

GREATER DENVER AREA SPORTS ASSOCIATION

MEETING AGENDA

10-02-2023 / October 2023 / Bad Habits, Denver, CO

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Katie Padderud .
- Roll Call
 - The following members were present at today's meeting:
 - Patrick Batten
 - Keenan Kanaeholo
 - Brian Forney
 - Sam Frahm
 - Katie Padderud
 - Jason Eckhoff
 - Michael Alexander
 - Nate Ayala
 - The following members were not present at today's meeting:
 - Joel Saslaw
 - Rob Bukiema
 - Steve Cox
 - Ryan Coleman
 - Daniel Tapia

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of Minutes from September
 - Approved by the board
- Finance
 - Sam sent a 2024 budget
 - Kept numbers same as last year
 - Pickleball Winter, Spring, Summer
 - Golf expenses increased based on increases this year
 - New budget reflects increases for fields for softball
 - Should be able to turn a small profit if fundraising/sponsorship get a little money
 - Softball made money
 - Golf breaking even
 - Pickleball also made money
- Pickleball
 - Not in attendance
 - Rec Center is a big no
 - Keenan is working on alternate locations

- Director of Competition
 - Not in attendance
 - No known issues, fall ball officiating seems to be going well
 - Softball would like to budget for 2 out of town umpires for their tournament
 - room/board compensated, pay for time, food allowance
- Membership
 - Position is vacant
 - A lot of new members for fall ball, would be great to retain them to summer teams
 - Patrick will try to attend and start conversations about retaining them
- Softball
 - Something to consider - a yearly fee for all seasons vs paying season by season
 - \$95? Rather than raising fees for each season
 - Ask for feedback at manager's meeting
 - If we did that way, how do we track attendance and make teams have parity?
 - Would allow upper players to drop in at fall ball, etc.
 - Would make it feasible for people who are gone a lot of fall ball to still play
 - Another idea for fall ball - draft the people who show up each week
 - Fall ball is going well - clinics are going well and breaking off and working on skills
 - Attendance is high, number of pickups needed has been low
 - End of year manager's meeting Sunday, Nov 12, 12 - 2pm Buddies?
 - Jason will confirm location with Buddies
 - Review surveys, solicit feedback, bring to annual meeting then back to spring manager's meeting
 - Increase team fee \$150 but giving discounts for attending rating's clinic and manger's meeting
 - If manager cannot attend send a representative, if no one from team attends, no complaining!
 - Squirrels are putting together a traveling team and asked for money and need to join as a lower division team ins 2024, Keenan needs to approve design - haven't given any money yet
- 5280 Elevation Showdown
 - June 14, 15, 16 2024
 - Jason had meeting with new hotel in RiNo - VIB
 - 3500 Brighton Rd
 - Will work with us at better rates
 - \$144 per night, \$15 parking, comp room for blues, hospitality suite for VIPs
 - Rooftop deck for registration party and manager's social
 - 2,000 food and bev minimum
 - Travis from VIB is drawing up paperwork and working on room block
 - possible annual meeting location?
 - Ideas for this year
 - Bring in pickleball?
 - Women's Friday tourney?
 - 40+ tourney Friday?
 - Provide opportunities for 40+ players to pick up
 - Corn hole at fields on Friday
 - Jason is submitting applications for tournament and also possibly summer field location change
 - Arvada
 - Lakewood
 - keep working on others

- Events
 - Beer Bust 10/15 at Triangle
 - Wanted golf or pickleball or a softball team to be main beneficiaries
 - Let's offer to Christy first - need 15 to 16 volunteers
 - Patrick Rock for master's team
 - Keenan and Patrick will start with them
 - GDASA members if needed
- Sponsorship/Fundraising
 - vacant position
 - Jason is setting up a meeting with Buddies
 - Trent is concerned about the time commitment to join the board
 - Also Christopher Wright is a possibility
 - he is out of town and can't attend tonight
 - Chili cook off in conjunction with manager's fall meeting?
- Community Sponsorship
- Board Elections
 - With Shifts open
 - Membership (open)
 - Jorge???
 - Patrick will reach out to Jorge to see if he is still interested
 - Nate Ayala - interested and attended meeting
 - wants to be able to dedicate the time required
 - Athletic Director
 - Michael Alexander
 - willing to help out
 - believes in our product
 - wants to see more involvement from the national level to help us solve our issues
 - helped with athletic director role in the past
 - has football which could conflict, will attend before or after
 - willing to help pickleball and golf to achieve their goals as needed
 - corn hole league?
 - grow the interests our members have
 - open to other interests and options and opportunities
 - Sponsorship (open)
 - Trent???
 - Patrick will get Trent and Jason to discuss this
 - Fundraising
 - Gus??
 - Jason will need to reach out to Gus to see if he is still interested

NEW BUSINESS

- GDASA By-Laws
 - Katie and Patrick will go through the changes that need to be made and present at the Annual Meeting, will get started in October - pick date!
- In October need to set the Annual meeting for January so members can put it on the calendar!
- Softball issue:
 - A member's rating got changed between World Series and 9/29 by 2 points positive - making said player ineligible for an upcoming tournament

- Member reached out to Mike Barrett for more information
- “Was showing someone how to rate a player and inadvertently changed member’s rating”
- Story changed multiple times from MB
- Ratings change time stamped in database 10:09am on 9/29 by Mike Barrett
- Member has NAGAAA bylaws and will submit a formal complaint/grievance to ethics committee
- Checking process for grievances to see deadlines and timelines
- Member’s coach tried to reach out to Mike - rating changed back to a 12 so member is able to compete in tournament this weekend
- Runnings questions are what is in question - stories are fishy
- DASL commissioner seems to be retaliatory against a member of their own league for playing in GDASA, too
- His actions speak for the league even if he’s acting alone
- How do we manage ratings for database members? Their ratings are out of our control
- Should we continue to have conversations with DASL if no one on the other side will meet us and in fact sabotages members
- Proposed that we stop communicating with DASL, focus on us and our product and get our ducks in a row
- Patrick will reach out as our new commissioner and introduce himself
- No other action yet
- Does DASL board know their commissioner is doing this
- Overall feeling of being done with DASL - tired of talking
- Player liaison committee opened lines of communication
 - liaisons can continue working but our board members are frustrated
 - what is the plan to get GDASA players rated and in - liaisons can work on it
 - contingency plan?
- Email distribution lists
 - AD email in group rather than a separate AD email
 - use distro emails vs official position emails so more people are in the loop
- Softball Ratings
 - Team composition vs. Individual players
 - Need to address at end of year manager’s meeting on 11/12
 - Encourage teams to pick a direction
 - Ratings clinic on 10/22
 - Rating all of our new players prior to the upcoming season
- Annual Meeting Date: Saturday, January 20th, venue TBD, time 11am brunch theme?
- January board meeting 1/8/24
- Need to change date of November meeting, send to all
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PARKING LOT BUSINESS

- Softball Rules
 - Needs to be updated earlier
 - Rules committee
 - Feedback on proposed rule changes at 11/12 meeting?
 - Any rules managers want to see changed at that 11/12 meeting
 - Send rules 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
 - Strong maybe

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.

Kathryn Padderud, GDASA Board Secretary

Date