



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 Via Zoom (invite by John Carroll) February 7, 2022 7:30pm

Present: Karen Belding, Donna Antonacci, John Carroll, Tim Chevarini, Bill Claffey, Deb Coats, Bob Crowell, Tim Crowell, Rob D'Atri, Todd Eisenberg, Margo Gignac, Michelle Millington, Andrew Perham, Nick Porier, Samantha Van Zilen, Greg Vilardo

Christopher Hogan, Jim Bradow, Denise Ward, Ed Peck, Christine Cerniglia, Sara Mertz, William Kristoff, Alex Buyniski, Reginald Hill, Dana Wallace, Paul Stolzman,

Absent: Martin Nosal

Call to order: 7:33

- Minutes review/ratification: Motion to accept general meeting minutes from January 3, 2022, Karen Second. Motion passed. Minutes approved.
- President updates (Karen) Welcome
 - Irrigation and water fees met with presidents from other youth leagues and mens softball in town. Concerns with funding the water bill once irrigation is complete. Requested a meeting with First Selectmen, head of public works, and head of parks and recreation to hear how they want to potentially charge the leagues. Other leagues seem to have wells not town water with a bill. Discussion regarding cost. Colchester water is a system of wells that feed the town. Questions about putting in a well specifically to feed the rec plex with a one time fee.
- Treasurer's report (Donna)
 - Taxes Donna is filing a claim with the state for exemption with the department of consumer protection for making less or more than \$50,000 in a charity. Greg we are a 501C3 and are tax exempt.
 - Monthly report: 5 invoices left to be paid, two for schools, one for minuteman press, one for goldilocks and banner invoice. Just under \$67 thousand.
 - Brief summary of funds for CBSL: Combined funds (4 accounts) = \$59,833.45; Checking(consolidated)= \$7,595.91; Savings=\$27,204.37; CD= \$25,033.17
- Spring planning set season milestones / dates

- Safety plan update: document updated/website updated/loaded on little league data site. Coaches need copies and last page needs to be signed.
- COVID plan update: Covid committee needs to review, Sam, Bob and John. Bob said there is a basic Covid plan in place and he has reviewed and changed it and there is a link
- Opening day planning: need to start the planning process
- Players:
 - Registrations: opened Jan 20
 - Publicity: sign on green, lawn signs, digital backpack, river east, emails, facebook
 - Assessments: Mar 19 & 20
 - Drafts: Week of Mar 21
 - Teams: loaded on website post-draft: Mar 26
 - Order uniforms: Mar 26

Program/Division 🔹	Player Count
■ 2022 Spring Baseball	104
1) Big Red Bat (4 yr old)	13
2) Tee Ball (5/6)	33
3) Rookie - Coach Pitch - Baseball	36
4) Minor - Baseball	12
5) Major - Baseball	6
6) Junior - Baseball	4
= 2022 Spring Softball	38
1) Rookie - (6*/7/8) Coach Pitch - Softball	14
2) Minors - (9/10) - Softball	9
3) Majors - (11/12) - Softball	13
4) Senior - (13+) - Softball	2
Grand Total	142

Thanks to Nick for the sign on the green, Greg for the lawn signs, Michelle for the digital backpack and river east and Margo and Christine for the Facebook posts.

Alex, said the new web site is great and easy to use.

- Coaches/Coordinators:
 - Identify / prep division coordinators
 - Coach identification / interviews: interviews week of Feb 28
 - Coach training content? Practice plans, etc. When? April General Meeting?

- CPR training Margo reaching out to Mike from Have a Heart, he can't do March 26, will see if he can do it on April 2. John may be able to teach if training is complete.
- Safety training combined with CPR training

Count of Volunteer Last Name	Column Labe 🔻					
		Assistant	Team Specific	Merchandise	Special Event	
Row Labels	Head Coach	Coach	Volunteer	sales committee	Volunteer	Grand Total
2022 Spring Baseball	8	16	18	1	2	45
1) Big Red Bat (4 yr old)	1	1	1			3
2) Tee Ball (5/6)	1	1	2			4
3) Rookie - Coach Pitch - Baseball	3	8	9			20
4) Minor - Baseball	2	1	2			5
5) Major - Baseball	1	5	3		2	11
6) Junior - Baseball			1	1		2
2022 Spring Softball	3	9	9			21
1) Rookie - (6*/7/8) Coach Pitch -	1	4	5			10
2) Minors - (9/10) - Softball	1	1	1			3
3) Majors - (11/12) - Softball	1	3	3			7
4) Senior - (13+) - Softball		1				1
Grand Total	11	25	27	1	2	66

- Equipment and Fields:
 - Field prep
 - Equipment prep / ordering (bats, catching, helmets, balls, first aid kit, anything COVID?)
 - Equipment hand-outs
- Schedules:
 - Set picture days schedule: who is doing this? Bishop Photography is available. Sam and Margo will work on it. Put it out to parents and see if they want composite or team pictures.
 - Field/gym permits: request by 2/15
 - Determine team schedules by division
 - Load on website by April 1
 - Indoor practices? April 5-20 Rob put in his request, Bob will advise when he has more numbers.
 - Opening day: April 23
- Umpires:
 - Identify umpires
 - Training?
 - Load teams on website
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- Committee discussion
 - Carry-over info: (list of committees and point people)
 - Opening Day Committee: John softball; Nick baseball
 - Memorial Day/Home Run Derby/Raffle:
 - Assessments: Andrew, John, Nick
 - Merchandise/equipment swap: Deb, Michelle, Margo

- Picture Day: Margo and Sam
- CPR: John, Margo
- Raffle: Donna, Christine
- Covid: Sam, Bob, John
- Financial Aid: Donna, Greg, Sam
- Disciplinary: Rob, Bob, Tim Ch
- Magnets: Will be sold on merchandise tables and one will be given to each TBall player. Option to buy magnets will come off registration.
- Raffle planning; tentative schedule
- Website switch-over updates
- Batting cage improvements update Looking to put in pea stone and turf and should cost approximately \$2042.66
- Open Forum Sponsorship drive is underway, Tim Ch has reached out and has sponsorships coming in. Refer anyone that may be interested to Tim Ch or to the Board.
- R-3 shed Rob D said now that we have more playtime we should look into getting a shed for baseball there. Two sheds there are adult softball and parks and rec.
- Jim Bradow: Questions about maintenance on Cody Camp. Working on a wish list with parks and rec.

Adjourn Meeting 8:45pm

Next Meetings

- General Meetings are 1st Monday of each month next one is March 7, 7:30 pm
- EOB meetings are held monthly 1st Monday after the General Meeting and the 3rd Monday of every month

League Website - <u>www.cbsl.org</u>

Minutes provided by league Secretary