



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 Abundant Life Church April 4, 2022 7:30pm

Present: Karen Belding, John Carroll, Deb Coats, Bob Crowell, Tim Crowell, Todd Eisenberg, Margo Gignac, Michelle Millington, Andrew Perham, Nick Porier, Samantha Van Zilen, Greg Vilardo

Kim Vellavance, Isaac Bjorbekk, James Bradow, Jason Brenek, Alex Buyniski, Mike Caplet, Dennis Clark, Ryan Cove, John Dean, RJ Dionne, Matthew Eggen, David Engle, Geoff Fabry, Mike Garon, Brian Gignac, Dave Ginand, Melanie Goggin, Gilbert Graham, Maxwell Gram, Morgan Gruss, Reggie Hill, William Kristoff, Michelle Hall, Reginald Hill, Christopher Hogan, Olsi Lukra, Bruce Lund, Gary Maher, Fred March, Fred Marett, Jesse Meyer, Adam Michaud, John Naples, Josie Napolitano, Paul Norige, Matt Parsons, Ed Peck, Elise Pedroso, Tony Penella, Mark Pepin, Trevor Reid, Miguel Roman, Jon Rowe, Mark Simone, Paul Stolzman, Hazen Sturtevant, Molly Suggs, Brian Talarczyk, Kevin Tewksbury, Jaime Weig, John Wissler, Sean Zettervall, Jennifer Zubek

Absent: Donna Antonacci, Tim Chevarini, Bill Claffey, Rob D'Atri, Martin Nosal

Call to order: 7:35

**President Updates**: Karen - Irrigation is going in at the Rec Plex ARPA money will be used once it is approved by the ARPA committee. Main lines are in, now smaller lines will be put in on the fields. Money for water is still being discussed, Town originally planned on invoicing the 6 leagues in town, there was push back on that. Town will pay for the first year of irrigation then come back to the table to agree on a fair distribution will be discussed. All parties participated at the meeting and it went well.

Treasurer's Report: Donna - No Report

**Spring Planning**: We did pre-purchase uniforms because of supply chain issues. We are going to do an opening day for both Baseball and Softball. Softball is planning for Sunday, April 24, it will be a pot luck and announce all the kids.

For baseball Nick plans to do a round robin to introduce kids on the field. Stagger games, have hot dogs for the kids. Nick will work with coordinators. Baseball will be Saturday, April 23. No official dates from the town on opening the fields, work will need to be done before the season begins.

Bob - Gave update on progress from town, fields can be worked on by league before they are open. Every year fields are walked by members of the board and we submit requests to the town. Margo - We now have a key for the Cody Camp fence.

**Teams loaded on website**: Drafts are done and teams are loaded on website. Todd does all website related work. New website is going well, background checks are much easier. Scores and pitch counts are also loaded. We now have wait lists for a number of divisions. Tball and Big Red Bat (BRB) are still open. BRB starts the first Saturday in May. See charts below for teams and totals. Softball is doing well and has 4 rookie teams which means more in town games. Andrew - 13 T ball teams and more keep coming in and 8 rookie teams, always need more coaches. Check the approved volunteer list for your name and assistant coaches names. Anyone on the field with kids has to be on the approved volunteer list.

## **Coaches/Coordinators**:

Confirm all CPR and background check requirements. Little league requires one coach that is CPR certified. CBSL offered training on March 26 and will be offering another class.

Coordinators meet with coaches - run through sample practice plans, strategies, scheduling, field maintenance basics. Bob Tball and Rookie equipment will be handed out this week. Nick and Bob have equipment for several of the divisions.

All coaches should have sent out email notices. Please confirm everyone is getting their emails. Look to website for training materials. Putting resources on website for coaches.

**Equipment**: Nick has equipment for divisions to sign off on tonight. We used raffle money to replace a lot of equipment/gear. Nick did a full inventory and replace what was needed.

**Field question**: Alex B. could we use the field on the town green. Karen believes they don't usually permit that field out. Karen will ask Tiffany to see if it can be used at all.

Load Schedules - need to use CSV file so can be uploaded; submit to infomanager@cbsl.com (samples will be sent out to coordinators) Karen can help figure out how to load schedules online. There will be a spreadsheet that needs to be filled out. Any rescheduled games have to go through the coordinator and be loaded on the website. Junior and Senior team play in a different district, CT River Valley League, district 8, This gives us more opportunities to play more games competitively. Opening Day April 16 for Juniors. Determine team schedules by division Baseball - Margo to help coordinate

Softball - Rob to coordinate

**Picture Day:** - May 16, 17 and 19 from 5-8 at Abundant Life Church. Team pictures will be done this year instead of composites.

Umpires - Rob is all set on the softball side. Bob is taking care of the baseball side.

**Sponsors**: Tim Ch coordinates uniforms and sponsorships. New website can add logos. Shirts will have sponsors.

**Raffle planning**: New gift card prizes this year. Will be having extra ticket books available. Raffle has changed our ability to make improvements all around with batting cages, scoreboards, and equipment.

**Batting cage**: Margo R-5 and Cody camp will be leveled and getting pea stone and astro turf this will be done over Spring break because of access to Cody. A compactor will be rented and used to compact the pea stone before the turf is laid out.

**Open Forum**: Greg Vilardo, asks all coaches to please read the bylaws as it pertains to your division. There is also a standard page for all divisions. Coaches **cannot** catch for a pitcher during practices or games in a catcher's position. Catchers have to have a catcher's mask with a throat guard, a cup and a catcher's glove, not a regular glove. These are little league rules.

Karen: Please consider helping out and joining the board. We need a whole array of skill sets to be able to pull this off. Several members will be leaving and we need new people to help out.

Safety Training with all coaches and coordinators:

Program/Division/Team	<b>Player Count</b>
= 2022 Spring Baseball	311
1) Big Red Bat (4 yr old)	30
2) Tee Ball (5/6)	101
3) Rookie - Coach Pitch - Baseball	71
4) Minor - Baseball	43
5) Major - Baseball	35
6) Junior - Baseball	29
7) Senior - Baseball	2
🗏 2022 Spring Softball	113
1) Rookie - (6*/7/8) Coach Pitch - Softball	45
2) Minors - (9/10) - Softball	24
3) Majors - (11/12) - Softball	32
4) Senior - (13+) - Softball	12
Grand Total	424

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□ 1) Big Red Bat (4 yr old)		30
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🗏 2) Tee Ball (5/6)		101
Tball_BlueRocks(Zubek)		7
Tball_Bulls(Bjorbekk)		7
Tball_Emeralds(Goggin)		7
Tball_Grasshoppers(Naples)		7
Tball_HotRods(Tewksbury)		8
Tball_Ironbirds(Constantilos)		8
Tball_MightyMussels(Zetterva	II)	8
Tball_RedWings(Campbell)		8
Tball_Rockhounds(Engle)		8
Tball_Scrappers(Burt)		8
Tball_Storm(Parekh)		8
Tball_Thunder(Graham)		8
Tball_Tides(Breitmaier)		8
Unallocated		1
🖃 3) Rookie - Coach Pitch - Baseball	I	71
RkBB_BlueRocks_Reid		9
RkBB_Bulls_Rowe		9
RkBB_Emeralds_Bradford		9
RkBB_Grasshoppers_Talarczyk		9
RkBB_MightyMussels_Hogan		9
RkBB_RedWings_Caplet		9
RkBB_Rockhounds_Maher		9
RkBB_Thunder_Pennella		8
🖃 4) Minor - Baseball		43
MnBB_Bulls(Poirier)		10
MnBB_IronBirds(Roman)		11
MnBB_RedWings(Kristoff)		10
MnBB_Scrappers(Simone)		11
Unallocated		1
🗏 5) Major - Baseball		35
MjBB_As_Sturtevant		12
MjBB_Mets_McAlpine		12
MjBB_Tigers_Buyniski		11
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Unallocated		29
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Rookie Softball 1 (Belding)	11
Rookie Softball 2 (Brenek)	11
Rookie Softball 3 (Garon)	11
Rookie Softball 4 (Peck)	12
🗏 2) Minors - (9/10) - Softball	24
Minors Softball 1 (Carroll)	11
Minors Softball 2 (Gruss)	12
Unallocated	1
🗏 3) Majors - (11/12) - Softball	32
Majors Softball 1 (D'Atri)	11
Majors Softball 2 (Gould)	11
Majors Softball 3 (Hill)	10
🗏 4) Senior - (13+) - Softball	12
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## Adjourn Meeting 8:15 - Safety meeting began

## Next Meetings

- General Meetings are 1st Monday of each month next one is May 2, 8 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>