

# GREATER DENVER AREA SPORTS ASSOCIATION

# MEETING AGENDA

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11-3-2024 / November 2024 / Park Avenue Tacos, Denver

November GDASA Board Meeting  
Sunday, November 3 · 1:30 – 3:00pm

Time zone: America/Denver

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/uua-pdwq-pbn>

Or dial: (US) +1 216-930-9147 PIN: 440 107 390#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/uua-pdwq-pbn?pin=7672504819418>

## CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 1:35 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
    - Chris Wright - Membership
    - Brian Forney - softball director
    - Zach Ford - DEI Chair
    - Tony Rush - athletic director
    - TJ Dubovich - pickleball co-director
    - Ersin Sulukioglu - pickleball co-director
  
  - The following members were not present at today's meeting:
    - Competition director - Joel Saslaw
    - Russell Johnson - golf
    - Tony Leyendecker - golf
    - Herardo Martinez - tennis
    - Damian Hopper - tennis
    - Kellan Srur - Treasurer
    - Herardo Martinez - tennis

## OLD BUSINESS

- [Approval of Minutes from October](#) - approved!
  
- Commissioner Report
  - Patrick will update in different areas of the meeting but no overall update
  - Katie, Zach, Keenan and Patrick will meet again about updating the bylaws - to be continued

- Finance
  - Kellan Srur has been appointed our new treasurer by Commissioner
  - Effective as of 10/15/2024
    - time frame of appointment is TBD, if someone else wants it it can end sooner
    - Kellan, Patrick and Sam have met to try and switch things over but bank did not have appointments available
    - Kellan, Patrick and Tony will be switched to credit cards
    - Sam and Kellan will work together to transfer documents and other information
    - Sam's card may still work, Patrick's for sure works
    - Monthly items will come out of Patrick's card
    - Fields etc will come off of Tony's card
  - When is our fiscal year? 1/1 to 12/31
  - 2025 Budget is done and under Finance folder in Google Drive
    - [2025 Budget Linked](#)
  
- Pickleball
  - 7 weeks into the 10 week season, 3 weeks left
  - Winter season will start in January indoors
    - indoor facilities are competitive and expensive
    - Mile High Pickleball is their favorite and cheapest, will try to stick there
    - i-70 and Havana
  - Trying to identify semi-permanent locations, Mile High may be the indoor one, trying to establish a relationship
    - possibility to rent high school gyms
  - encourage people to go to sin city classic, start winter season after
  - Would love a budget update ahead of winter season so they know what is available to spend for indoor courts
  - Looking to expand leadership to have some help
  - Keenan, Patrick, TJ and Ersin will meet to locate docs in drive and answer any questions
  - Ersin has been using his card to reserve courts and getting reimbursed
    - once Tony has a card, will try to get reservations through the AD card
  
- Golf
  - Unable to attend in person, sent email update
  - Secured league permit and paid deposit - locked in days and times for 2025
  - GDASA end of season tournament is almost set for Sept at Willis Case for September, need to pay deposit 36 ppl
  - will send update to last year golfers around holiday to advise for 2025 season and other announcements
  - Will coordinate with Keenan for registration set up and dates around the holidays as well
  
- Tennis
  - not in attendance
  
- Softball
  - Vegas went well

- Board meetings were an eye-opener as far as deciding to bid to get into NAGAAA/iPride
  - need to look at our city
    - if we are Denver we won't get in
    - Boulder or Fort Collins are better bets
    - Trying to find a sweet spot for fields
    - Are current players willing to travel north to get membership?
    - need to start promoting once we have a city
    - World Series next year is Houston (25), Columbus (26), San Francisco (27)
  - Don't need to change name, but how far out of the city can we go?
    - could name softball league under GDASA
  - umpires who are willing to travel
  - recruitment
  - biggest challenges other leagues could help with
- No longer ADA, PIP - player inclusion policy
  - may be easier to get paperwork
  - player by player basis for approval of accommodations
  - Softball board would hold that data
  - get a card to show accommodations, let umpire know
  - language is in iPride bylaws for more info
- look at last 2 bids so we can differentiate ourselves
- updated ratings, eliminating 2 running questions, cutoff between C and D
  - will need to establish a ratings board
  - will really need to look at ratings in coming summers
- if we go back to Vegas for ratings, make sure others know and participate if they want
- DASL Member Concern/Request for Help - where can we direct them, how can we assist/support?
  - Sent letter asking for assistance to iPride
  - iPride asked member to take it up with DASL again and push for a resolution
  - No news since
  - reach out before spring registration to make them feel comfortable
- Softball board review rules to include ADA(PIP) 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
  - town hall? virtual or in person to debrief season, new ideas
  - send date to managers,
- 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?

- if we stay at Kennedy, look at sponsorship or other fun things to keep people happy
    - Face mask proposal did not go through but is a hot topic
    - Storage inventory - Katie, Brian and Chris, Keenan will find a date to inventory
      - measure size when we inventory
- 5280 Showdown
  - Will we do a tournament this year?
  - PRIDE tournament?
    - June 28/29, 2025
      - June 21/22, Thursday Juneteenth
- ASANA
  - No big updates
  - No longer bidding 😞 due to hotel issues
  - Bid stuff exists, will pause for a couple years
    - Myrtle Beach (25)
      - ASANA delegate going forward?
    - No 2026 location
- Athletic Director
  - Welcome Tony!
  - Tony check with Kellan about how much money we have, Tony books/buys all the things
  - Schedules, fields, equipment purchasing, sports operations manager
  - He's in the email, has Google Drive access
- Director of Competition
  - not in attendance
  - seek assistance for PIP language
  - recruit umpires before season starts
- Events
  - 2024 Calendar of Events
    - shared Google calendar  
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y18zbG9uOWUwYTJ2dDZjMxGxqNmlhYjZ0dGF2b0Bncm91cC5jYWxlbnRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>
  - Beer Bust Dates
    - Continuing our relationship with them
    - Checks need to be entered into spreadsheet
    - For next year have 1 date every other month
      - revisit after today's bust, how is attendance in non-summer months?
    - 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

- Charlies is under new management
  - revamping community approach
  - bringing back beer busts and other sports involvement
  - Keenan will meet with them
- Buddies - encourage teams, not league
- Marketing/Communications
  - Hats, socks, jock straps for next year - new merch!
  - New line for next year
    - need budget
  - 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
  - Encourage a variety of representation from all sport individuals on the governing board
- Membership
  - Nate will work with Chris on the transition and what he did
  - Has access to email and Google Drive
  - Monitoring inbox and responding as needed
  - Develop introductory emails for each sport
  - include DEI in language to new members
- 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
    - Zach will spam Keenan with times until they find one that works
  - Athletic Director and DEI chair should talk if there is an issue or message to the DEI inbox for fairness and equity of player
  - Data Collection - what data are we collecting, where does it live, what do we use it for? Data privacy matters!
- Sponsorship/Fundraising
  - Chris will reach out to his company's Sparkle Group about funds
    - will reach back out 1/1/25
  - \$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
    - Trevor Project
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  - Start looking for organizations to support in 2025
    - 10% to board
    - 10% to charity
    - 80% to volunteers
    - Starting now!
- Gay Games

- Valencia 2025 - Gay Games
  - golf, tennis, softball
- Gay Games board feels OK about their DC presentation
  - Keenan was a blue bear for happy hour
  - Looking fairly good for top 3
  - Cut off gay games donations on registrations effective immediately
  - Top 3 announced by end of year

### NEW BUSINESS

- 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
  - Waiting until check from Zach's company, which city we may pick
    - same for storage
- Next Meeting - December 15th, brunch and meeting. Location TBD

### 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 2:53 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

12/15/2024

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*Katie Padderud, GDASA Board Secretary*

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*Date*