



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.

CBSL
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May 15, 2023 – EOB Meeting Agenda 7:00 PM, Virtual

Attendees: Karen Belding Margo Gignac Matt Parsons hazen.sturtevant@gmail.com
szettervall@yahoo.com Amy Pfaffenbach Andrew Perham John Carroll Tim Crowell Nick Poirier

Call to Order: 7:05

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary - find them on the website

- President report (Karen)
 - Presidents meeting last week (Wrestling, Soccer & Baseball present)
 - Joe Leone - new head of public works
 - Lots of work ahead of him
 - Left the meeting w/ lots of notes
 - No updates on fields
- Treasurer's report (Margo)
 - Monthly account read-out / tax status
 - Few bills to be paid
 - Awaiting invoice from the town for per player fee (Margo can ask tomorrow)
 - Checking: \$38,038.48
 - Savings: \$22,213.17
 - CD: \$26,271.80 (comes due July 13)
 - Total: \$86,523.45
 - [Finance Downloads - Little League](#)
- New Board Members
 - Amy Pfaffenbach & Elizabeth Kukich - Welcome!
- Raffle
 - Envelopes out to all teams
 - Karen has been giving out extra books on the softball side; Matt & Sean have extra books and Amy has rec'd some requests. Amy only has 1 book left (Karen has some extras as well)
 - Can we ask coordinators & coaches to turn in full books?
 - Email blast Reminder to the league - this is the last week to sell tickets; turn them in once you're done; Margo @ R2; Amy @ R4 Tuesday evening (all tickets to be turned in by May 22nd)
 - EOB to meet next week to do data entry May 26th 7pm @ the church
- Open Items:
 - Picture days - waiting on response from church; Sean in touch with photographer

- Week of May 24th - Sean confirmed picture people can do Tuesday May 23, Wednesday May 24, and Thursday May 25; 5 pm - 8 pm (2 teams per slot)
- Margo provided Sean with a sample schedule from prior years - coordinators assign slots? (Sean will do t-ball, juniors and majors BB are slotted; matt will help with Rookies; Karen will help w/ Softball) need Mark Simone to help with Minors BB
- Add photo schedule to the calendar on the website & email coaches
- Need EOB representation each night of photos; we can try to sell merchandise
 - Amy & Margo can help 24 & 25th (and can do merchandise)
 - Andrew can help the 23rd (who else can help?)
- Paper order forms to be distributed
- Big Red Bat - EOB sign ups (Greg Vilaro)
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VjhB6ql5Hr0a6jxzwBT9r_HiKMGLDgm9GbM_IZXQhxU/edit#gid=0
 - Everyone needs to help out at least one Saturday - sign up!!
- Tournament teams - how many, what divisions, who are the coaches, what do we need
 - [Regular Season to Tournament: Rule Differences - Little League](#)
 - New training for coaches this year: [Little League® Diamond Leader Training - Little League](#) (president can see who completed on data center)
 - [Tournament Resources - Little League](#)
 - [The Suggested Steps for Selecting Tournament Teams - Little League](#)
 - [Tournament FAQ - Forms & Waivers - Little League](#)
 - [Don't Let This Happen: Announcing Little League® International Tournament Teams Too Early - Little League](#)
 - Baseball: 12u, 11u, 10u -
 - Nick Poirier to reach out to Craig to get guidance on how best to run the tournament teams
 - Emails to gauge interest in playing & coaching
 - Softball: can announce any time after today; how many teams? Which age groups?
 - Majors: 11-12 - gauge interest (7-8 forms back already) - only 1 coach interested (Ian Hawes) (coaches pick 7 players; a couple key board members agree on another 4-5)
 - Minors (9-11) - some interest; John Carroll is interested in coaching; Sam & Karen to assist with rostering)
 - Letter "do you want to be an all star?" - blast out to the parents as a reminder
- Dodd Stadium for Jr Baseball - how did it go?
 - Went well; kids had fun - kept the games within the 2 hr timeframe
 - Margo ended up with an extra \$5 - went to paper goods
- Uconn day - John Carroll - May 7:
 - Went great - CBSL players paired up w/ Uconn players; national anthem
 - Autographs after the game
 - A lot of fun
- Memorial Day Parade: application all set; blast email prior to
- Planning for Memorial Day weekend events
 - Baseball?
 - Majors - homerun derby for 12 yo with majors game following
 - Food? -
 - Minors - all star game followed by pizza @ cody camp

- Softball - closing day / tournament - first week of June (in discussion) - our permits are good until June 15 (or we could make a special request)
- Margo Gignac to submit for a permit for the RecPlex pavillion
- Raffle (rain or shine) under the RecPlex pavilion (try to include scholarship recipients)
- Rain date? Monday night
- Schedules on the website
 - Reminder: keep up to date for rain-outs, etc
 - Karen is working to resolve softball schedules so they can be loaded to the website and resolve field conflicts
 - Karen / Andrew will help with reminding Minors BB (Mark Simone)
- Safety incidents
 - Ongoing - 1 coach with 3 incidents in 1 week; all minor in nature, bad luck
 - Worst year for injuries...
 - 2 major incidents that were reported to little league
 - Email to coaches (try to be more careful)?
- R6 Port-O-Potty
 - Margo is waiting to hear back; Police report
 - \$500 deductible
 - Will need to be locked going forward; combination preferred to keyed lock
 - Motion to offer company with ½ deductible cost by Karen; 2nd by margo - 8 for; 2 opposed - motion passes
- Cody Camp vandalism
 - Cleaned up
 - Paint cans were jammed up; several cans were in the garbage that were not cleaned up
- May 25 scholarship night

General wishlist - decisions made for 2023

- Activities to complete:
 - Batting Cage - R5: done - thank you Brian!
 - Speaker system - R2 and Cody Camp: Donna or Nick now?
- Open Forum - any items?
 - By-law - tournament team selection: Section 19.02 (references 8,9,10 and 10,11,12 teams, eligible players & player pool)
 - Sean to forward email from town to karen re: field closures / batting cages
 - Matt was seeking permission to communicate with families asking for questions for the Red Sox players zoom call
 - Summer Ball - Nick to check w/ Pat Walsh, Tim Chiaverini may be able to provide insight into what's been done in the past (which district, etc.)
 - Umpire updates:

Adjourn Meeting 9:11 Margo / Andrew 2nd

Future Meeting topics:

- Summer Ball

Next Meetings

- General Meetings: 1st Monday each month at 7 pm - next one is June 5th

- EOB meetings are held twice monthly: 1st Monday (after the General Meeting) and the 3rd Monday of every month