



 CBSL
Colchester Baseball & Softball League

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PO Box 114
Colchester CT 06415

October 14, 2024 - General Meeting Minutes - 7:00 PM

Attendees: Karen Belding Andrew Perham Samantha Van Zilen Danielle Bossie
Hazen Sturtevant Mark Simone John Carroll Margo Gignac
Michael Garon, Arnold Ewings, Kyle Calesh, Angela Hruska, John Naples , Sean Lowe

Call to Order: 7:02

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary on website

- President's Report
 - Updates on fields from town - we're getting more consistent updates now and we're sending out to the league when we get them
 - Seeding
 - Walking path
 - Flushing hydrant
 - irrigation
 - See emails or the weekly First Selectman report (Fridays)
- Treasurer Report
 - Danielle & Seth met to review 2023-24 budget
 - Budget for 2025 under development - target November meeting for review
- Field clean up / shut down
 - R5/R6 - all set sheds are clean, pitching & catchers eye already taken down
 - Baseball - catcher's eye on R1 needs to come down; R2 also needs to come down (Hazen Sturtevant to coordinate w/ Nick Poirier); Cody batting cage to come down
- Storage unit project (Margo)
 - History: we have 2 storage units at Goldilocks - one of our league's largest expenses; goal is to consolidate to one unit
 - Complete
 - All shelves that were in the first unit has been established in the current unit
 - Softball is moved in
 - Labels established for all divisions
 - Slot for merchandise
 - Banners are set in alphabetical order
 - CBSL sign is rolled and on top
 - What's left in the first unit
 - Old socks, pants, shirts
 - Some gear swap
 - Maybe put a table up at soccerfest - free / donation



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- This unit needs to be empty by end of the year
- **Action:** Danielle Bossie to call to check if notice needs to be given
- Uniform RFP update (Seth)
 - Hasn't been done in a few years
 - Urgency to support the spring registration pricing
 - RFP is out to 3 vendors; may add 1 more (MinuteMan Press, RHAM uniform supplier & Zack)
 - Waiting for responses (by mid-Nov)
 - May be changing hats for all divisions
- Fall ball updates
 - Rookies step up - Seth Breitmaier parent feedback - it's very well organized, small groups (consistency week to week to improve skills)
 - Juniors - 8-1 - they're having fun
- Winter clinic updates
 - Start Nov 10th (for 12 weeks)
 - 27 registered
 - Mystic Sports arena is closed to BB for the next few years (Crush & __) travel teams are going to be looking for space; will need to schedule spring training earlier in the future
- Establishing the subcommittee to determine gameplan for pilot program 2025 - Matt/Mark/John/Nick see Seth's Competition Committee - all others volunteer if you want to be on committee
 - Trevor Reid, Bill Kristoff, Brian Tlarzyk, Chris Johnson (minors), John Naples(rookie), Mike Garon (softball)
 - Strategic thoughts and bring to board
 - Mark Simone to gather email addresses and will coordinate a meeting
- Other topics?
 - What is the process for returning coaches?
 - Tball to rookie - biggest difference is evaluations (with the goal of forming competitively equal teams); coach interviews
- Board elections
 - Confirm members present able to vote (Sam)
 - Ballot voting/counting - all on ballot = unanimous vote
 - Announcement of new board members
 - President - Seth Breitmaier
 - Secretary - Angela Hruska
 - Equipment Manage - John Naples
 - BB Director - Matt Parsons



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- MAL - Brian Roberson
- MAL - Adam Michaud
- MAL - Arnold Ewings
- MAL - Karen Belding
- MAL - Kyle Calash
- Need a new VP - motion Danielle Bossie ; John Carroll 2nd – Nick Poirier – Vice President
 - Table to next meeting
- Need a new Info Manager - Nomination: Amy Pfaffenbach motion Hazen Sturtevant ; 2nd John Carroll - passes unanimously
- Quick next steps
 - Thank yous and Welcomes
 - Collect personal email addresses to begin getting new members up to date
 - Infomanager to set up new email addresses, update 'position' emails and group emails like the EOB group

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

General - November 4th (moved one week earlier to account for Veteran's Day)
General - December 9th

Adjourn Meeting 8:10

League Website - www.cbsl.org