

GREATER DENVER AREA SPORTS ASSOCIATION

MEETING AGENDA

9-9-2024 / September 2024 / 13760 Ash Circle, Thornton CO
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Google Meet joining info

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CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Katie Padderud.

- Roll Call
 - The following members were present at today's meeting:
 - Katie Padderud - secretary and womens+ sb
 - Michael Alexander - athletic director
 - Sam Frahm - treasurer
 - Patrick Batten - commissioner
 - Keenan Kanaeholo - Marketing/Communications
 - Herardo Martinez - tennis
 - Chris Wright - member at large (called in)
 - Brian Forney - open softball (called in)
 - Zach Ford - DEI Chair
 - Ersin Sulukioglu - pickleball

 - The following members were not present at today's meeting:
 - Membership Director - Nate Ayala
 - Competition director - Joel Saslaw
 - Softball director - Jason Eckhoff
 - Russell Johnson - golf (sent update)
 - Tony Leyendecker - golf

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of [Minutes from August](#) - approved!

- Commissioner Report
 - Still working on fundraising opportunities
 - Looking at sponsorship options too
 - Lots of new faces at fall ball on Sunday 9/8
 - Keenan and Patrick are meeting with Mike Barrett and iPride delegate to start talks about our organizations
 - Katie, Zach, Keenan and Patrick will meet again about updating the bylaws

- Finance
 - 4500ish in checking
 - -\$1700 from Lakewood
 - Stampede never paid their summer ball team fees
 - Patrick will reach out to Juniur
 - Pickleball and Tennis registrations are coming in
 - 2025 Budget is done and under Finance folder in Google Drive

- Pickleball
 - Fall season starts this Sunday
 - 10 people signed up for the full fall
 - Many people prefer the drop in model, will play around with that
 - \$80 for full 10 week season
 - \$10 for weekly drop ins
 - Sent email about how to set up payment for court reservations
 - use our GDASA credit cards for reservations, Keenan will get the numbers to Ersin

- Golf
 - Russell and Tony new directors
 - “Had an initial meet and greet with Keenan & Patrick. This Wednesday we will be meeting with Rob to discuss transition details and get the low down”
 - excited and gungho and wanting to be involved and bring back the tournament and more
 - 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
 - Fall tennis has begun, entering week #3
 - 19 registrants - 7 more than summer
 - Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings to allow more variety
 - Focusing on community and social aspect, play then go to lunch for anyone who wants to join
 - This season the first session is free for anyone who wants to test it out
 - New instagram: Denver_Tennis_Fam
 - \$60 for the season
 - \$10 for drop ins
 - Scholarship program for anyone who can't afford the fee - they just need to work a beer bust
 - Modified play structure for this season based on feedback
 - Continuing ladder matches and planning a mini-tournament near the end of this season
 - GLTA is an uphill battle
 - Gates has offered afternoon and evening availability (2p-10p) June 6-8
 - Herardo was looking for 8-5ish, looking at possible configurations if GLTA approves
 - 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

- Damian Hopper damian.hopper@gmail.com
- tennisasstdirector@greaterdenverasa.org

- Softball

- First fall day report
 - Went well overall
 - LOTS of new faces
 - No socks or other swag yet
 - Because we didn't know everyone's ability, do we implement a run rule to prevent super lopsided scores?
 - 6 run cap
 - except for last inning (see interdivisional rules)
 - Would this have made the 2 runner issue on the purple team better/ok?
 - modified ADA (no doctor's note?), stop at first, designated ahead of time, last out? (NAGAAA website)
 - do we ask on registration if there is ADA cause for a pinch runner or other disability league should know about
 - Dallas Gay Softball league (PSSA)
 - check with player about their needs
 - Reiterate with captains that they should be checking with softball board
 - Addenbrooke from 8-3, next year don't need so early
 - Softball board review rules to include ADA language
 - get Joel involved to check rules
 - Happy Hour Teams?
 - softball board will discuss and make a decision
 - 2 teams per week and then last week do EOS everyone bring something etc.
 - Fields are available if teams want to come early, will let captains know
- Fall Draft -
 - earlier so we have time to communicate with players and umpires
 - 20ish people were there
 - not all captains were able to attend
 - pitchers and "advanced" players were assigned ahead of time
- Recap awards on August 25, 3pm at Buddies
 - went well, decent turnout
 - Jason is getting engraved name tag things for trophy
 - Too much food from Buddies - this is always the challenge but it's hard to gauge
 - for future we aim low and we can add as we go
- Look at new storage - current is so far out of the way
 - new containers/bins to transport stuff
- Start looking at different places to play for this coming year, Denver alternatives or other cities
 - 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

- 5280 Showdown
 - canceled this year

- ASANA
 - annual meeting update
 - Patrick and Keenan did their thing
 - Keenan will do a recap video
 - Doesn't look good for us getting world series due to hotel pricing
 - not our fault - thanks to Keenan for all of his work on the bid
 - Try to send a team to Myrtle Beach?
 - Katie will reach out to fall ball women seeing if anyone is interested in SinCity and MB
 - September 16 - September 20, host resort

- Athletic Director
 - Addenbrooke fields are set, need to be paid

- Director of Competition
 - Not in attendance
 - Needs more notice of schedule ahead of fall ball

- Events
 - 2024 Calendar of Events
 - shared Google calendar
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y18zbG9uOWUwYTJ2dDZjMxGxqNmlhYjZ0dGF2b0Bncm91cC5jYWxlbnRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>
 - Rockies - Sept. 27th - encourage people to sit in left field bleachers
 - price increase coming soon
 - not much left
 - Bar Wars this Sunday, discount code for \$15 off - Keenan will send with his weekly softball reminder
 - encourage captains to get
 - Upcoming Beer Bust Dates -
 - 9/22 and 11/?
 - 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
 - Old triangle beer busts 20% of sales until they get off the ground
 - do one as a board to see what it's like
 - Octoberish?
 - Mary's Gives Back - Dec. 10th - need to change date, no longer open on Tuesdays (still working on it), do have giveaways for it
 - We won Charlie's Cup!!!

- Marketing/Communications
 - Hats, socks, jock straps for next year - new merch!
 - Elections for 2024

All board members need to talk to people to be on the board. There have been a few submissions for positions. If current board member is running for a different position, they still need to fill out form. <https://bit.ly/GDASA2024ElectionForm>.

 - Athletic Director - ends Sept 30, 2024
 - Michael Alexander
 - Tony Rush
 - Treasurer - ends Sept 30, 2024 ← NEED ASAP
 - no one
 - Membership - ends Sept 30, 2024
 - Nate Ayala
 - Chris Wright
 - Sponsorship - ends sept 30, 2024
 - no one
 - Fundraising - vacant, ends sept 30, 2025
 - no one
 - Director of Softball, ends sept 30th 2024
 - Brian Forney
 - Open & Womens Director???
 - Softball board needs to figure out structure
 - Golf Director
 - Russell and Tony
 - Pickleball
 - Ersin
 - TJ
 - Tennis - Herardo and Damian
 - 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
 - Will send electronically, open for 2 weeks, 9/12 - 9/26
 - We missed our changeover month can use October if needed
 - Board can appoint to fill vacancies
- Membership
 - Cody Bailey cannot play fall ball, wants to gift his fee to someone
 - done, along with Ty Whitaker's and Patrick Rock's
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair
 - Wording updates to send to Keenan, will copy governing board
 - Not mandatory changes, just recommendations
 - We have instances of LGBTQ+ and LGBTQA+.
 - Did we receive a request to include Ace/Aro in our abbreviation? If so, I'd recommend we use LGBTQIA+. Including A by request is understandable but only including that letter can give off the perception that I/Intersex is purposefully being left out.
 - HRC and other prominent groups use LGBTQ+. I lean towards using it as well. The acronym including a + is meant to include all gender

identities, sexual orientations and sexes.

- The gender inclusion section is based off of <https://www.gaygames.org/gender-inclusion-policy>
 - I think it is important to let all gender identities know they are welcome, but anything beyond this language would be unnecessary in my opinion. T/NB folks will let us know if they have questions/concerns and we would welcome a conversation to learn more.
- Disability language, as well
- Email attachments in DEI Updates folder in shared drive
- 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
 - \$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
 - Keenan has a sponsorship packet, Patrick will get it to some people - 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

- Gay Games
 - Keenan is saving all updates for when Natie is available!
 - Next month the top 7 present to the delegation
 - Top 3 announced by end of year
 - Event at beginning of October at Tracks, will invite GDASA to support

NEW BUSINESS

- IPride fall conference attendees update/progress
 - Patrick, Keenan and Brian are all registered
 - Patrick will reach out to John
 - Will be a zoom call to know what is expected
 - Will report back

- 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
 - October 3, 2024 - 6:30pm Zach's house to host?

- Storage inventory - Katie, Brian and Chris, Keenan will find a date to inventory
 - discussed and then fell by wayside due to busy schedules

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 8:29 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

10/3/2024

Katie Padderud, GDASA Board Secretary

Date