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Colchester Baseball & Softball League

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PO Box 114
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October 2, 2023 – General Meeting Agenda 7:00 PM, Abundant Life Church

Call to Order: 7:10 PM - Andrew, Karen, Mark S., Miguel R., Hazen, Seth, John Carroll, Jen Clemons, Donna, Nick P., Matt P. (8:40 PM)

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary

- President report (Karen)
 - President's Meeting / Town Updates
 - DPW working on maintenance of fields
 - Working on acquiring new pieces of equipment.
 - Irrigation going in. Going slowly.
 - Very bumpy on R2 in irrigation area.
- Treasurer's report (Margo)
 - Monthly account read-out
 - Seth and Margo did study of what we should really be charging. Reg usually just pays to run the season (no profit).
 - Goal for this year is to set an operating budget for common line items.
 - Need monthly Treasurer reports to resume.
 - Bottom line: Are we happy where the budget is at?
 - We are \$6K in the hole from last year (operating costs).
 - HS: RHAM is charging way more than us for Minors - Juniors.
 - SB: Portland is also charging more.
 - Let's slowly increase reg cost for older divisions...smaller cost increase for tee ball.
- Softball/Baseball Directors (Nick/John)
 - Fall ball updates
 - Bill trying to get some more games in for Majors.
 - HS: Juniors - Only played 3 games...lots of rain-outs.
 - RHAM worked hard getting field ready at Bacon.
 - Will be doing some double headers.
 - South Windsor has lights. Try to get games with them.
 - Field/shed clean up / packing away
 - Need to check all bags of equipment for quality / quantity (sheds and goldilocks).
 - Date?
 - Equipment: change bylaws - face masks for softball?
 - Winter clinics
 - Survey went out.
 - Reviewed responses from survey (34).



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- Mark Simone - Presentation: working with Schooners (.ppt). Link [here](#).
- Other programs Nov - Feb, all 90 minutes per age group. League pays for OR registrants pay.
- Facility: Groton Industrial Park (Mystic Schooners).
- Sunday afternoon is available (2:30 - 4 PM and 4:00-5:30 PM)
- Program scope: Pitching / hitting assessment. 4 lanes & workout areas. See presentation.
- Strength and conditioning.
- Cost: 40 players, 20 per session - \$350 (\$25/session - \$18.75 / hr).
- KB: Concern - Volunteers? All majors / minors head coaches. 6-7 coaches? When do we need commitment to facility? Reg should be this week. Priority to Colchester kids. Will open it up to other towns if needed (RHAM etc.).
- Decision is to do it. Add a question in registration. We may need to be flexible for which slot. You may get assigned to a slot based on safety issues / siblings etc.
- Reg: ask parents to consider being coach this spring.
- Mark to send email write up to Karen for registration.
- JC: Bloomfield facility. Good prices.
- Softball: JC - softball clinics (pitching). Asst coach at Springfield College. Dany?
 - \$800 for 5 weeks (\$95 per player if league covers cost of facility?)
 - Starts Nov 4th.
 - Assume 16 kids per session.
 - Bloomfield facility (D-Bat).
 - Working on coach clinic.
 - Need to get write up for registration.
- Equipment updates (Ed) Ed not present
 - Status on equipment returns / inventory
- Election
 - Voting / tallying / announcing
 - All nominations were elected unanimously.
 - 8 people voted
 - **VP** - Seth Breitmaier
 - **Treasurer** - Danielle Bossie
 - **Player Agent** - Sean Zetervall
 - **Softball Director** - John Carroll
 - **Safety / Medical Officer** - Tim Crowell
 - **MAL - 1:** Chris McGlynn
 - **MAL - 2:** Hazen Sturtevant
 - **MAL - 3:** Mark Simone



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- **MAL - 4:** Andrew Perham
- **MAL - 5:** Margo Gignac
- **MAL - 6:** Miguel Roman
- **MAL - 7:** Jen Clemons
- Special motions for exceptions
- Welcome to new board members!
- Transition planning and thank yous
- Mark Simone - introducing a proposal on baseball strategies
- Open Forum - any items?
 - **MS: Pilot team (majors) - kids who want to play more. Need to develop pitchers / catchers. More games and out-of-District games (more travel / more competitive).**
 - More days - 4 days per week.
 - Possibly apply to minors division if successful.

Adjourn Meeting: 9:31 PM

Next Meetings

- General Meetings: 1st Monday each month in person at Abundant Life Church @ 7:00 PM:
NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 6.
- EOB meetings are held twice monthly: 1st Monday (after the General Meeting) and the 3rd Monday of every month: **NEXT IS OCTOBER 16 @ 7:00 PM via Google Meets.**

League Website - www.cbsl.org