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July 8, 2024 - General Meeting Minutes - 7:00 PM

Attendees: Samantha Van Zilen Karen Belding Andrew Perham Mark Simone Amy Pfaffenbach
Margo Gignac Matt Parsons Nick Poirier Hazen Sturtevant

Call to Order: 7:06

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary on website

- President's Report - no report
- Treasurer Report - not in attendance
 - When can we do a budget for spring?
 - What open expenses still expecting?
- Raffle (Amy)
 - Close out - prize distribution? all done (finished today)
 - Recommend continuing with Copies+ more in the future for tickets
 - Don't recommend Urban Air in the future; consider supercharged in the future
 - **Action:** Reimbursement needed for Samantha Van Zilen for urban air gift card
 - 4227 tickets sold
 - BRB - 298
 - Tball - 653
 - Rookie BB - 975
 - Minors BB - 617
 - Majors BB - 506
 - Juniors BB - 241
 - Rookie Softball - 439
 - Minors Softball - 290
 - Majors Softball - 208
- Storage unit project (Margo) - no update / Margo needs a key
 - **Action:** Margo needs a key / Seth Breitmaier will provide Friday
- Spring season
 - Surveys - want to send out tomorrow (if at all possible)
 - Majors -
 - All other divisions -
 - Closing out - what's left?
 - Umpires lessons learned (Nick) -
 - Issues in terms of no call / no show



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- Need to set policy for paying umps when games are canceled (50%?)
 - Communicate expectations with all HS umpires
 - Communication issues with canceled / rescheduled games with juniors
 - Formalize expectations in the coaching guide
 - Cody Camp scoreboard? (Nick) -
 - Maybe batteries? (~\$450 per battery)
 - Coaches code of conduct - minors (Nick)
 - Hearsay amongst coaches / no specific incident to point to
 - Other open discussion on season
- LL Tournament details
 - Debrief - all three teams
 - Softball - our field conditions were terrible
 - Open balance on 2 softball girls
 - Minors BB - matt to bullet out plan for how to make spring better (lessons learned from this year)
 - Majors BB -
 - 3 outstanding balances
 - 4 wins / 2 losses - shortstop went on vacation during tournament (family dynamic issues)
 - Kids had a good time & want to keep playing
 - How did hosting go this year?
 - Out of town - "Providing food" was the snack shack (leagues did not provide food except for our town) / inconsistent by division
 - Tipping umpires was inconsistent
 - Need to write thank yous for places that donated items
 - Majors has a list
 - Document a Tournament Philosophy for future years
 - Potential few games with Seth's contact (coaches): insurance, permits, details
 - Portland friendly games (post tournament)
 - Insured for the year
 - Permits: Town agreement RecPlex 3 fields as long as have a tournament team playing on the field; we will need to ask for an exception at the RecPlex
 - Determine the ask and Coordinate request
 - **Action:** Karen Belding to formally request field usage as requested for baseball (post tournament play & fall ball)
 - Need to coordinate with soccer (through summer)
 - Cody camp we're good through the summer



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- Fall ball discussion / prep
 - Rookie 'step-up': insurance, permits, details
 - Juniors / combine w/ RHAM (stafford springs, windsor)
 - Last year RHAM led registration because they had the majority (can they use Bacon?) **Action:** Hazen Sturtevant to validate RHAM connection, pricing and connect with Kevn @ Bacon
 - What else?
- Looking ahead: Board recruiting
 - List of board positions:
 - <https://www.cbsl.org/portals/52155/docs/cbsl%20eob%20role%20descriptions.pdf>
 - Need to update any positions?
 - **Action:** Margo Gignac Samantha Van Zilen - look at bylaws - figure out who's terms are ending and who is no longer working with the league
 - Pres - will be Seth/Karen will be MAL
 - Secretary
 - Andrew = MAL / Sean - Player Agent
 - Forming nominating committee
 - If interested - email the board or President (EOB@cbsl.org or President@cbsl.org)
- Combining general and EOB meetings (Nick) - off season? Is it possible?
 - Maybe reconsider under new leadership
 - Current position - we don't get through all the material during the year w/ the meetings that are scheduled
- Other topics?
 - **Action:** Nick Poirier will ask Joe (via email) about update for Cody Camp & R1 renovations to keep it top of mind (while the kids are out of school)
 - Water was turned off on R1 & R2 (Joe was able to get water running for us)
 - July EOB - canceled
 - Surveys to go out this week
 - Figure out Fall ball
 - Cody camp port a potty tipped (donation this year) / need through fall ball
 - Softball port a potty - can be removed at this time
 - Need lime and drying agent for next spring (Nick will hold off ordering until closer to spring so it's not subject to moisture)
 - R5 & R6 needs conditioner - should go through town materials plan (Nick will add to email)

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



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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: 9:30

League Website - www.cbsl.org