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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.

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February 6, 2023 – General Meeting Agenda 7:00 PM, Abundant Life Church

Attendees: Karen Belding Andrew Perham John Carroll Seth Breitmiae Matt Parsons
Tim Crowell Adam Maher; Bill Kristoff, Adam Michaud, Nick Poirier Samantha Van Zilen
Margo Gignac

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

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

- President report (Karen)
 - District 11 changes: Plainfield moved to district 12 (no longer in our district); RHAM baseball joined our district coming from Cal Ripken; district dues being reinstated this year; looking into umpire training
 - Meet monthly - next should be Feb 14th (Karen expects to have more after that)
- Treasurer's report (Margo)
 - Monthly account read-out / tax status
 - Annual budget - need to establish planned revenue, planned expenses, wish list budget
 - **Action:** Margo will email budget #s to the EOB this week
- Finishing By-Laws and Constitution signing/submission - Andrew did we finish getting the signatures? Need Tim Chiaverinii; Tim Crowell (done tonight), Ed Peck, Sean Zetterfal & Donna Antonacci. **Action:** Andrew will send emails to get electronic signatures or plan to get wet signatures (required to finish chartering)
- Sponsor update: Joel from MinuteMan will be sending out the mailer no later than Feb 14. We'll also send an email to prior sponsors. We have already received a few sponsorships. The mailing list seems like it's the one we've used in the past. Looking to work with the town to get a full list of companies in town that we may want to approach.
- Financial aid committee update: we have rec'd a couple applications that need to be reviewed and adjudicated. We need to send the coupon codes to families who receive financial aid. We can offer % of financial aid. Need to keep a running list of what's been awarded. We need to clearly state what we're awarding when sending to info manager.
- Safety plan: Karen converted the document and circulated the link to the document for the entire EOB to review. Tim is unsure where we are with the R4 fencing - need to discuss with the town. Nothing new scheduled with the board presidents. **Action:** review safety plan at the next EOB meeting (required for chartering)
- Raffle: Tim Chiaverini - responsible

- Spring season planning
 - Key dates
 - Opened registration: 12/25
 - Close registration: 2/20
 - Coach interviews: March 8 & 9 **Action:** Karen to email church contact to reserve space for interviews (March 8 & 9) (5:30 - 8 pm) EOB needs to set the time aside
 - Evaluations: 3/18-3/19 (CES saturday 8:30 - 5 for rookies & majors;; Sunday noon - 5 - minors) - WJJMS for softball - 8:30 - 5)
 - **Action:** Karen will refresh assessment schedule from 2022
 - **Action:** Karen will email a "save the date" as players register
 - Gym permits - Andrew
 - **Action:** Andrew will email EOB for assessment sign-ups to help @ both schools
 - Drafts: March 22 & 23 - drop dead is March 24th for uniforms (if church is needed, we'll need to check to confirm it's available)
 - Uniform orders submitted: prior to 3/27 – must be sent to Joel March 24th
 - Opening Day: April 22nd for baseball / 30th for Softball
 - Registration Update:

Program/Division	Player Count
2023 Spring Baseball	131
1) Big Red Bat (4 yr old)	10
2) Tee Ball (5/6 yr old)	42
3) Rookie - Coach Pitch - Baseball	40
4) Minor - Baseball	26
5) Major - Baseball	6
6) Junior - Baseball	7
2023 Spring Softball	52
1) Rookie - (6*/7/8) Coach Pitch - Softball	23
2) Minor - (9/10) - Softball	12
3) Major - (11/12) - Softball	15
4) Senior - (13+) - Softball	2
Grand Total	183

- Volunteer Update:

Row Labels	Head Coach	Assistant Coach	Team Specific Volunteer	Merchandise sales committee member	Raffle committee member	Special Event Volunteer	Grand Total
2023 Spring Baseball	13	24	10		1	1	49
1) Big Red Bat (4 yr old)	1	2					3
2) Tee Ball (5/6 yr old)	2	6	3				11
3) Rookie - Coach Pitch - Baseball	2	6	3		1	1	13
4) Minor - Baseball	5	7					12
5) Major - Baseball	2	2	2				6
6) Junior - Baseball	1	1	2				4
2023 Spring Softball	4	7	10	1			22
1) Rookie - (6*/7/8) Coach Pitch - Softball	2	4	6	1			13
2) Minor - (9/10) - Softball	1		3				4
3) Major - (11/12) - Softball	1	2	1				4
4) Senior - (13+) - Softball		1					1
Grand Total	17	31	20	1	1	1	71

○ Open Items:

- Publicity: banner on green Feb 13 - Margo dropped @ town hall today
- **Action:** Karen to send e-blast of prior players alerting to gift card drawing & late fee
- Schedule CPR training – March 25th recommended
- **Action:** need to reserve gym time for team meet & greets
- Picture day - Sean Z.- a week during the season 3 nights - Margo to provide contact information
- Volunteer background checks - karen has been processing; volunteer file indicates who is complete and who is not (full data - verification status)
- Umpires / training - Nick is making contact for baseball; Softball - trying to get an email (new Bacon softball coach); John to plan budget for softball umps
- Uniform planning
 - Hat order
 - Drafts need to be complete by March 24th; uniform orders to Joel by March 27th

Juniors - need to get rolling earlier than later; Started mid-April last year

Action: Karen will pull 2nd year Majors from 2022 season; be prepared to lose some to bearcats; next meeting - need to look at possible #s of teams

- General wish list discussion

NOTE: we are a tax exempt organization (501c3) - we want to be able to leverage

Wish List Item	Actions	Status	Price Range	Priority #	Comments
Equipment	List from Ed/Nick?				
R4 - fencing	Matt to contact				Safety concern

(by dugout)	Fence Man for quote				M. Parsons still awaiting quote (called & emailed several times)
R1 batting cage needs to be replaced (CBSL owns it)	Need quote for metal structure, netting, install Ed to research R1 batting cage options		Anthem Sports \$3500 - 4000 (70' style like Rob got) On Deck Sports - complete package \$7,000 - 8,000 (does not include installation)		
Fencing @ backstop of cody camp					M. Parsons awaiting quote (called couple times)
Field Sponges (buy from internet)	Hazen got quote from Beacon Athletics	Done	Quote is for 8 packages (3 in a package) - at \$109 each - for a total of \$872		Eliminates needs for "kitty litter" which turns to concrete
Tarps	Nick/John/Ed to walk the field to identify tarps that need to be replaced		\$2,473		2 for Cody Camp & 2 for R1
R1 & R3 pitchers eye	Nick/John/Ed to walk the field to identify pitcher or batter eyes that need to be replaced		\$255		Recommended motion - not to exceed \$3,000 (Tarps & Batters/ Pitchers Eye)
Batters eye					R1
R2 - base issues / rubber not high enough	Hazen to work with contact to get league a 'how to rebuild a mound and resink bases' session John/Nick to make a list of any rubbers or bases that need to be replaced				Grundman Landscaping & Supply and is willing to supply dirt & tools. Will do all mounds that need to be done late march/ Early april - identify which 2 weekends and obtain approval.
R4 pitchers mound	Hazen to work with contact to get		~\$50 per base		Grundman Landscaping & Supply and is willing

R5 3rd base R6 1st & 2nd base R1 - 3rd base	league a 'how to rebuild a mound and resink bases' session John/Nick to make a list of any rubbers or bases that need to be replaced				to supply dirt & tools. Will do all mounds that need to be done late march/ Early april - identify which 2 weekends and obtain approval.
Portable Mound for R3 for making 50/70 field				Low	On Hold (out of our price range this year)
Speaker system for R2 & Cody	Donna to research options		From Pure Resonance - higher end system Stadium Sound System Featuring 4 S10 10" 70V Outdoor Stadium Speakers, RZMA120BT 120W Multizone Bluetooth Mixer Amplifier & PMZ16 Paging Microphone - wired mic station with 4 zones \$3602 From AcousticBay Public Address System Outdoor Weatherproof PA Sound System KIT analog box amp w/2 Stadium Speakers - 1 wired mic - 2 wireless mics with		Recommend mid-range (economy route uses all generic parts)

			<p>antenna base - 2 supplemental horn speakers (\$88 with wiring) \$2457</p> <p>From AcousticBay - economy KIT Outdoor PA Sound System Bundle with simple analog box amp (similar to R1) - comes with 2 speakers - 1 wired mic - 1 wireless mic - 2 supplemental horn speakers (\$88 with wiring) Total \$700</p>		
R3 shed				Low	Care Free - may exceed available budget for this year
<p>R5 batting cage</p> <p>Unusable as is</p>	<p>John Carroll researching</p> <p>Reggie/John to find out from Rob D where softball one came from</p>		~\$2k (to fix or repair)		<p>Looking for a quote that includes installation (need a price)</p> <p>Anthem Sports (R. D'Atri recommends NOT going that route - cage was beat up by wind)</p> <p>Net alone: \$1,300 - \$1,400</p>
Little Shed @ Cody Camp (leaks like a sieve...)					<p>if it was dry it would be usable @ one time it was used for tarps and tarps only</p>

Next meeting: Vote on which items we can afford (\$17k to work with from last year's fundraising)

- Open Forum - any items?
 - CPR price is going up - first aid & CPR (all at the same time) (was previously just Basic Life Support BLS)
 - \$120 / pp
 - Need to put the rolling list of who's certified and when their certs expire

- Coaching materials for the website - need help collating good materials
 - Also drill books available in the locker
 - Margo has LL Rule books for 2023 - for Softball (John Carroll) & Baseball (Nick Poirer)
- John & Nick coordinate all codes for locks
 - Softball locks - all changing

- UConn Softball Game - May 7th @ 1 pm - all softball can go and meet/greet players; autographs
- Dodd stadium in 2023 for Juniors - timing? Matt Parsons will contact GM @ Dodd Stadium

Adjourn Meeting: 8:38 pm

Next Meetings

- General Meetings: 1st Monday each month at 7 pm
- EOB meetings are held twice monthly: 1st Monday (after the General Meeting) and the 3rd Monday of every month