

General Meeting
Abundant Life Church
November 13, 2023
7:00pm

Present: Karen Belding, John Carroll, Margo Gignac, Ed Peck, Andrew Perham, Nick Porier, Hazen Sturtevant, Mark Simone, Sean Zettervall

Bill Kristoff, Brian Talarczyk, Mike Caplet

Absent: Seth Breitmaier, Jen Clemons, Tim Crowell, Chris McGlynn, Matt Parsons, Amy Phaffenbach, Miguel Roman, Samantha VanZilen

Call to order: 7:05

Presidents report: Karen - there is a district meeting scheduled for Thursday night at the Willimantic Elks at 7. As many as can make it is a good thing.
Soccer president sent out an email advocating for a candidate which is against IRS laws for 501c3 organizations. Any letters to the town or newspaper it is important to state we are speaking as a citizen not on behalf of the organization.
Please look at the Proposed schedule Seth put together and it will be voted on next meeting.
Scholarship packets due to the school by December 1. Typically award 2-4 scholarships.

Treasurer's Report:

Transition is moving along from Margo to Danielle

Taxes - went with Janet Lawley she is charging \$350, discussed offering her a sponsorship and all were in agreement.

Will set up a budget committee, Seth, Margo, Danielle, Nick and John to meet week of November 27.

Fall Ball

- Seth and Nick took all the banners down Grabbed Jr gear and will get Cody
- Tim Angell taking down the R-1 batting cage and store. Nick will take care of Cody batting cage.
- Karen questioned with the town, Joe, whose responsibility it is to take down the batting cages.
- John will take care of R-5 if the

John did a quick clean out of the sheds

Winter clinics:

- Baseball has 41 kids total, going well with the different age groups. East Haddam and Rham joined. Building good relations.
- Softball: 4 girls, enjoying it. John is wondering what interests may be.

Spring planning:

- Costs of registration needs to be finalized
- Chartering on the little league site needs to be done. Insurance is through the charter, all places have to be listed. Need to guesstimate how many kids and teams.
- Minors feedback, transition league

Have a field day to get all the kids together and ran four stations like a spring training. Helps the coaches too. Brian will help the minors coordinator with the spring training day.

Have coaches all get together after the first few practices for a check in.

By law changes:

Brian and Mike presented their ideas regarding Minor division bylaw change recommendations 3 games with no passed balls in current version, would like to add no stealing for three games

Karen - Playbooks are being put together to guide each division with goals for the season, maybe it could go there

Recommend to get rid of formal intentional walks in minor league.

Little League changed the coaches catching for kids rule

Question having an all star team for minors.

Brian will email all recommendations to the board

Karen sent an email to Joe Leone to ask about irrigation and field work that may impact the spring. Also about scoreboard repairs. R-1 and Cody needs fill and the outfield needs repair on R-1.

Spring registration needs to be opened

Donna will get the banner proof to Seth to get printed

Margo will follow up on dates for banner on the green

Danielle looked into permits and CES is available the last two weekends in March.

Margo will follow up with Danielle on dates and book the gym.

Umping was an issue last year. John reached out to colleges and high school kids

Parks and Rec. Does the quarterly program. We should put something in there about brb and tball.

November 23 deadline for the next addition.

Karen will put bullet points together and put something in.

Will review sponsorship next meeting.

Please go through links for the bylaws and constitution and make recommendations.

Open forum: Andrew mentioned the website needs to be updated with the meeting minutes.

Adjourn: Karen motion to adjourn, John seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:35

Next Meetings:

General Meetings: 1st Monday of each month; next meeting Monday, December 4, 2023, 7pm.

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