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PO Box 114
Colchester CT 06415

March 11, 2024 – General Meeting Minutes 7:00 PM, Abundant Life Church

Attendees:

**Karen Belding Samantha Van Zilen Tim Crowell Andrew Perham Sean Zettervall Danielle Bossie
Amy Pfaffenbach Mark Simone Hazen Sturtevant Nick Poirier John Carroll Matt Parsons
Margo Gignac**

,Chris Johnson, tiffany Moroch, Reggie Hill, Mike Garon, Rob Hlasyszyn

Call to Order 7:08

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary on website

- **President's Report**
 - Town Rec Committee - no league president's meeting recently
 - School facility/improvement plan (fields) - advisory group has made a proposal; not ready to be actioned as yet (considering turf field) - now with Superintendent & BOE → they will then take it to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance if funding is required. We (CBSL) would like to see the fields at Bacon & the recplex improved
 - The town had brought in a consultant last year to review the fields and provide input for how to improve
 - Targeting a full revamp of R1
 - Town is forming 2 temporary committees (planning group - to create a 10 year plan for capital improvements); conducting interview this week
 - District 11 fundraiser golf tournament (see flyer at end)
 - Looking for teams to sign-up / also on social media & the CBSL website
 - CBSL is donating some baskets and potentially providing volunteers
- **Treasurer Report**
 - ~\$63k in the accounts
 - \$16,664 spring registrations so far (will break down by division by next meeting)
 - Question about registration data on the website - Karen and/or Matt to assist (check permissions)
 - Sponsorships are almost totally in ~\$13k
 - Anticipate a few more team sponsors (we have another week or so before we have to cut that off)
 - Additional sponsors for movie night & possible donations



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- Raffle Planning (Amy)
 - Determine Prizes
 - Action:** Ed checking on getaway package donation
 - Action:** Matt Parsons to submit for donation from Sea Unicorns & Yard Goats
 - Purchase prizes
 - Determine dates/schedule - start week of April 26-28 / finish May 18/19
 - Get tickets
 - Ticket distribution (volunteers by division)
 - Ticket Prep / Money count - need volunteers
 - Raffle held / recorded
 - Prizes distributed
- Equipment refresh and prep (Ed)
 - Refresh gear bags & catching gear (1 brand new set for each team in each division)
 - Ordering game balls & practice balls
- Storage unit project (Margo)
 - Overhaling the storage unit(s) ⇒ reduce from 2 to 1 unit
- Winter clinic recap (Mark Simone)
 - Winter work out (13 weeks of training) Nov - Feb; split into 2 session by age
 - Combined with RHAM
 - 43 families participated (~30 Colchester families)
 - Increased basic skills
 - Positive feedback so far (hopefully geographically closer) - this was in mystic
- Spring planning
 - Registration update



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- In-town games will be “sand lot” style - early Saturday or Sunday morning - double header (two 4 inning games)
- Either 2 uniforms or a single, reversible uniform
- Trying it out this year
- Permits - Matt got Cody Camp; Karen will submit to town when Joe confirms permitting plan is ready
- Chartering on Little League website - complete.
- Insurance payment - paid (updated insurance doc sent out)
- Field concerns
 - Karen met with Joe Leone and provided most recent list; Joe reviewed the list of planned spring activities and will provide a summary list
- Big red bat - Greg willing to run it again/Seth board coordinator - Starting May 4th
 - 6 week program
- Coach Selection:
 - Interviews conducted week of 2/21
 - Coach candidate review / voting held 2/25
 - Follow up email to get more Tball coaches (Matt)
 - Follow up conversation on BB majors coaches (Mark)
 - Coordinator conversations with confirmed and assistant coach decisions (Seth, Matt, Sean, Mark, John)
- Coach Prep:
 - Welcome / Intro conversations (coordinators)
 - CPR - March 23 @ 10 am (at the church - confirming with Pastor Brown) (certifications are good for 2 years)
 - Safety briefing (league) - March general meeting - 3/11
 - Online safety training (LL requirement)
 - Diamond training (through LL international) - required for all head coaches / manager (send proof to league) - you only need to complete once (if you did this last year you're all set) (~15-20 min)
 - Abuse awareness (through USA Baseball) - must have proof for all head coaches / manager (10 questions test - must get 8 correct to pass) (~20 min)
 - Sending out by email after general meeting
 - Coach training / playbook review (coordinators)
 - Practice plans
 - Differentiating players
 - What to expect out of the season
 - Is on the CBSL website under coach's resources
- Other Spring activities



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- Assessments - March 3 and 10 - done (Baseball - remember to shorten the time next year to 45 min) / softball - good turnout for pitchers & catchers clinic
- Drafts (directors and coordinators) - baseball: will be this week softball: complete on site during assessments
 - Once drafts are complete, notify Matt in a timely manner so that he can update the website
- Order uniforms - by March 20th
- Opening Day - April 20 - to discuss @ next EOB meeting
 - Plan: baseball
 - Plan: softball
- Spring season start - indoor practices - after all training complete - beginning April? Permits for gyms drive this.
- Pictures - looking at week prior to Memorial day - waiting on church availability
- Port-O-Potties - sponsor
- Field schedules
- Scheduling meetings (district)
- Scheduling sessions (field allocations, etc)
- Loading schedules on website
- Other spring season related topics
 - Juniors meeting Thursday - hazen will attend - what's going on within the division - schedule to be complete before easter (currently at 2 teams)
 - Juniors assessments April 4th @ Wide WOrld (piggy back on Majors)
- Safety briefing by Karen & Tim
- Other topics

2024 Meeting schedule: (moved to 2nd and 4th Mondays in most months)

General - March 11th

General - April 1st (Moved up a week to account for school vacation)

General - May 13th

General - June 10th

General - July 8th

General - August 12th

General - September 9th

General - October 14th

General - November 4th (moved one week earlier to account for Veteran's Day)

General - December 9th

Adjourn Meeting: 8:47



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League Website - www.cbsl.org

Little League District 11 First Annual Golf Tournament

WHEN: MAY 18, 2024
WHERE: Windham Golf Course
TIME: 10:30 check in
 12:30 shotgun start
COST: \$110 PER PLAYER (golf, cart, & dinner)
PIG ROAST TO FOLLOW TOURNAMENT
AT WILLIMANTIC FRENCH CLUB
 (116 club rd. north Windham)
 Ages 15 and up

Basket Raffles

Sponsorship Opportunities

Hole sponsor	\$130	Business and location on sign at one hole
Program sponsor	\$50	Sponsorship on district website
Dinner only	\$30	Pig roast

Please contact district 11 members or your League president with any questions
 To Register please email ctd11golftournament@gmail.com

District DA Craig McMahon (860)-213-0420 Baseball ADA Patricia Clark (860)-237-2914 Softball ADA Mike Blouin (860)-798-1096
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