



Welcome to the home of the Colchester Baseball & Softball League

CBSL is a volunteer run, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting youth baseball and softball within the Colchester, Connecticut community.

CBSL PO Box 114 Colchester CT 06415

General Meeting Abundant Life Church August 7, 2023 7:00pm

Present: Karen Belding, John Carroll, Tim Crowell, Margo Gignac, Ed Peck, Andrew Perham, Nick Porier, Hazen Sturtevant

Absent: Donna Antonacci, Seth Breitmiaer, Matt Parsons, Elizabeth Kukich, Amy Phaffenbach, Samantha VanZilen, Sean Zettervall

Call to order:7:12

Presidents report: Karen - heard through the grapevine they are installing the irrigation now and will be done during the fall. Hopefully it won't impact the Spring season. No town presidents meeting has been scheduled yet.

Treasurer's report: Margo - firm that did the taxes pro bono for 2020 and 2021 said there will be a charge for 2022 of \$1,000-\$1,500 if we stay with them.

Margo will research other accountant options. Need to be filed by November 15.

Surveys: 44 responses so far. Most responses positive, over #3's. 3's=5, 4's=13, 5's=26. Hopefully feedback will improve doing the survey yearly and people seeing the feedback from it.

By-Laws: Matt to get the bylaws out to coaches. Board members Please look at the link in the July agenda and make comments.

Nominating committee:

Karen will need to spread out some of the duties she has taken on to others, due to running for the towns board of Finance, others will need to step up and take on some of the workload.

Vice President: Hazen is interested and will talk to Karen Treasurer: Seth is interested and will talk to Margo

Player Agent: Sean has accepted

Softball Director: John has accepted Safety/Medical officer: Tim has accepted Member at Large 1: uniform/sponsor Member at Large 2: town coordinator

Member at Large 3: merchandise coordinator

Need to explore an assistant position for the baseball and softball directors.

Hazen has been talking to coaches that have expressed interest and will send out emails to confirm their interest.

Plaques: Seth has been handing out plaques. Tim will take his company's and Margo will help with businesses that close early since he is at work.

Equipment: tball and juniors in storage rookie in r-4 shed Nick will get majors and minors. Softball is all in the shed.

AED cabinet installed on the left side of the bathrooms by the splash pad. Trevor Reed donated the cabinet \$500. Sean Stula donated his time to install it. Margo to send thank you notes. The code on the cabinet is given by 911 when called by anyone. Nick will follow up with dispatch. Coaches can all have the code as well. Hazen concern of vandalism, John said if vandalized the company will replace it. John said it needs to be stored for the winter so the battery isn't affected.

Fall Ball:

Baseball: juniors - Tim forwarded and email from rham, they are interested in combining and have a coach if we have a field. Nick will follow up with rham about combining and then check with Kevin Burke about using the high school baseball field Karen will send out an email that registration is closing this Saturday.

Softball: John would like to do clinics for the fall. Karen needs to know hours and what fields are needed so she can follow up on the field availability. Can use batting cages. John will lay out a specific plan for pitchers, catchers clinics.

Winter clinics: Hazen looking into more location options for winter clinics. Hazen working with the town on field maintenance instructions for the leagues.

Open forum: Tim has a guy with a mix for the fields. Tim wants to have him walk the fields and give a price then approach the town. Karen pointed out the town has a consultant for the fields and has been working on a field improvement plan. It is not CBSL's place to bring quotes to the town. The town has a bidding process for that. She recommended Tim attend the league presidents meeting with the town and talk to them about his ideas then.

Adjourn meeting: Hazen - Motion to adjourn; Andrew seconded; all in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:49

Next Meetings:

General Meetings: 1st Monday of each month; next meeting Monday, September 11, 2023, 7pm. (Change due to the holiday)

EOB meetings: held twice monthly: 1st Monday (after the General meeting) and the 3rd Monday of every month.