is there an alternate location they can offer?
 - Summer 6/7 to 8/2, Fall permit 8/9 for tournament
 - excluding 6/28 and 7/5 for Pride and July 4

- 3 fields 9-3ish
 - Storage – new location on hold
 - to access storage, it's just the last 4 digits and *
 - Tony and Katie will take a field trip to drop off softball gear
 - Storage inventory - on hold but should happen sometime this calendar year
- 5280 Showdown
 - on hold for the time being
- ASANA
 - Tucson this year Women's World Series
 - Feb 21, 22 2026 for winter meeting in Tucson - Patrick and Keenan will attend
 - October 19 - 24th World Series
 - Fundraisers to get a team to go, Robert willing to spearhead it
 - Robert has worked with XBar for April 5, May 10 beer bust
 - Has reached out to Adrienne, will work with her to see who is interested in attending and get the ball rolling
 - One new GDASA team name, not any one team since no team manager is leading it
 - Players will need ratings, will need to revise what we have/rate this season, what is requirement for eligibility?
 - Have an ASANA interest meeting, Robert and Adrienne pick date, decide if virtual or in person and send an invite to all GDASA women
- Athletic Director
 - Pride Night with the Avalanche (February 2nd)
 - Pickleball Night with the Avalanche (March 10th)
 - Keenan will resend
 - If we don't make ticket levels, do we get our deposit back?
 - Rockies 2026 nonprofit tickets, have Patrick reach out to Blake to see if we pick some dates
 - Let's revisit iPride conversation at our January meeting so we have a plan for annual meeting
 - play in DASL
 - play in Vegas
 - taking a hiatus as they are not willing to help us
- Director of Competition
 - not in attendance
- Events, Marketing & Communications
 - Keenan will get in touch with Aron, do some social posts, publicize Pride Night and Pickleball Night with the Avs
 - Annual Meeting post/invite
 - ideas for 2026 charities
 - Calendar of Events
 - shared Google calendar
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y18zbG9uOWUwYTJ2dDZjM>

- XBar Beer Busts
 - [put in Beer Bust spreadsheet](#)
 - April 5 and May 10
 - Keenan will get us a date
 - need receipts when teams spend their money using our 501c3
- Membership
 - [List of Board Members and Contacts](#)
 - Starting to think of spring season membership outreach - happy hour tables, event, meet and greet - March
 - Chris will work with Keenan on contacts, meet bar owners for connections and outreach
 - What is their schedule of events, how can we get members to attend?
 - Chris will connect with member who is frustrated about golf and feels like he is signing up but then not hearing anything - MN
 - As membership director, reached out to Matt (golf), Adrienne, Amber and Melissa - still interested, invite to annual meeting
 - Katie and Tony will invite to softball planning meeting
 - Member at large, other ways to be involved?
 - Business cards to connect to an interest form
 - Andrew Walton marketing director for Summit sports league, will chat more
 - Robert and Chris put heads together about other bars and locations we can go to to talk us up and recruit players/members - in progress
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair
 - not in attendance, no updates
 - Bylaws when we update, Zach will help - offseason
 - [DEI Update Recommendations](#)
- Sponsorship/Fundraising
 - [Beer Bust Tracker \(link\)](#)
- Community Sponsorship
 - One chosen for all GDASA for the year
 - 2025
 - Trevor Project, add to summer for softball, then to upcoming registrations for other sports
 - \$221.30 donation on 10/9
 - Look into a 2026 charity, solicit ideas at annual meeting
 - OneColorado
 - Past
 - Denver Element
 - Transgender Center of the Rockies
 - Trevor Project
 - Gay Games

- 10% to board
- 10% to charity
- 80% to volunteers
- Starting now!

NEW BUSINESS

- Annual Meeting need a decision about date, time and location sooner rather than later
 - Ask Edd if we can do the lower room at Charlies
 - February 15th, Lower room at Charlies, reserved from 12-3
 - Board meeting 11-1
 - Annual meeting 1-3
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- Annual Meeting sports generate budgets, present plan for year, Patrick needs to let sports know to put them together in advance of the meeting
 - Katie will create a Google Slides master presentation for people to add
- Board members each should put together a quick report about their year in review/plan ahead
 - Katie will create a Google Slides master presentation for people to add
- Next Meeting - February 15th, 11am at Charlies
- Tax returns will be done as soon as available

PARKING LOT BUSINESS

- PO Box is officially closed. All future correspondence should go to Patrick's mailing address - **925 N Lincoln Street, Apartment 4H, Denver, CO 80203**
- GDASA merch other than hats and not rainbows - look at new line this spring, present some ideas at annual meeting
- iPride membership address outside of Denver

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 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, GDASA Board Secretary

Date