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December 9, 2024 General Meeting Agenda 7:00 PM / Abundant Life Church

Call to Order: 7:04 PM

Attendance: Seth Breitmaier, Ben Cote, Trevor Reid, Chris Johnson, John Naples, John Carroll, Reggie Hill, Amy Pfaffenbach, Karen Belding, Angela Hruska, Matt Parsons, Mark Simone, Arnold Ewings, Nick Poirier, Adam Michaud, Hazen Sturtevant, Bill Kristoff, Brian Talarczyk

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary on website

Meeting Topics:

- President's Report
 - Town Meeting
 - Cody Camp
 - Seth Spoke with Joe Leone regarding the path moving forward for getting work done at Cody Camp
 - There are two landscaping companies who want to donate work- at this time we are not sure of scope of the work
 - Seth, Hazen, Nick will meet Wednesday 12/11/24 at 3:00 with Joe, 2 landscapers and potentially Bernie Denler to talk about a possible plan (Potential to do all of the fields- contractor is now willing to do a few fields - what other work could get done)
 - In the past it has been difficult to get significant overhaul work, but this could be possibly changing in the future
 - Abuse Awareness and Background Checks (Attachment 1)
 - All board members must complete this
 - Abuse Awareness- 10 out of 17 members have completed
 - Background Check- 10 out of 17 members have completed
 - ½ done means that you are all set as a board member, Seth will take care of the rest
 - Banner Issue with Town
 - We had an opportunity to put the banner up for a small window, due to the type of banner (grommet kind) the banner was not able to be hung on the green.
 - This issue will be resolved before it needs to be hung next year.



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- Treasurer Report
 - Account Balances (Checking, Money Market and CD)
 - Money Market \$25,747.64
 - CD \$ 41,448.50
 - Checking \$30,289.56
 - Registration money transferred into the accounts once per month from Sombrero
 - Question for Danielle Bossie - When is the CD up (how many months was this done for)
 - Resolution of the Winter Clinic Registration Money
 - There is a delay from when the money is transferred from Sombrero on the website to the bank account
- Governance Document Update Committee
 - Constitution - Rejected by Little League - updating the constitution is a priority at this time
 - Seth continues to work on this, the template is much different
 - We will need to see which items need to move from the constitution to the bylaws
 - Umpire In Charge, Coaching Coordinator- Board positions listed on the Little League - can we run without these or do we need these positions filled?
 - Seth will check with these questions at the district meeting
 - Bylaw Update
 - Tournament Team Update
 - Attempt to vote for final documents in the January EOB Meeting
- Permits
 - Fields - Seth will get this done in February/March (according to Tiffany)
 - School - Matt
 - Has submitted them. Matt will remind Mary at the schools that these have been sent
 - Apr 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024 at Cody Field
- Hartford Yard Goats Night - Booked for July 19th
 - CBSL will hold the flag during the National Anthem
 - Seats are behind Yard Goats dugout
 - Cost for tickets
 - League pays \$16 per ticket. We currently have 200 tickets (can sell back 20% if not sold)
 - *When selling the tickets include the date for when we need the final ticket order. Also find out if tickets can be transferred if they are not able to be used that day.
 - Proposal sell the tickets for \$20

- Information from Mark Simone re: Majors Program
 - As a result of the feedback from Majors program, we will return to having tryouts and drafts for the Majors program
 - We will no longer have a pilot team
 - Divisions will be split evenly
 - There will be no intermediate division (ages 11-13)
- Clarification Email (Attachment 2) re: Majors Program
 - This will be sent out to all of CBSL
- Board Positions (Seth will be checking at District Meeting re: the positions)
 - Umpire In Charge
 - In relation to new constitution
 - Will check with district on this
 - Coaching Coordinator
 - In relation to new constitution
 - Will check with district on this
 - Softball Needs - John Carroll is still working on this
- Field and Shed clean up / shut down
 - Batting Cages
 - R1 - Still Up (Town takes care of this) - Nick will touch base with the town
 - R5 - Completed
 - Cody - Completed
 - Sheds
 - R1 Upper - Completed
 - R1 Lower - Not completed yet



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- R2 Large - Not completed yet
- R2 Small - Not completed yet
- R4 - Completed
- R5 - Completed
- R6 - Completed
- Cody - Completed
- Items to add to our Annual Wishlist - Lyme Cart
- Seth will meet with John Naples to get these carts picked up
- Storage Unit Project
 - Completed - Kudos to John Naples. Thank you John!
 - The remaining locker is now cleaned out.
 - Money back for cost of storage unit for December- unsure if this will be reimbursed or not. John Naples will call to confirm that we are out of that locker. All keys are returned.
 - Remaining equipment and uniform Items will be offered at assessments. Whatever is left after assessments will be donated or disposed of.
- Uniform Updates
 - Two of the expected three bids have been provided.
 - These are single season bids for the uniforms.
 - Preliminary results are good.
 - Both bidders offered options that are within cost and of better quality than previous years.
 - We're going to push for the third bid between now and the January General Meeting.
 - Softball update on visors
 - Softball will continue to discuss this
- Merchandise
 - Hazen got information on improved sweatshirt order
 - The cost would be \$2810 for 100 sweatshirts for this order
 - 15 small, 25 medium, 30 large, 25 extra large, 5 double extra large (double xl is \$2 more)
 - \$28 is the cost/shirt for CBSL
 - \$35 will be the selling price/shirt
 - This company is the one who we used last year and had the bid from last year
 - Before placing an order, Hazen/Seth get two more bidders for the sweatshirts
- Bids for uniforms are also coming back with information about how their company can also do merchandise



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- Merchandise will continue to be discussed as we choose a company for uniforms- many companies that offer uniforms are also providing information for cost of merchandise through their company. We will revisit this conversation.
- Sponsorship Update
 - 17 out of 30 teams are already filled
 - Sponsorship form will get posted on the website
 - Sponsorship collected as of today \$5,125.00
- Digital Raffle Next Year
 - Amy to report on progress
 - Rally Up (Online option)
 - Multiple options for sports programs
 - Fees for using platform: 6.9% if you do not include the tips donation from those purchasing tickets
 - Additional feeds: credit card processing fee and a \$0.30 fee per transaction (taken off ticket price)
 - Link or QR code to buy tickets
 - Zeffy (Online option)
 - We get 100% of sale
 - Company will send email reminders
 - There will be a link on website
 - 100% free so they ask for a 17% donation (.85 on each \$5 ticket)
 - Person purchasing ticket can give the donation if they choose, but do not need to do the donation portion
 - Link or QR code to buy tickets
 - CT Rules for raffle:
 - Whatever your town puts into place
 - Colchester Rules:
 - Amy has already talked to the town
 - You must fill out the form- get approved by the town
 - Provide the ticket
 - Ensure that certain items need to be on each ticket
 - After the raffle is completed, provide the information to the town.
 - There are no live demonstrations to view on these websites, there are videos to watch
 - Amy will make a 3 choice spreadsheet detailing the three options for the raffle:
 - Paper
 - Rally Up
 - Zeffy
 - Show the side by side comparisons for the January meeting



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- Other topics
 - There was a donation of practice balls (minors and up baseball balls)
 - Umpire Trainings
 - Nick, Matt, and John Carroll will meet to discuss this and share out at next meeting.
 - June Anniversary of Colchester Little League Baseball will continue this discussion at a later time

Meeting Adjourned: 8:13 pm

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

EOB - December 23, 2024 - Virtual @ 7:00 PM - **Meeting Cancelled (unanimous vote)**

General - January 13, 2025 - Abundant Life Church @ 7:00 PM

League Website - www.cbsl.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Hruska

Attachment 1 - EOB Requirements



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Position	Name	Abuse Training	Background Check
President	Seth Breitmaier	Done	Half Done
Vice President	Nick Poirier	Done	
Treasurer	Danielle Bossie	Done	
Secretary	Angela Hruska	Done	Half Done
BB Director	Matt Parsons	Done	Half Done
SB Director	John Carroll	Done	Half Done
Player Agent	Sean Zettervall	Done	Half Done
Safety Officer	Tim Crowell		
Equipment Manager	John Naples	Done	Half Done
Information Manager	Amy Pfaffenbach		Half Done
MAL 1	Hazen Sturtevant	Done	Half done
MAL 2	Kyle Calash	Done	Half Done
MAL 3	Karen Belding		Half Done
MAL 4	Adam Michaud		
MAL 5	Mark Simone		
MAL 6	Arnold Ewings		
MAL 7	Brian Roberson		



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Attachment 2 - Email to League

Hi CBSL Community,

We hope this finds you well. Last year, the league ran a pilot program in the Baseball Majors Division. The program tested many concepts (e.g., improved uniforms, division practices, Sunday morning wake and rakes, a pilot team, etc.). Many elements of the pilot program were successful and are being reviewed as part of the leagues competition committee. One element of the program that will be retired this year is the pilot team concept. With respect to team composition, the league will revert back to the way the league was operated previously. **Next season, all teams will be divided equally according to player skill level.** Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Best,

CBSL