

# GREATER DENVER AREA SPORTS ASSOCIATION

## MEETING AGENDA

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10-3-2024 / October 2024 / 9770 Quittman Way,  
Westminster, CO

October GDASA Board Meeting

Thursday, October 3 · 6:30 – 8:00pm

Time zone: America/Denver

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qpr-hbhd-nda>

Or dial: (US) +1 470-327-0433 PIN: 883 995 587#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/qpr-hbhd-nda?pin=5792830074355>

### CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 6:39 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/Communications
    - Herardo Martinez - tennis
    - Chris Wright - member at large
    - Brian Forney - open softball (called in)
    - Zach Ford - DEI Chair
    - Damian Hopper - tennis
    - Membership Director - Nate Ayala
  
  - The following members were not present at today's meeting:
    - Competition director - Joel Saslaw
    - Softball director
    - Russell Johnson - golf
    - Tony Leyendecker - golf
    - Michael Alexander - athletic director
    - Treasurer
    - Ersin Sulukioglu - pickleball

### OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of [Minutes from September](#) - approved
  
- Commissioner Report
  - nothing new this month
  - went to softball on Sunday, great turnout, hoping to keep the new members

- Katie, Zach, Keenan and Patrick will meet again about updating the bylaws
- Finance
  - When is our fiscal year?
  - Stampede never paid their summer ball team fees
    - Patrick will reach out to Junior
      - will pay when he returns from his travels, Patrick will check in again
  - 2025 Budget is done and under Finance folder in Google Drive
    - [2025 Budget Linked](#)
  - Kellan Srur has been appointed the GDASA treasurer effective 10/15/2024 by commissioner Patrick Batten.
- Pickleball
  - Heading into week 4 of 10
  - Drop in rates are good overall 15ish, participation is weather and location dependent
  - Trying to find courts to alternate between but locations and reservations are tricky
  - Looking into locations for cold weather play but significantly more expensive
  - Mile High Pickleball - check out when opens up, trying to move away from Gates because it's unreliable
  - JW Pickleball courts at his apartment - maybe look into?
- Golf
  - Volunteered at September Beer Bust
  - Payout needed for this season's winners???
  - Last week the last 4 groups were rained out but the first 3 were able to play so no one got refunds or anything - would like to see clarity around the rain policy - the course says it's up to the league
- Tennis
  - Financially breaking even or maybe even in the black
  - For budgeting purposes this fall season spans 2 budget years but Sam will figure it out
  - Funds allocated for courts
  - Need to buy more balls, some other small incidentals
  - 21 fall registrations, average attendance is 12ish
  - Upcoming meeting to begin planning for future seasons
  - Denver Parks and Rec stops reserving courts the last week of October - keep in mind for next fall
    - courts are still open except for inclement weather
  - Tournament for group in spring
  - Social event this Friday, supporting Gay Games!
  - Damian created a new logo - very stylish!
- Softball
  - This weekend is the last of fall ball - going well overall, many new faces
  - Attendance has been a challenge for some teams - subs have enjoyed playing and are interested in joining
  - Umpires put team names on the forms - some have been left blank
    - need at least one blue to fill in this Sunday
    - may need additional help

- if we pick up fill in umpires, fill them in on the rules
  - DASL Member Concern/Request for Help - where can we direct them, how can we assist/support?
    - Grievance can be filed, not sure how much may be done
    - Maybe reach out to John the membership to find out next steps
    - DEI Board and Ethics chair for iPride - Nate, can you send me the page you're on
    - Katie and Patrick will get documentation so we can send it to John
      - also will check with the individual to make sure they are OK with that
    - we will do our due diligence
  - Softball board review rules to include ADA language
  - get Joel involved to check rules
  - Look at new storage - current is so far out of the way - on hold until we figure out where summer fields will be
    - new containers/bins to transport stuff - at minimum, pricing
  - Start looking at different places to play for this coming year, Denver alternatives or other cities
  - New AD can help with this, Chris also willing to help,
    - Lowry
    - Cornerstone, Littleton
    - Pioneer in Commerce City
    - Addenbrooke isn't bad if Denver won't do field maintenance
    - Still credit with parks and rec?
    - Ask managers or members if they have fields they would like to play at?
      - Stay at Kennedy
      - Other ideas?
      - informal poll to managers
    - if we stay at Kennedy, look at sponsorship or other fun things to keep people happy
  - Keenan and Patrick had a meeting with Mike B and Paula C from DASL
    - they want us to work together to bridge the gap between our leagues
    - the suggestions they had have not changed from years past and are not to our benefit
    - Patrick will ask our members if they have any other suggestions to bridge the gap
    - Perhaps they will have an in person conversation in Vegas - they are happy we are continuing the conversation but doesn't seem like we are going to make progress
- 5280 Showdown
  - canceled this year
- ASANA
  - No updates
  - Keenan is looking for someone to take his DEI position

- Athletic Director
  - not in attendance
  
- Director of Competition
  - not in attendance
  
- Events
  - 2024 Calendar of Events
    - shared Google calendar
      - <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y18zbG9uOWUwYTJ2dDZjMxGxqNmlhYjZ0dGF2b0Bncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>
  - Upcoming Beer Bust Dates -
    - 11/3
    - Need to ask XBar for checks
    - amounts made communicated to groups?
      - Patrick will send to Katie, Katie will communicate with group leads
    - how is GDASA keeping track of who that money belongs to until it is used?
      - on team to remember and speak up for using it
      - [put in Beer Bust spreadsheet](#)
      - treasurer should have record of it, too
  - Mary's Gives Back - Dec. 10th - need to change date, no longer open on Tuesdays (still working on it), do have giveaways for it
  
- Marketing/Communications
  - Hats, socks, jock straps for next year - new merch!
  - New line for next year
  
  - Elections for 2024 Results
  - Keenan will begin to transfer emails
  - Patrick will notify Tony
    - Athletic Director - ends Sept 30, 2024
      - Michael Alexander
      - Tony Rush-Elected
    - Treasurer - ends Sept 30, 2024 ← NEED ASAP
      - no one - board can appoint
      - conversation upcoming, accept by the end of next week
    - Membership - ends Sept 30, 2024
      - Nate Ayala
      - Chris Wright-Elected
    - Sponsorship - ends sept 30, 2024
      - no one - board can appoint
    - Fundraising - vacant, ends sept 30, 2025
      - no one - board can appoint
    - Director of Softball, ends sept 30th 2024
      - Brian Forney-Elected
      - Open
        - Nate-Elected
      - Womens Director
        - Katie-Elected
        - Amber Open Member Women's+

- Lower Division Open Member
      - Jameson Simpson
    - Golf Director
      - Russell and Tony-Elected
    - Pickleball
      - Ersin-Elected
      - TJ-Elected
    - Tennis - Herardo and Damian-Elected
      - Damian is assistant director
    - For Sports with 2 directors, opposite years, 2 year terms - pickleball currently is, golf they are a couple so may not work, tennis no co-director yet
      - Board can appoint to fill vacancies
  - Need to stay on top of elections to send them out sooner, while in summer season
  - When vote for end of season awards, also vote for positions
  - As a board, be aware of who is up and start to talk to people, get onto calendar so it doesn't fall by the wayside and we aren't playing catchup
  - Encourage a variety of representation from all sport individuals on the governing board
- Membership
  - Attended softball, included in softball notes
  - Nate will work with Chris on the transition and what he did
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair
  - Zach will meet with Keenan to figure out the language updates
  - Make sure access to the DEI inbox is available on website and registrations
  - Athletic Director and DEI chair should talk if there is an issue or message to the DEI inbox for fairness and equity of player
- Sponsorship/Fundraising
  - Chris will reach out to his company's Sparkle Group about funds
  - \$1500 approved by Zach's company - need to follow up due to closing PO Box
    - Zach has followed up with the foundation
    - still in progress
  - [Beer Bust Tracker \(link\)](#)
- Community Sponsorship
  - One chosen for all GDASA for the year
    - Denver Element - 501c3
    - Board's 10% from last bust will also be going to them
    - Continued donations from registrations
  - Start looking for organizations to support in 2025
    - 10% to board
    - 10% to charity
    - 80% to volunteers
    - Starting now!

- Gay Games
  - Gay Games Pep Rally 10/4
  - Board Members go to DC at the end of the month to present
  - Top 3 announced by the end of 2024, winning city announced fall 2025

### NEW BUSINESS

- IPride fall conference attendees update/progress
  - Patrick is in communication with John, hoping for a zoom call before Vegas to set expectations
  - Patrick, Keenan and Brian are our delegates
  - Meetings are Saturday and possibly Sunday
- Need a new PO Box - Patrick's address is OK for now but to be most official we should have an alternate address
  - Patrick will work on that
- Next Meeting
  - Social Brunch at 12ish, location TBD, meeting at 1:30 at same location
- Storage inventory - Katie, Brian and Chris, Keenan will find a date to inventory
  - Brian and Katie will return softball supplies to storage after softball this Sunday
  - measure size when we inventory

### 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

### ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 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

11/3/2024

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*Katie Padderud, GDASA Board Secretary*

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*Date*