



 **CBSL**
Colchester Baseball & Softball League

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.

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General Meeting Minutes
Abundant Life Church
November 8, 2021
7:30pm

Present: Donna Antonacci, Karen Belding, John Carroll, Tim Chiaverini, Deb Coats, Tim Crowell, Margo Gignac, Andrew Perham, Nick Porier, Samantha Van Zilen, Greg Vilardo

Absent: Bill Claffey, Bob Crowell, Rob D'Atri, Todd Eisenberg, Michelle Millington, Martin Nosal

Call to Order: 7:32

Presidents Report: Karen - has the dates for the presidents meetings with the town. Next one is January. That will be a good time for field discussions.

Treasurer's Report: Karen - Donna is officially on the bank accounts, following up on post office box keys, following up on taxes for last year. Donna - savings \$47,501; cd matures Dec 9 - \$25,022; checking \$5,824. Umpires need to be paid for fall \$240. Greg confirmed all invoices have been paid to minuteman press. Website maintenance is auto paid. Taxes - *Donna will talk with the person from Bill's office this week.* There are some Amazon purchases that are direct debits that Donna has to research. *Donna will check with the post office on getting into the box.*

Softball/Baseball Directors updates: Bob and Rob not available

WINTER CLINICS: Deb reached out to Lee Walter, Director of Business Development and Stadium Operations at Dodd Stadium. Lee will be back in office on Friday. Will discuss rental then. Deb needs to know how many hours and kids (ballpark number), then he can figure out a rental fee.

Sam has a lead on Home field CT in centerbrook. Sam will follow up with them.

Tim CR. will reach out to TCB

Karen sent an email to *Rob and Bob to get the needed information*. Will be looking to close out winter clinics at nov 29 meeting.

Tim Ch. Fall ball is finished and needs \$240 for umpires

Safety Officer report: Tim Cr - some fencing especially R-4 needs repair. Tim hopes once the new first selectman is in and settled they can walk the fields.

Equipment Updates: Nick - has been going through baseball equipment, just rookie gear left to go through. Bob said in an email that two catcher sets per team would be good.

Field conditions/materials: - list submitted to town

Uniform updates:

Tim met with Joel and did the hat forecast for next Spring and Summer
6 majors 6 minors 12 rookie and 10 TBall 2 Jrs/Srs "C" hats and summer and fall ball hats. 12 team hats to choose from.

Discussion: will most likely have 3-4 majors, 3-4 minors 8 rookie and 12 TBall.

Shirts: the fall ball shirts are more durable and cheaper but they don't have the 2 tone. If there are 8 colors available then we will go with the solid color shirts that are more durable and cheaper.

Karen suggested a breakdown for each division so we can determine that we are charging the appropriate amount.

\$8251 for hats for the original numbers for the hats. Donna confirmed there is enough in the account to cover the pre-order for the Spring

Karen: Motion to make expenditures for the hats as Tim presented them. Sam seconded All in favor and motion carried

Tim needs to get prices for shirts for Joel. Rob will handle softball. Tournament hats should also be ordered and the blue color isn't available. Tim recommended gold with royal blue lettering. One set for each of the 2 divisions.

Karen: Motion pending Joel's estimate on the shirts and Donna can confirm there is enough money in the account. Jerseys cost less than or equal to last year. Tim can order Jerseys without coming back to the board. Donna seconded; all in favor; Motion carried.

Karen: made a motion to order 2 sets of tournament team hats.; Tim Cr seconded; all in favor; Motion carried.

Scoreboard update: Tim Cr. The town is looking to find out where the clickers are. Town said pads are needed ASAP, they were ordered, we need to find out where they are. *Donna will check about the pads.*

Meeting locations: Martin checked with the Polish Club and they are available on both sets of Mondays. Greg confirmed the Church is available as well. Discussion on where to have the meetings

A vote was made by show of hands. All Meetings will be held at the Church.

Bylaws and Constitution Review: ahead of the next meeting there needs to be a review of the constitution and bylaws. Little league requires it to be done by January. Doing Google docs virtually seemed to work well. **Everyone needs to go into docs and make comments prior to the meeting** . A virtual board meeting works better for this. November 29 meeting will be virtual to go over the bylaws and constitution. Change spelling errors and *put comments to make any changes. Karen will get docs out tomorrow. John will set up a zoom meeting with his account for Nov 29.* Depending on progress the December general meeting may be zoom.

Formations of committees/ point person:

Opening Day Committee: John softball Nick baseball

Memorial Day/Home Run Derby/Raffle: Deb

Assessments: Andrew, John, Nick

Merchandise/equipment swap: Deb, Michelle

Picture Day: ?

CPR: John

Raffle: Donna

Covid: Sam, Bob, John

Financial Aid: Donna, Greg, Sam

Disciplinary Rob Bob Tim

Magnets: Will be sold on merchandise table and one will be given to each TBall player.

Option to buy magnets will come off registration.

Donna recommended the possibly of putting committee options on registration

Brainstorm ideas for wish list:

Equipment list from Nick: Nick going through bags.

Turf for batting cages need to do price comparisons and how to move it. How much do we need? *Margo will check with Rob Carrorro to see where he gets his.* Rob D sent email with prices and amounts.

Calendar: reviewed what needs to be done. *Karen would like **each** person to go through their areas and correct dates and needs.*

Open forum: Still looking to change web sites. New site includes background checks. Karen will talk with Todd to see if the transition to Sports Engine can be made before Spring gets underway. If anyone else is interested in being involved let Karen know. Some changes are a birth certificate has to be uploaded every year. Credit card check out is used, have to look into other ways to play.

Adjourn Meeting: Karen motion to adjourn Margo second meeting adjourned 9:20

Next Meetings:

- General meeting are 2nd monday of each month- next one is December 13, 7:30pm
- EOB Meetings are held monthly 2nd Monday after the General meeting and the last Monday of every month. *Next meeting is **virtual** November 29, 2021*

League Website - www.cbsl.org

Minutes provided by League Secretary