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PO Box 114
Colchester CT 06415

January 8, 2024 – General Meeting Minutes 7:00 PM, Abundant Life Church

Call to Order: 7:05

Attendees: Samantha Van Zilen Karen Belding Andrew Perham Hazen Sturtevant Tim Crowell Seth Breitmaier Sean Zetervall Mark Simone John Carroll Nick Poirier Margo Gignac Bill Kristoff

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary on website

- President report (Karen)
 - Waiting on President meeting schedule from Park and Rec; Karen sent a note to Parks & Rec director (none on the website as of now)
 - No new info or meetings for district
- Treasurer's report (Danielle/Margo)
 - Transition progress update
 - Transitioning all signing authority at the bank; anticipate completion in the next 2 weeks
 - There are 2 authorized signatures - Pres & Treasurer; there is a league credit card (prefer checkbook; it's cleaner and saves fees)
 - Monthly account read-out
 - 2024 Budget - follow up, post final for EOB reference
- Website document itemization and review (Sam) - still on the "to do" list (target next EOB meeting)
- Softball/Baseball Directors (Nick/John)
 - Field/shed clean up / packing away
 - Karen emailed Joe Leone about batting cage nets (again)
 - Winter clinics update
 - Canceled Jan 7th clinic due to weather; 6 sessions completed
 - There's been a lot of growth in the player's skills
 - Goal: bring it closer to Colchester
 - Definitely could extend to softball; 90% of the skills are applicable
 - Softball: kids are involved in several other activities
 - Need a bigger space for 2024/25 winter season - interest from RHAM & East Hampton
 - Karen Would love to get a newsletter / social media / PR campaign re: winter clinic - Seth Breitmaier to take pictures and post to CBSL FB page
- Spring planning
 - Registration live - update (Matt P.)
 - Permits - Matt will submit JJIS for Cody Camp; Karen will submit to town



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- Registration Late fees begin Feb 2nd
- Chartering on Little League website - complete.
- Insurance payment - paid (updated insurance doc pending)
- Field concerns
 - Karen emailed Joe Leone about scoreboards (again)
- Permits or location and dates for assessments
 - Danielle - March 3rd and 10th are good to go for assessments at WJ. Both gyms 8 AM - 4PM. ****if not all the hours are needed, need to notify the school in advance so we don't get charged** - (ACTION: Danielle Bossie to find out date to release gyms if not needed)**
- Big red bat - Greg willing to run it again - board coordinator to partner? **Action:** Hazen Sturtevant willing to step in and shadow Greg this year
 - Seth Breitmaier will be the EOB face for BRB & will setup a board volunteer sheet so there's less scrambling the week of
- Continue church as meeting site for 2024? Grant a sponsorship in lieu of donation?
 - EOB agreed to continue w/ sponsorship in 2024 (t-ball team)
- Spring registration marketing plan
 - Hazen banner on his lawn & lawn signs around time; there are more H supports in the locker
 - Blast emails - info manager
 - Next one to go out will emphasize late fee;
 - Sean Zetervall will post on FB and repost to different town sites
 - Flyer - Miguel created and board chose selection - done
 - **Action: Amy to submit flyer for Parent Square **pending**** (look for it this week)
 - Ad in Rivereast - Margo Gignac - Tuesday is the deadline in the RiverEast - Margo will strive to get it in this week and run other weeks pending cost
 - **Action: Danielle to print and distribute flyer to Castle, C3, Co-op, Curley's & Enchanted Jungle (update TBD)**
 - **Action: Amy to check with Park and Rec about community event board on town green (update TBD) Action: Tim Crowell to find out where to get the wooden board**
 - **Action: Matt Parsons Maybe table at indoor winter soccer**
- Lay out full timeline
 - Brainstorm all activities to fit in - begin to slot on calendar
 - Close registration - Feb 2
 - Intro to coaching clinic- first week in Feb
 - Coach interviews - 3rd week in Feb
 - Coach training / clinics - last 1/2 of Feb



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- Assessments - March 3 and 10
- CPR training - end of March
- Safety Briefing - General meeting - March?
- Spring season start - indoor practices - after all training complete - end of March / beginning April? Permits for gyms drive this.
- Updated Little League training requirements
 - Need to create training instructions for coaches
 - Diamond training and Abuse Awareness training
- Other spring season related topics?
- Sponsorship strategy / prep - need anything?
 - Owner of RediRooter willing to donate Cody Camp port-o-potty
 - RediRooter looking to sponsor a couple teams too
 - Seth Breitmaier will ask if they want to also handle the R6 port o potty training
 - Port o potty lock this year (due to vandalism in 2023)

Open Forum - any items?

- Discussion around Major pilot program - coach training for last week of February 25th
- Week night training? Seth Breitmaier to work with Danielle Bossie for determining when permits might be available / Mark Simone to determine when the trainer is available
 - CES / JJIS cafeteria week night availability
 - Sunday Feb 25th

EOB note: see email about ByLaws and Constitution review. Be prepared for EOB meeting on January 22.

2024 Meeting schedule: (moved to 2nd and 4th Mondays in most months) General - January 8th

General - February 12th

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



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

General - December 9th

Adjourn Meeting: 9:55

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