



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 Abundant Life Church March 7, 2022 7:30pm

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

Kelly Angotta, Gilbert Graham, Ed Peck, Sara Mertz, William Kristoff, Reginald Hill, Adam Michaud, Chris McGlynn, Gino Intrieri, Nick Ramos

Absent: Bill Claffey

Call to order: 7:34

Karen: Welcome new faces. Introductions around the room.

Minutes: Karen made a **Motion to approve minutes from 2/7/22 general meeting**, Sam second, all in favor. **Motion carried**

President update: Karen- All league presidents from youth sports league and adult softball leagues met with the first selectman, tiffany and water department. First selectman proposed the town cover the first year of water costs. Come back to the table after the first year to discuss costs and future plans. First Selectman did confirm that all the ways they plan to use the ARPA money will be confirmed by the ARPA committee, then the town will proceed to get bids to irrigate all fields. The town will work with leagues and the awarded company to plan the irrigation with least disruptions to leagues.

Treasurer's Report: Donna- Received the Department of Consumer protection certificate from the state. It is on the EOB page of the web page.

Taxes will be filed after April 15 tax season close.

JJIS - did an updated bill that is now accurate.

Financial Aid- has gone out to families

Received two more sponsorship checks and registration funds.

Combined account totals is \$75,503.40

Covid Committee: Sam - Most of prior years guidelines will be stricken out . No more mask restrictions. Will have communication if numbers rise we may reinstate some measures.

No more sanitizing between uses, but will still require cleaning of cody camp port o potties after each game. Dugouts can be used again. After the game high fives are allowed. Have to be sure to be supportive of all kids' decisions to continue to use masks and social distance. As a board we follow the guidance of the CHD and the CIAC and update our plans based on those guidelines. Thanks to Sam, John and Bob for their work on the committee.

Opening Day Planning: Nick and John- No progress as of yet, waiting for final numbers and teams.

Registrations: Opened Jan 20

Assessments: March 19&20 for baseball and softball. Not tball, brb, jrs and srs. E-mails will be going out to families this week. Andrew will lay out schedules. May have to modify sessions based on actual numbers. Karen review how kids are assessed for their skill level so when the teams are drafted they are placed evenly as possible on teams.

Drafts: Week of March 21

Teams: Loaded on website post-draft: March 26

Order uniforms: March 26

3	Program / Division	Player Count
4	■ 2022 Spring Baseball	254
5	1) Big Red Bat (4 yr old)	24
6	2) Tee Ball (5/6)	75
7	3) Rookie - Coach Pitch - Baseball	68
8	4) Minor - Baseball	34
9	5) Major - Baseball	29
10	6) Junior - Baseball	22
11	7) Senior - Baseball	2
12	■ 2022 Spring Softball	102
13	1) Rookie - (6*/7/8) Coach Pitch - Softball	39
14	2) Minors - (9/10) - Softball	23
15	3) Majors - (11/12) - Softball	30
16	4) Senior - (13+) - Softball	10
17	Grand Total	356

Coaches/Coordinators:

Still need coaches for 1 for baseball majors, 1 for baseball minors, 1 for rookie, 2 tball, 1 for softball jr/sr. Bob has a coordinator for rookie, minors and majors, need a tball coordinator

Coach Identification/Interviews. Coaches will be identified at the EOB meeting following the general meeting.

CPR: John's certification is in. John will be doing CPR training on March 26, he can do two sessions one for recerts and one for new certs. Can include umpires in certification. AED that was donated by Mike from Have a Heart is located in the R-2 shed and coaches will be given code.

Safety Training: Discussion about when the safety training should be done, should take about a half hour to an hour. Assessments? Drafts? April 4 general meeting? Baseball safety meeting will be at the April 4 general meeting. Rob will plan for softball.

Field prep: Safety committee will do a field walk through and report to the town.

Equipment: Dicks 20% off coupon, in store only, has been sent out. Lisbon dicks closed. Waterford or Manchester, which moved.

Umpires: Bob - kids that helped last year will come back, have some 18 year olds available to ump behind the plate. All need to go to umpire training. Last year was done on R-4. Bob organizes training. Greg - Need to bump up what umpires are paid to be discussed at a future board meeting.

Sponsors: Tim- really good shape, Committed: received: Still have three weeks to get more sponsors and this could be a record year.

Uniforms: Tim- uniforms ordered in advance, wants to talk to coaches about sizing.

Picture Day: Margo will contact Bishop photography to schedule for the first week of May at the church. Greg says team photos, no composites.

Raffle Planning: Sam, Margo and Donna will make prize proposals at the EOB meeting. Will plan to assign people in particular divisions to hand out and collect tickets.

Batting cages: R-5 and Cody are underway for astro turf. Question of who owns R-1 cage and future discussion regarding improvements.

WebSite: Changeover is going well, been tweaking as we go.

Open Forum: Gil - will the back stop on r-1 be fixed? List has been sent out to the town and we haven't heard back. Town may be planning on using some of the ARPA funds for fencing. Bob walks the fields every spring and gives the town a list.

Gil - District sign? Rob and Tim Ch. are working on redoing the signs with vinyl instead of metal.

Bill - Cody Camp placement of port o pot should be on hill in shade

Gino - challenging to schedule rookies last year. Margo will be working a master schedule with division coordinators.

Ed: any chance of R-3 shed. Rob will follow up with the town to see if it is possible before the season starts.

Reggie: Is there a plan for maintenance of fields? Karen - we have been asking for a better maintenance plan for the fields, with the new management we will see how things go.

Nick - some carts for lining the fields are in rough shape, Nick will check the sheds and see what needs to be replaced. Deb- amazon have heavy duty lining machines for \$250-\$350

Bill - will there be new sand bags for cody? Bob- we have bags, just need to be filled.

Adjourn Meeting motion to adjourn Karen, second Margo motion carried.

Next Meetings

- General Meetings are 1st Monday of each month next one is April 4, 7:30 pm
- EOB meetings are held monthly 1st Monday after the General Meeting and the 3rd Monday of every month

League Website - www.cbsl.org