



 **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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August 10, 2021 – General Meeting Minutes

8 PM

Abundant Life Church

Present: Karen Belding, Tim Chiaverini, Tim Crowell, Nick Poirier, Andrew Perham, Rob D'Atri, Margo Gignac, Bob Crowell

Absent: Lisa Cavaliere, Bill Claffey, Greg Vilaro, Christine Cerniglia, Donna Antonocci, Chris Gould

Call to Order 8:07

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary

- President report (Karen)
 - Park and Rec Commision - notes from 8/2 supposed to be an annual field walk through, with presidents of leagues, but wasn't, since the director wasn't available. This is the time of year to give a list of things that need to be done on the fields; We have a list from a safety walk through. R-5 and R-6 are have lip issues,
 - Field issue list

R-6 needs field mix on field and field goes down behind home plate needs top soil; fence extension 1st base side R-6 Walking path is supposed to be moved over by the right field line on R-6 extending the field.

R-5 needs fill mix on field

R-4 3rd base side fence extend up to match the first base side fence (safety concern); 3rd base side needs a new fence all the way down 3rd base line. Remediate broken poles on the outfield fence. Fill and a good turn will be needed

R-3 Outfield fence is damaged on right field and right center, needs repairs; Gate on first base side needs latch. Remediate hole in the bottom of the back stop. Fill needed.

R-2 Center field gate won't shut and needs repairs. Left field fence, top rail is not attached (safety issue) Top on back stop is bowed inward and needs repairs (safety issue) Bottom of fence down the first and third base sides need repair. Fill and turning

R-1 Bottom of the back stop curled in needs repairs (safety issue) Right field fence, broken hole. Fill and turn needed

Cody Camp Huge drop from second base to the outfield, top soil needed. Fill and turn needed. Hole in backstop and topsoil needed behind home plate. Fence on the right field side needs some repairs.

- Town President's Meeting - next meeting 9/13

Next board meeting please brainstorm a wish list to utilize raffle money.

- Treasurer's report (Chris) no report available.
- Softball/Baseball Directors (Rob/Bob & Tim Ch)
 - Tournament wrap-up Congratulations to Rob and softball for going so far. All positive for the kids.
 - Summer ball updates **Jr/ Sr** Salem/Colchester with Clinton, had 3 or 4 games; **Majors**, Salem/Colchester played 3 games, playing in district 10; used hats from storage and simple jerseys. Have to start planning summer ball earlier. **Minors** is all in Salem, Salem coordinated clinic style, going well. **Softball** Katie out of Salem coordinated clinic style for all ages of softball. **Rookies**, has not gotten off the ground. Bob was working with Mike who was interested and lost contact with him; Salem had a full team worth of kids with a coach, Colchester had a full team of kids but no coach. When we opened registration there was a \$50 fee across the board, Bob and Tim don't feel there was anything that required that amount of money and give those that paid a credit to future registration. Tim - If anyone wants they can request a refund instead of a credit. Uniforms are under the \$500 limit which was spent on uniforms. Tim and Bob felt it was such a short season where the kids have to travel to other towns to practice and play and the process

was put together in a very short period of time that it wasn't appropriate to charge the \$50; An inventory will be written up and a proposal made at a future meeting.

- Fall ball planning Registration should be open now. Bob recommends Minors, Majors and Juniors for baseball. Softball would like to but has field availability concerns. Karen requested the use of Bacon's baseball field and did not hear back. Softball can use cages and practice on cody camp and would have on the road games. Rob Recommends opening up registration for a minors clinic for \$10 and Majors attempt to form a team and see the interest and a \$50 charge. Tim recommends pairing with Salem again, Bob is leaning toward staying in Colchester. Baseball is opening registration for each division and the charge will be \$50. Doing Minors and Majors 11/12 and 9/10. Bob and Tim will work out the details.
- Safety Officer report (Tim Cr.) No report
- Equipment updates (Nick)
 - Status on equipment returns from spring **Rob and Bob will follow up with Nick. Nick will send an email of who still needs to return equipment.** All equipment must be returned. Nick brought up the request for a portable mound. There are different pitches for different ages. Karen makes a motion to approve Bob, Tim and Nick to make the decision regarding a portable mound in. Tim Cr. seconded, a mute point due to cost. Will be presented and voted on at the next BOE meeting.
- Uniform updates (Tim Ch.) gave updates in summer ball agenda item - nothing else new.
- Sponsorship updates (Tim Ch.)
 - Sponsor plaques there are still some plaques coming from Bishop. Andrew and Chris delivered all the plaques received. Balaban was impressed that Andrew delivered to Middletown.
- Merchandise sales (Margo)
 - Finalizing inventory - still waiting for invoices from 3 orders placed during the season.
 - Finalizing financials for past season
- Picture day
 - Update / check received from Bishop (Margo) Bishop was great to work with, would use them again. Check given to Karen.
 - Any open issues anyone is aware of - none brought up
- Scoreboard project update (Chris) Chris not available for update. Discussion had was that the poles are up. Chris and other volunteers are supposed to paint. Then scoreboards will go up.
- AED installation update (Greg) Greg provided Karen with update: AED installed in R-2 shed against the back wall and reinforced. Managers and coaches will be given the code. Can look into either purchasing more AED's or getting future donations.
- Open Forum
 - None

Adjourn Meeting Karen motion to adjourn Bob second meeting adjourned 9:32

Next Meetings

General Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month - next one is Sept 14

Next EOB meeting is August 23, 2021

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