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PO Box 114
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February 12, 2024 – General Meeting Agenda 7:00 PM, Abundant Life Church

Attendees: Samantha Van Zilen Andrew Perham Karen Belding Seth Breitmaier John Carroll
Tim Crowell Ed Peck Sean Zettervall Danielle Bossie Hazen Sturtevant Mark Simone
Nick Poirier Matt Parsons Amy Pfaffenbach Margo Gignac

Reggie Hill, James Bradow, John Dean, Brian Talarczyk, Katie Yu, Mike Kaiser

Call to Order: 7:03

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary on website

- President's Report
 - District Meeting - Feb 21, 7 pm, Willimantic Elks Club - John, Mark & Seth will attend
 - Discuss district golf tourney - May 18, 2024
 - District pays for tournament banners and other expenses the district covers
 - As a league we can help publicize in our community
 - **Action: Seth will post flyer on Facebook**
 - They may need volunteers to help run the tournament - no ask at this time
 - Board of Selectmen are creating an ad hoc committee to develop a field review and maintenance plan for all fields in the town (including the fiscal ramifications); request for CBSL volunteers to consider applying to help on that committee



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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

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

- Treasurer Report
 - \$19,085.85 - not counting registration
 - Inclusive of Sponsorships - \$7,750 collected
 - Financial aid committee has met - 7 players provided discount codes (all are paying for their uniforms at the very least); all asks have been reviewed and awarded as appropriate
 - Hazen has an outstanding invoice from Copies Plus for printing paper sponsorship forms
- Website document itemization and review (Sam)
 - Immediate updates needed:
 - Safety Plan - Tim C and who? - update board member phone numbers and titles
 - **Action: Sam to help Tim update the Safety Plan and Matt will upload the PDF**
 - Sponsor information



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- Emails have gone out and solid response over the past couple of weeks; reminders have been sent
- 4 new sponsors
- Reviewed existing banners from prior sponsors and noted what needs to be replaced
- Approved volunteer list
 - Reminder - anybody 18+ yrs old working with kids in any way must be an approved volunteer (background checks, etc.) - **must be done on the CBSL website - must be refreshed on an annual basis**
 - President is the ONLY one that views the background check info
 - Any concerns are flagged and discussed anonymously with the EOB
- SafeSport training - **Action: Matt Parsons to check if training for other leagues can be uploaded for CBSL**
- Baseball pilot proposal updates and actions (Mark)
 - Mark has asked Nick, Seth & Matt are helping - all divisions are represented (Rookies, Minors, Majors & director)
 - 2 dates (2 hours each) - April 3 & 4th ⇒ spring training / assessment
 - Likely to be @ 29/30 registered (3 of 10 is manageable)
 - There are a lot of dates important to the league -
 - **Action: need to get it all on a calendar and send to parents & volunteers (2 separate emails) within the next week; consider a Q&A session for parents**
- Bylaw/Constitution last steps - sign and submit (Committee) - signed by EOB members this evening
- Gear bag review (Ed)
 - All bags in storage has been reviewed
 - All equipped and ready to go
 - John Carroll reviewed softball bags
 - Some equipment needs to be replaced - everything is functional however it's aging
 - **Action: Ed Peck will price it all out and bring proposal to the EOB - decision to be made at a future meeting (list by division)**
 - \$1.250 dick's donation received for the year
 - Softball practice balls may need to be purchased
 - Softball sliding matt needs to be replaced
- Spring planning
 - Registration update

- Season Permits - Matt will submit JJIS (cody camp); Karen will submit to town (recplex)
- Chartering on Little League website - complete.
- Insurance payment - paid (updated insurance doc sent out)
- 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. (7:30 am - 6 pm custodial overtime)
- Big red bat - Greg willing to run it again/Seth board coordinator
- Confirmed with Pastor Brown continued use of church/sponsorship
- Spring registration marketing plan
 - Discuss emails related to banner on green
- Spring field permits - Karen setting up meeting with Tiffany/Joe per request from Tiffany
 - Perhaps making an attempt to allow "off season" sports to obtain field permits
- Lay out full timeline
 - Activities to fit in - slot on calendar
 - Close registration - Jan 31



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- Intro to coach - first week in Feb
 - When?
- Coach interviews - 3rd week in Feb
 - Confirming Feb 21/22 with church availability
 - @eob - all members need to sign up for coach interviews
 - 2/25 or 2/26 for coach discussion
- Coach training / clinics - last ½ of Feb
 - Offering online option - unsure if trainer can deliver content and still add value...
 - Recommendation:
- Assessments - March 3 and 10
- Drafts - week of March 13/14 (baseball just rookies & minors) / Softball - TBD
- Order uniforms - recommend continuing w/ MinuteMan this year; Seth will take lead on baseball orders
- CPR training - March 23rd (tentatively) 10 am - 1 pm - Karen to see if church is available
- Safety Briefing - General meeting - March 11th
- Spring season start - indoor practices - after all training complete - end of March / beginning April? Permits for gyms drive this.
- Pictures Sean Zettervall will take the lead w/ Bishop photo; raffle ticket turn in; open schedule to coaches to achieve higher team turn out
- Opening day - tentatively April 20th baseball & softball
 - First pitch - suggestions?
 - Tom Kessler (retiring bacon band director)
 - Bernie Dennler (new first selectman)
- Memorial day parade - May 26th
- Movie night - saturday May 18th / rain - May 25th
- Softball Uconn night - April 27th - tickets are \$5
- Updated Little League training requirements
 - Need to create training instructions for coaches
 - Diamond training and Abuse Awareness training
 - Only enforced for tournament coaches (for diamond)
 - Abuse awareness for ALL head coaches
 - **Action:** Hazen Sturtevant will draft "how to" doc
- Other spring season related topics:
 - Tournament teams announced as early as May 15th (tournament teams can start practicing as soon as they're announced)



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- Future agenda item: start discussing raffle items - want everything set by April 1st
- Coaching manual - almost done; will need a proofreader
 - **Action: Sam to proofread final manual**

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: 9:14

League Website - www.cbsl.org