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November 4, 2024 - General Meeting Agenda - 7:00 PM / Abundant Life Church

Members Present: Seth Breitmaier, Mark Simone, Hazen Sturtevant, Amy Pfaffenbach,
Danielle Bossie, Arnold Ewings, Angela Hruska, Nick Poirier, John Naples, Kyle Calash

Call to Order: 7:04 PM

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary on website

Meeting Topics

- President's Report
- Welcome to New Board Members
 - Thank you to everyone for attending EOB meeting last week
 - Abuse Awareness Training
 - Send completed certificates Seth Breitmaier when you have completed
 - Takes about 30 minutes
 - All members of EOB need to complete this training by Dec 31, 2024
 - Training is on Little League Training Center
 - Use board email address
 - Confirmation of Board in Little League Data Center
 - Board needs to be built out in the data center
 - All new members are there as well as CBSL email address
 - Question: Chris McGlynn. Is Chris still on the board as a MAL?
 - District Meeting on November 7, 2024
 - Seth will attend this meeting
 - Seth came from President's Meeting in Town- Tiffany at Park and Rec will work to get banner up on the green for two weeks at end of November
 - Going forward we will work out a schedule with registrations of Wrestling and Lacrosse to get the banner up
 - Arnold will talk to Bacon Trustees about putting banner up on the backstop at the field on the green
 - John Carroll is being considered for District Board as Softball Director
- Treasurer Report
 - Account Balances (Checking, Money Market and CD)
 - Checking- \$26, 585.31
 - Money Market - \$25, 745.56
 - CD - \$41, 445.10
 - Outstanding amount is last payment to the Schooners



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- Danielle will make the new spreadsheet to start Nov 1, 2024
- Payment to Schooners
 - We need to pay Schooners the remaining balance that has been paid to us
 - We have 5 people in a payment plan.
 - We need to pay for those who are fully paid.
 - Pay the Schooners for the remaining balance of those in the payment plan.
 - CBSL will collect the remaining amount.
 - Motion to prepay for the \$1500 that is owed to Schooners that has not yet been paid to CBSL
 - Vote on this: Hazen made a motion to pay Schooners. Arnold seconded the motion
 - Votes 9- Yes 0- No 1- Abstention
- Governance Document Update Committee
 - Constitution - Rejected by Little League - this is a priority
 - Bylaw Update
 - Tournament Team Update- bylaws for selecting players and coaching need to reflect what we are going to do and meets requirements for Little League tournament rules
 - Need to follow the Little League rules
 - Anything that is more restrictive than Little League Rules needs to be a discussion to see why there is a difference
 - Working Party: Seth, Matt, Mark, Hazen and John Carroll (Confirm John Carroll)
 - Reach out to Sean
 - Input requested no later than 11/30/2024
 - Try to wrap up work by 12/31/2024
 - Goal to get bylaw document up for comments by end of this week
 - Attempt to vote for final documents in the January General Meeting
- Calendar
 - Review 2025 General and EOB Meeting Schedule
 - Review Baseball Calendar
 - Locations
 - Assessments - WWIS (Mark provided update)
 - Tentatively: February 22 and 23, 2025 was a date to look at.
 - The fields at WWIS are only available from 7:00-8:00 on those days



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- The facility is booked until April due to another indoor facility closing, therefore, this is the only date and time available.
- Cost difference- last year two gyms were booked, but one gym was not needed, and the date passed to release the gym. The cost was actually double than what was needed.

Plan for Assessments:

- Majors and up (Both Baseball and Softball) will use 4 bays WWIS
- \$150 per hour at WWIS
- When: 7:00-8:00 on 2/22/25-2/23/25 both days
- Vote was made to reserve these days for assessments at WWIS 2/22/25-2/23/25 for Majors and Up, and one gym at WJJMS on Feb 23, 2024 (8 hours) for Rookies/Minors Baseball and Softball from 12:00
- Motion made by Hazen Second by Danielle
 - 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstention
- Mark will reach out to WWIS to confirm these days for renting the space
- Coaches Training
 - Trainings will be done at the Church
 - Seth will coordinate this with the Church
- Pre-Season Divisional Practices - WWIS (Mark provided update)
 - These dates are before the season starts to get a few practices in
 - Looking for 90 minutes per age group (8 total groups)
 - Would need four fields
 - \$150/hour per field
 - Dates
 - April 4, 2025
 - April 7, 2025
 - April 11, 2025
 - Motion- to use WWIS for three pre-season divisional workouts at 90 minutes each total of \$4500
 - Motion made by Nick, Second Amy
 - 10 Yes 0 No 0 Abstention



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- *Look at dates for next year for divisional workouts in March 2025 *Going forward for next year this needs to be discussed in March 2025 for the following year
- Permits
 - Fields - Seth
 - Seth spoke with Adult League for use of R3 on Saturdays and Sundays
 - Looking to get for an hour during the week for R3 to help with T-ball practices
 - School - Matt
- Hartford Yard Goats Night
 - Saturday, July 19, 2025 6:00 pm
 - 200 Tickets (Buy for \$15 and sell for \$18)
 - 25% Deposit (\$750)
 - Can "give back" 20% or 40 tickets at no cost.
 - *We can add on more tickets if needed
 - Vote to make the deposit to Hartford Yard Goats using \$750 from CBSL
 - Arnold made motion to approve, Mark second
 - Vote 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention
- Registration
 - Let's get this done by Friday (November 8th)
 - Registration Cost - Completed
 - Big Red Bat \$70.00
 - BB Tee Ball \$110.00
 - BB Rookies \$135.00
 - BB Minors \$145.00
 - BB Majors \$165.00
 - BB Juniors \$180.00
 - SB Rookies \$135.00
 - SB Minors \$145.00
 - SB Majors \$165.00
 - SB Seniors \$180.00
 - Registration Emails Details
 - Key Dates for Parents
 - Late Fee - January 31st
 - Assessments - February 22nd and 23rd
 - *Key dates can be included on the confirmation page of registration



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- Exciting Things:
 - Opening Day - April 19th
 - Tentative Pre-season Divisional Workouts starting April 4th
 - Feature Games - Every Saturday Night
 - Memorial Day
 - Movie Night - May 31st
 - Hartford Yard Goat Night - July 19, 2025
 - ***Key dates can be included on the confirmation page of registration**
- Advertising *Plan for registration to go live Friday, November 8, 2024
 - **Arnold will make a flier with the information for registration**
 - Facebook (Both CBSL and the School Facebook Pages) - Arnold
 - Rivereast - Arnold
 - Newsletter from Parks and Rec - Arnold
 - First Selectman Weekly Update -Arnold
 - Goodnews Colchester - Arnold
 - All things Colchester - Arnold
 - School (digital backpacks) - Arnold
 - Park and Rec Newsletter- Arnold will send to Seth
 - Flier for local daycare and preschool facilities for BRB
 - Danielle- Castle, Bright and Early
 - Angela- Colchester Kids
 - Danielle will email to Cindy at C3
 - Banner on Green- Tiffany at Park and Rec will work to get banner up on the green for two weeks at end of November
 - **Seth still needs to email Bernie**
 - Email for coaches and commitments- Hold for next meeting
 - Interviews - February 11th and 12th
 - Assessments - February 22nd and 23rd
 - Coaches Training - March 9th (2:00 PM at Abundant)
 - Safety Training from the League - March 10th
 - CPR Certification - March 22nd
 - Required Online Training - Before March 25th
 - ***Key dates can be included on the confirmation page of registration**
 - Softball Needs - John
 - Field and Shed clean up / shut down
 - **Nick, John, Matt will go through the winter shut down routine**



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- Softball batting cages
- Sheds - Nick
 - Status of Both Baseball and Softball
 - Recommend we put a small team together to finish off the work.
- Storage Unit Project
 - We need to wrap this up.
 - November 10th 12:00
 - We will turnover all keys as well.
 - Locker- Seth will keep coordination
 - Get keys, code to John Naples
 - Danielle sent a message informing storage unit of which will keep and which will stop using- no response, but the request was put in writing
 - Last few items need to come out of the locker
- Fall Ball Wrap Ups
 - Junior Fall Ball Update
 - 11-2-1 for Juniors. Congratulations to Hazen and his team.
 - Positive feedback from Colchester and RHAM side
 - **Survey for Rookie Step-Up- Seth will work on this**
- Digital Raffle Next Year - Amy
 - Amy to report on progress
 - Rally Up (one online platform)
 - Need to pay for credit card fees
 - No platform fee
 - Other company - Zeffy (second online platform)
 - No credit card fees
 - Work on donations- how they keep the business going
 - CT Rules
 - Need to be followed
 - Colchester Rules
 - Reached out to the town - Need to submit a copy of a ticket
 - Does it need to be serialized?
 - Each player would get QR code to send out
 - This can be posted on social media, sent as email, sent as text
 - Looking for **Dec 31, 2024** to lock down which we are going to use
 - **Amy will set up a demo with the companies to see how each works- Angela and Seth will join**
 - **Danielle will talk with Amy about payment options**



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- Other topics?
 - **Memorial Day/Opening Day will have a committee-**
 - These committees will begin in January 2025
 - Some ideas for Memorial Day
 - T Mobile- Play Ball - Hazen will contact
 - Idea of Old Timers Game
 - Will look more into this

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

EOB - November 25, 2024 - Virtual @ 7:00 PM

General - December 9, 2024 - Abundant Life Church @ 7:00 PM

Adjourn Meeting: 8:33 pm

League Website - www.cbsl.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Hruska