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PO Box 114
Colchester CT 06415

Sept 9, 2024 - General Meeting Minutes - 7:00 PM

Attendees:

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

Angela Hruska, Brian Talarczyk, Brian Roberson, James Bradow, Bill Kristoff, Michael Garon

Call to Order:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary on website

- **President's Report**
 - Upcoming: Sept Preside,nt's meeting Sept 9 - Matt Parson attending on behalf of CBSL
 - Aug 21: Karen and Seth presented at ad hoc recreation committee meeting on behalf of CBSL
 - Top Concerns from our league: field conditions, fencing, lighting
- **Treasurer Report**
 - Nothing new to report - rookie registration incoming
 - Balance ~40k (couple outstanding bills - ~\$5k including lights & player fee)
 - **Pending invoices:** Tournament team uniforms (outstanding) ~\$1900 (sent to Seth for review on Sept 9)
 - **Pending invoices:** Regular season uniforms ~\$2500
 - **Action Aug 12:** Mark Simone to send, in writing, to miguel what will be done for invoicing Update?
 - When can we do a budget for spring?
 - Target - complete review and present at October general meeting
 - **Action Aug 12:** Seth Breitmaier & Danielle Bossie to review later this month
- **Softball batting cage** (**Action Aug 12:** John Carroll to work with Nick Poirier to coordinate with town asking for support (include Tim & Joe - official request) – cc Karen Belding - Nick hasn't spoken w/ town yet)
 - R1 batting cage is still in use (if doing both at the same time - pick a date in November)
- **Storage unit project** (Margo) - no update (Margo needs key)
- **Sponsor plaques distributed** (thanks to all who helped with that)
- **Spring season survey results**
 - **Action Aug 12:** @everyone - to review the results that Seth sent and bring thoughts to the EOB meeting. Review for later in September.
 - Seth never sent the excel with the full questions



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○ **Action (September 9) - cover @ September EOB meeting**

- Fall ball updates
 - Fall step up – rookies - 2nd year rookie to minors (skills)
 - Thanks to mark for helping shape the agenda
 - Thanks to Danielle for providing feedback from those who attended
 - NOTE: R1 announcer's booth is packed with materials from the Rookie Clinic (Seth will ensure it gets put away after the clinics are over)
 - Junior level - combo with RHAM
 - Some confusion about who rec'd fall ball email
 - Email never was sent to Juniors players –
 - Registrations based on Majors who stepped up, and word of mouth
 - 6 from Colchester; 8 RHAM players
 - Minor/Majors - diverting a few player sign ups to RHAM
- Board recruiting
 - List of board positions:
 - <https://www.cbsl.org/portals/52155/docs/cbsl%20eob%20role%20descriptions.pdf>
 - Need to update any positions?
 - **Action Aug 12: Add bullet to Secretary: post meeting minutes to the CBSL website & Send blast emails**
 - Nominating committee updates
 - Updates since last meeting; introduction of any interested parties in attendance
 - Prior updates:
 - President - Seth Breitmaier
 - Secretary - Angela Hruska
 - BB Director - Matt Parsons
 - Equipment Manager - John Naples (not in attendance)
 - MAL:
 - MAL: Brian Roberson
 - MAL: Candace Michaud (softball - uniform support, communications)
 - MAL: Adam Michaud
 - MAL: Nick Poirier (1 year MAL)
 - MAL: Arnold Ewing (willing to help out anywhere however not raffle)
 - Info Director & Vice President positions may become available in October
 - Suggestion - Amy - info Director
 - **Action Aug 12: John Carroll to document needs for softball (help w/ the division and represent softball on the EOB)**



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- Ballot to be prepared after September General meeting (Sept 9) and nominations close
- **Action:** Samantha Van Zilen to prepare ballots for October general meeting
- **Action:** Samantha Van Zilen to finalize list of eligible voters per bylaws & inform anyone not on the board when voting will happen & that they are eligible to vote
- Revisit - compensation for board members after drafting / sending recruitment emails –
 - Recommend deferring to the next Board to make the decision
 - Discussion to take place at a future EOB meeting
- Other topics?
 - All sponsor banners are down
 - Cody Camp needs a LOT more attention than it's been getting (field maintenance)
 - Was raised to the rec commission
 - Communication around field work (when it starts, when it ends, off season work)
 - Juniors are scrambling to find a home field (RHAM middle school is not available)
 - Matt Parsons will check on the permit tomorrow
 - District - pushing for a better scheduling process
 - Farmer's Market for volunteers - end Sept/first of October 6 (9-1) -
 - Recommend Table for next year's farmer's market - it feels too late to do it this year
 - Is there a plan to share feedback based on surveys?
 - EOB will review the survey results and next steps at the Sept EOB meeting.
 - Registration - we opened last year in November...need to start planning dates for Spring registration.
 - **Action:** Matt Parsons & Seth Breitmaier to draft out a calendar and bring to EOB meeting (anybody interested in helping to take a close look at the calendar, send Seth an email) John Carroll
 - **Action:** Matt Parsons to check with Tiffany (Parks & Rec) on the status of putting banner on the green to promote registration
 - In-ground hornets nest on R1 (found while taking down banners) - soccer also informed, Tim infomed
 - **Action:** Need a uniform RFP (end of October / early Nov) so we can select winner in January Seth Breitmaier to work with Hazen Sturtevant

If anybody has any historical RFP used by the league to start from, please send it to Seth Breitmaier



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

General - September 9th

General - October 14th

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

General - December 9th

Adjourn Meeting: 8:11 pm

League Website - www.cbsl.org