



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 May 2, 2022 8:00 pm

Present: Karen Belding, John Carroll, Bob Crowell, Rob D'Atri, Margo Gignac, Michelle Millington, Andrew Perham, Nick Porier, Samantha Van Zilen

Alex Buyniski, Karen B?, Wendi Carroll, Ryan Cove, Gilbert Graham, Kristy Harrington, Scott Harrington, Bill Kristoff, Jason Olsen, Amy Pfaffenbach, Miguel Roman, Jon Rowe, John Wissler

Absent: Donna Antonacci, Deb Coats, Tim Chevarini, Bill Claffey, Tim Crowell, Todd Eisenberg, Martin Nosal, Greg Vilardo

Call to Order: Karen Belding 8:02

Presidents Update: Karen - Nothing new since the last meeting

Treasurer's Report: Donna will email for inclusion with the minutes

- 1. Helped stuff envelopes and disburse raffle tickets. Ordered an additional 3,000 tickets in anticipation of need additional expense = \$274.75
- 2. Paying AD Starr gear invoices of \$959 total. \$955 + \$4 from previous invoice. Can Nick confirm that they have given us the refund and applied it? I think they did because I see some \$0 items on the invoice.
- 3. Paying Minuteman \$16,581.21 for work completed on uniforms / sponsor imprints
- 4. Need to get prizes for top raffle sellers. Nick has \$100 from Dicks. Joel is sending us Yard Goats tickets and Lee Walter is getting us Sea Unicorns tickets. If others can go around town for more prizes, that would be great!

Brief summary of funds for CBSL after above items are paid:

Combined funds – all accounts = \$73,237.93

Checking = \$20,992.26

Savings = \$27,206.40

Certificate of Deposit = \$25,039.27

Spring Season Topics

Opening Day:

Baseball: Nick coordinated opening day. Everything went on schedule. Games went well. Food went well. Bob-very impressive opening day, Nick did a great job!

Softball: Went well, need merchandise sales next year.

Registrations: All closed except tball and Big Red Bat (BRB) stay open a little longer (close May 13)

Tball went well with their first games Saturday.

BRB starts May 7- need board volunteers.

440 registered players

Any questions on team distributions: Sam - how does draft work? Coaches agree on levels of kids' assessments. Balance teams by graded players A,B,C distributed by skill. Rob can find practice time for rained out nights.

Is there a timeline for rookies to be in catcher's gear? Bob said to get them in it.

Baseball report: Bob things are going well. Tight on umpires, Bob is picking up on that. Finding places to put rookies for practice. Karen will check with lacrosse to see if there are any nights available on the JJIS field. Dodd Stadium went well. Michelle said she will take the lead on a Sea Unicorns day for CBSL. Sam requested next time have all players on the field for a picture and plan for more time between. Coclhester 1 and 2 had a picture and Cochester 3 was held back from joining. Communication problem, the second game was believed to start at 3, but the second game was not scheduled to start untill 4 not 3. Maybe next year have kids names announced.

Softball report: Games are going. Umpires are tight. No major issues so far field conditions are like concrete, could use some work. R-6 is very rocky. Question: What is odne if the umpire doesn't show up? When this happened the other team umpired and the calls were iffy. If away games the coach can suggest alternating umpires.

Uniforms: Bob: one of the tball teams, needs hats. Rob need 1 belt and 4 jerseys. Some new people may have issues.

Equipment: Got some clickers for pitch counts. There should be a first aid kit in every bag along with ice packs. A box of ice packs should be in each shed. If anything is needed for first aid kits contact Nick. PLEASE Pay attention to sheds and notify Bob, Rob or Nick if anything needs to be replenished.

Fields: R-1 needs green screen and Bob is taking care of it. John: Battery in the AED unit is low. John can help with a plan to maintain the AED. How often do we need to service it? Should be checked every month.

Greg ordered sand bags.

Schedules: Tball practice needs to be loaded on the web site. Todd was following up on it. Juniors need to be loaded. Samantha will load it onto the schedule.

Weather related changes just need to be emailed to the information officer if it is just a couple of changes.

Do we manage scores on the web site,? who do they go to and how do they get loaded? Home team is supposed to send the final score and pitch count for each team for minors and majors to the information officer.

Web site: we have a new website and Karen is trying to figure out how to make the schedules public. She has sent a request from the support people of the website. Now only people logged in can see schedules. Calendar view will show all games. Bob needs a regular account for the website so he can see everything.

Picture Day: Samantha will set up a schedule and an email will be sent out. Picture day forms will go to each team. An email blast will be sent out.

Open Forum: Background checks happen instantaneously, Karen runs them every couple of days. You will then see your name on the website under volunteers.

Port O Potty for R-6. Donna needs to order one for R-6. Hornets in the shed and dugout. They have been sprayed and knocked down. Coaches should check for any allergies. Softball, some teams want hats or visors, one parent bought them for all players. Since softball bought hats for years and didn't wear them, money was taken from hats and put into a nicer uniform. Can talk to Rob and Tim Ch. if a change needs to be made.

Sponsorship: Logos and list needs to be updated on the website. Facebook sponsor shout outs. If any good pictures of the backs of the sirts send to Donna, Margo or Michelle.

Raffle Update: Everybody should have tickets. Please make sure they are all handed out. Feedback on prizes is very positive. Follow up email for extra books. Ticket numbers follow kids that sell the books.

Batting cages:

More turf for Cody is needed.

Memorial Day Parade: Karen will put an application in with the town for the league to be officially in it. Coaches march with the team. Kids wear jerseys and NO cleats. Baseball has: Home Run derby, Raffle drawing, all star games. Bob was working on all star games with divisions need to order derby trophy and all star medals.

Next Meetings

- General Meetings are 1st Monday of each month
- EOB meetings are held monthly 1st Monday after the General Meeting and the 3rd Monday of every month

League Website - www.cbsl.org