

## GREATER DENVER AREA SPORTS ASSOCIATION

# MEETING AGENDA

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12-11-2023 / December 2023 / Held Virtually, Denver, CO

### CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 6:42 PM by Katie Padderud.
  
- Roll Call
  - The following members were present at today's meeting:
    - Katie Padderud - secretary
    - Sam Frahm - treasurer
    - Keenan - communications
    - Michael Alexander - athletic director
    - Brian Forney - softball
  
  - The following members were not present at today's meeting:
    - Patrick Batten - commissioner
    - Nate Ayala - membership
    - Joel Saslaw - competition
    - Golf reps
    - Pickleball reps

### OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of [Minutes from November](#) - approved
- Commissioner Report
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  - GDASA Bylaws - will be done before the start of the season and he and Katie will look for an earlier date
- Finance
  - Not much coming in as not much is going on
  - Doing OK financially
  - Chili cook off was probably a wash, maybe a small profit
  - Taxes filed, we are good to go but may see some letters from IRS in the meantime due to a backlog - Keenan will monitor mailbox
  - 2023 taxes will start next month
  - good standing with secretary of state
  
- Pickleball - not in attendance
  - Winter Season - off for December
  - Keenan shared info about Denver schools gym use, haven't heard next steps
  - Keenan will resend his email and include Michael as AD if they need anything from him
  - Pickleball tournament at 5280 elevation showdown? Jason is toying with the idea, Ryan would run/set up and help
  - Pay for Ryan's Sin City entry fee to see how a tournament works

- Golf
  - not in attendance
  - golf deposit paid
  
- Softball
  - softball will meet 12/18 ahead of annual meeting
  - Softball rules meeting
  - Managers attend planning meeting
    - Halo rule
      - warning then out
      - after the play is over, time is called, warning is administered, second time player is out
    - Courtesy fouls reimplement
    - Masks - optional, can league purchase a couple?
    - Ratings enforcement
      - do new players have NAGAA rating? then reach out to cities
      - if not, then new players need to get ratings
      - we need to maintain a ratings database
    - Schedule
      - May 5, 12, 19, June 2, June 9 - Spring season?
      - June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11 (tournament)
        - women's BACA (7/28) and draft (8/11)?
        - 3 games on other dates to compensate?
        - offer anything to women who aren't playing in those tournaments?
      - September - October fall ball
      - Send courtesy email to DASL once we have schedule done
    - Start time - 8? 8:30? 9?
      - 9, 10:15, 11:30. 12:45, 2
      - 55 minute games
      - if tied at end, 1 international inning if still tied, game ends
      - teams have option of starting earlier if both managers agree
      - start time is the start time
    - Brian and Joel will check in with the rules and see what else needs to be changed
    - Money/fees - seasonal fee vs year-long blanket fee?
      - \$50 for each shorter season
      - \$120 blanket for all the softball you can play
        - if you choose this option, which weeks are you available for?
        - need to include on registration
  
- 5280 Showdown
  - June 14-16, 2024
  - Hotel - Vib Hotel Rino
  - Need to know cost of the 40+ division and women+ 1 day registrations
  - Open division registration same as last year - Early Bird \$375, Regular \$425
  - Colorado team discount like last year? \$100
  - No to Christopher fields/Westminster
  - Need sponsorship director/person - GDASA encompasses tournament, advertising applies to all events

- Softball, open, women and comp directors are tournament directors
- Daniel and Dustin are coming to blue, we are covering their hotel room
- Women's+ one day on Friday, 40+ on Friday, regular tourney Sat/Sun
  
- ASANA
  - will we have a team - YES, that is one of our primary goals as a league
  - Memphis August 20 to 24
  - Feb 17 - 18 ASANA meetings in Memphis
  - Need a female ASANA rep to go with Keenan in August
  - Christy Cordova Forrest is sending a team to Vegas - could be a good start towards getting an ASANA team
  - Don't think So Fetch is sending a team this year
  - 2026 Series Bid -
    - Waiting on Arvada to respond with a written contract.
      - Lutz and Long Lake
    - Will not need to put the down payment right away.
    - Keenan needs to get back with Sam
    - will need a series board to help us
  
- Director of Competition
  - not in attendance
  
- Events
  - Nuggets Pride Night - this Saturday, Keenan is promoting
  - February 2nd vs Blazers, Nuggets package, go on floor, watch warm ups
    - have put deposit down, we sell tickets, some comes back to us
  - 2024 Calendar of Events
    - shared Google calendar
  
- Communications
  - see above/events
  
- Membership
  - I think Director of Competition should be a board appointed position but sit on the Softball Board and not the Governing Board. If we are going to have that as a Governing Board Position, it would have to be all encompassing to all sports.
  - I agree with getting rid of \$250 donation from the board members. We are already volunteering our time, why should we have to give up extra money as well.
  - A bake sale on Feb 11 would be on Super Bowl Sunday. So I am not sure if that is a good day to have that. Maybe look toward Sat Feb 10.
  - Nate will run SuperBowl squares!
  
- Athletic Director
  - Sam will get Michael a debit card
  - will learn more as we go along!
  
- Sponsorship/Fundraising
  - Patrick reach out to Brandon about Fundraising chair
  - Patrick can invite Brandon to move ahead with bake sale
  - Brandon Morton's email about bake sale, etc.
    - During the chili cook-off, some of us discussed having a bake-off, and

potentially a bake sale the weekend before Valentines. I wanted to see if this is something we would like to do? I would love to help set this up.

- Sunday, 2/11/24. We could begin promoting it as soon as we secure a location.
  - Just didn't want too much time to slip away as it's only 8 weeks away.
  - Also, I am trying to get Visio to donate a TV or two. We could hold some raffles, maybe do a superbowl pot, etc.
- Community Sponsorship
    - Have an organization throughout the year that we support at events. Charity org for the year - do we want to do this?
      - discuss more at annual meeting
    - Gay Games Denver Bid - see below in new business (donation at end of registration)
  - Annual Meeting - January 20th, 10a-1p at VIB
    - Sport presentations - recap off last year, plans for 2024
    - Board presentations updates

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Open Governing Board Positions
  - Sponsorship
    - Patrick has reached out to Trent, needs to work with Jason to get a feel for it, could be co-directors with Christopher W
  - Fundraising
    - Patrick, work with Brandon Morton
  - Can we change position to combine them?
  - Patrick will try to get them to December meeting, will try to finalize by end of year
  - Also women's+ presence?
- Abolish board give?
  - another option - active board member OR \$250
  - need more clarity around what counts
  - table until january and commissioner can attend
- Gay Games 2030
  - Keenan is on the Bid Committee, will need to pull league stats for.
  - Submitting intent to bid
  - Mid summer bid book is due, \$10,000 fee - GDASA does not pay this
  - Would like to add a \$1 donation option in registrations to support Gay Games Bid
- Colorado LGBTQ+ Sports Social
  - Needs a board member to be the GDASA rep. (not Keenan as he runs it)
- Traditional January meeting date 1/1 is a holiday - other options?
  - Nate: Off 3rd-4th, 16th-17th (which might be good before the mgr meeting).
  - If we have it planned earlier I might be able to work it out.
  - January 16th - tentative, darts people need to get subs, we need to meet before Annual meeting
- Brian's grievance has been submitted to NAGAAA and the ethics committee - will be

addressed in January or at the following meeting

### **PARKING LOT BUSINESS**

- Softball Rules
  - Needs to be updated earlier
  - Rules committee
  - Feedback on proposed rule changes at 11/12 meeting? [Link](#)
  - Any rules managers want to see changed at that 11/12 meeting
  - Send rule changes to managers ahead of meeting to allow for feedback
- GDASA sponsors lower teams
  - with and “use” them to go out and do fundraisers
  - they spread the word b/c they are the ones that most likely will be going out.
- Is Director of Competition an appointed position by board or voted on. Job Description
- joint event with Football?
  - Drag battle for a cause?
    - Giant tip jar battle of the bottles
  - Revisit in November
- GDASA merch other than hats and not rainbows
  - Sam will check the numbers ahead of Vegas - not doing anything for Vegas
  - Strong maybe

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 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.

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*Katie Padderud, GDASA Board Secretary*

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*Date*