

GREATER DENVER AREA SPORTS ASSOCIATION

MEETING AGENDA

1-16-2024 / January 2024 / Town Hall Collaborative,
Denver, CO

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Katie Padderud.

- Roll Call
 - The following members were present at today's meeting:
 - Patrick Batten - commissioner
 - Katie Padderud - secretary
 - Keenan Kaneaholo - communications
 - Nate Ayala - membership
 - Brian Forney - softball
 - Daniel Tapia - pickleball
 - Joel Saslaw - competition
 - Sam Frahm (phone) - treasurer
 - Michael Alexander (phone) athletic director

 - The following members were not present at today's meeting:
 - golf
 - sponsorship
 - fundraising

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of [Minutes from December](#) - approved
- Commissioner Report
 - No new updates
 - Will make a speech at the meeting before Saturday
 - Has been out and about promoting, handing out cards for softball, went to Vegas
 - Bar support/promote GDASA - meeting with all of the bars in the next month, get name out etc.
 - GDASA Bylaws - will be done before the start of the season and he and Katie will look for an earlier date
- Finance
 - \$400 in checking - need money!!!
 - should be OK in the short term but need cash infusion to make it to softball
 - Will start working on 2023 taxes

- Pickleball -
 - Winter Season 10 weeks, president's, saint patrick's and easter off
 - Dates: Jan 21st - April 14th
 - no play 2/18 (Presidents Day Weekend)
 - no play 3/31 (Easter Weekend)

- Times: will vary depending on locations between 9 and 12ish
 - Location: Pickleball Food Pub - will rotate between locations Westminster, 3rd shot pickleball in Wheat Ridge, Aurora and new ones when they open
 - Format: open play on two courts, but may get three courts depending on how many people register.
 - Cost: \$70
 - Cap: 50
 - Drop Ins: \$8
 - Would like a way for people to register week to week to know who is attending - put everyone on one big team, will help with court securement and communication - GDASA Marketing & Communications Keenan Sports Engine!!!
 - Lance from volleyball and Daniel has a friend between the two want to offer classes and drills to practice and grow skills
 - If we could buy nets and lines, could use schools to do the more clinic/class events
 - could choose set days and times that way
 - Daniel will work with Keenan to move ahead!
 - Pickleball tournament at 5280 elevation showdown? Jason is toying with the idea, Ryan would run/set up and help
- Golf
 - not in attendance
 - golf deposit paid
 - Rob will call in to the annual meeting on Saturday
 - Softball
 - softball met 12/18 ahead of annual meeting
 - need to check in ahead of Saturday!!!
 - Breaking Balls needs a new manager
 - fields?
 - registration link out before others?
 - Returning Team fees \$300 before 2/29
 - Early bird new teams \$320 before 2/29
 - Standard \$350 3/1 - 5/6
 - 5280 Showdown
 - Registration is up and running
 - \$100 for Denver teams, pay upfront, nonrefundable, on valid in January and February
 - Nate sees a need for a way for teams to indicate interest without going to the whole website
 - if we need something tournament specific, tourney board will request QR code, someone from softball can reach out to Ersin from pickleball for help (katie has Ersin's info on her phone)
 - get to Nate and board and anyone who travels out of town to promote tourney
 - potentially add question to roster about whether or not a league member?
 - Joel has another lead on an umpire

- Fields?
- Keenan sends to as many NAGAAA delegates as possible
- NAGAAA C division pickups page could post on
- Athletic Director
 - Sam will get Michael a debit card - not yet
 - Did he get into email - no - Keenan will sit down with Michael and do it
 - will ask him for help ahead of softball
 - Fields???
- ASANA
 - will we have a team - YES, that is one of our primary goals as a league
 - spoke with Christy and her team in Vegas - will probably need others to fill out a team
 - need to redo ratings - based on what we saw in Vegas
 - Memphis August 20 to 24, 2024
 - Feb 17 - 18 ASANA meetings in Memphis
 - any financial help for ASANA delegates?
 - 2026 Series Bid update
 - waiting for contract to come from Arvada
 - hotel lady can start doing her thing
 - we will need a series board
 - separate bank account or separate finances
 - 501c3 for series? DBA?
 - will learn more in February
- Director of Competition
 - nothing new outside of softball
 - how will we recruit and train new umpires?
 - losing Sam
 - Joel will pitch Saturday
 - Hard to convert from UAAA to USA softball
 - Jeff Pauley?
- Events
 - 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
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y18zbG9uOWUwYTJ2dDZjMxGxqNmIhYjZ0dGF2b0Bncm91cC5jYWxlbnRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>
- Communications
 - see above/events
- Membership
 - Ignore mailchimp updates
 - has been recruiting, especially football players
 - Hall of Fame?

- Sponsorship/Fundraising
 - Not in attendance
 - Patrick has reached out to Trent and Chris Wright about joint lead of sponsorship
 - 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.
 - Squirrels and LadyHype should run SuperBowl squares to return on investment GDASA has made in them

- 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
 - Keenan will include in his portion of annual meeting
 - Gay Games Denver Bid - see below in new business (donation at end of registration)

- Annual Meeting - January 20th, 10a-1p at VIB, GDASA Happy Hour on the rooftop 12-3
 - \$600 minimum
 - Sport presentations - recap off last year, plans for 2024
 - Board presentations updates
 - GDASA Secretary needs to make an agenda for annual meeting

- Any update on Brian's grievance?
 - similar issue with Banana Brawlers, consider submitting for winter meetings NAGAAA

NEW BUSINESS

- Open Governing Board Positions
 - Sponsorship - see notes above
 - Fundraising - see notes above
 - Patrick will try to get them to January 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 as "active"
 - attending meetings, actively attending sports, promoting GDASA in the community
 - If someone is not fulfilling their duties, they can be reminded about the \$250 give or involvement requirements

- Gay Games 2030
 - Intent to bid is in, there are 20+ cities interested, 8-9 cities are from the US
 - Would like to add a \$1 donation option in registrations to support Gay Games Bid - already included in pickleball
 - Annual meeting, drum up support
- Colorado LGBTQ+ Sports Social
 - Needs a board member to be the GDASA rep. (not Keenan as he runs it)
 - Patrick will step up!
 - Team Colorado has rolled into CSS
- Is GDASA pursuing NAGAAA/IPS affiliation? Do we need to file paperwork?
 - DASL standing and commissioner
 - Circle cities and talk to Jason and all the things
- Next Meeting 2/4? Or Saturday 2/3? 11am Location TBD
 - Discuss alternate meeting days at annual meeting?
 - Any members want to attend? GDASA Secretary

PARKING LOT BUSINESS

- Is Director of Competition an appointed position by board
 - Job Description
 - Bylaws
 - all sports eventually
- joint event with Football?
 - Drag battle for a cause?
 - Giant tip jar battle of the bottles
- GDASA merch other than hats and not rainbows

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 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

2/5/2024

Katie Padderud, GDASA Board Secretary

Date