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January 13, 2025 - General Meeting Agenda - 7:00 PM / Abundant Life Church

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary on website

Attendance: Seth Breitmaier, Amy Pfaffenbach, Mark Simone, Angela Hruska, Hazen Sturtevant, Karen Belding, Tim Crowell, Kyle Calash, Arnold Ewings, Danielle Bossie, Nick Poirier, Reggie Hill, Brian Talarczyk, John Carroll, Sean Zettervall, Bill Kristoff, Adam Michaud, Bacon Coach- Roger Moyer

Meeting Topics

- **President's Report**
 - Ad Hoc Meeting Updates
 - Work on preparing the meeting for BOS with three tiers for field needs for the town. First tier was Bacon, last two tiers include broader fields including Rec Plex. Looking to see what the needs of the fields are.
 - Meeting will be on Wednesday with BOS meeting on Thursday
 - Banner
 - Banner will go up on the green for the last two weeks of registration
 - Thank you Hazen for delivering
 - January 16th BOS Meeting
 - Liberty Landscaping will present a plan for overhauling Cody Camp
 - CBSL has the message to share at the meeting regarding this. The message has been shared with EOB regarding the fields at Cody Camp
 - Insurance
 - New Insurance started on the first of the year
 - Policy is on the shared drive
 - State Filing
 - Filing has been completed for this year
 - Required Training
 - See Attachment 1 below for members who still need to complete the trainings
- **Treasurer Report**
 - Account Balances (Checking, Money Market and CD)
 - Checking- 35,671.97
 - Money Market- 25,749.85
 - CD- No change
- **Competition Committee Presentation**



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- Mark and Hazen presented on the competition committee's process, findings and recommendations
- Link for Presentation [Competition Committee Presentation](#)
 - Please refer to the presentation.
 - *Notes have been taken on specific slides in the presentation for further explanation. The notes below are a summary of those slides.*
 - Notes for Coaching slide:
 - Coaching is an area to improve on and to help improve the league for kids
 - Tools for helping to get our coaching stronger and stronger
 - Dominate the Diamond- online training for all coaches at all levels, has a game plan for the entire season, practice plans, line ups, drills, etc.
 - There are videos with weekly updates
 - For references:
 - Cost for this program \$97/coach, there are also add ons for different drills and skills for \$84/coach
 - For up to 50 coaches we can get the same program for \$1900 for baseball and softball
 - This will give the coaches a game plan for the entire season
 - This would carry over from year to year as well
 - Everyone on our coaching team would be on the same page per division
 - Information for teaching each position as well
 - *There are other free sites, but the videos are more introductory videos
 - Peer to peer training- having all coaches feel comfortable and that they have the help that they need.
 - Midseason review with each division coordinator- will help check in with the coaches in each division to see what each team needs, how the coaches can help
 - Parental Engagement Slide Notes:
 - Looking to promote and market CBSL
 - Getting more things out on our social media platforms
 - Want to get into highlight reporting (highlights from the game) - get information and stats into the newspaper either in the Rivereast and/or social media
 - Game of the week- promoting the games each week
 - Gamechanger
 - Helpful in keeping stats for game



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- Can use to set up a line up
 - Keeping score
 - Pitch counts
 - Sportsconnect ties into Gamechanger
 - Will need to push volunteering / game engagement so that someone can do this throughout the game
 - *Being used by many towns in our district
- Connecting with local college teams- softball side has used UCONN, also have a connection with the Mystic Schooners, have had talks with UNH as well
- Assistant coaches attending drafts
 - Positive for the league and the teams
- Messaging tournament team tryouts - Minors, Majors, possibly Juniors will be announced around May 15.
 - There will be a tournament team put together.
 - The information will be shared ahead of time.
 - It is important to know that this is happening this summer and to give families the heads up.
- **Player/Technical Skills Development Slide Notes**
 - Wake and Rake- all hitting practice on Sunday morning from (7-8 am)
 - Divisional practices- continue this with majors and minors
 - Add - Sunday Morning pitching and catching practice (8-9 am)
 - There will be 3 divisional practices before seasons starts at Wide World
- **Programming / Schedule Notes**
 - Will be changes at district- looking to get more people at district boards
 - Work with district to schedule games on Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday (will allow for division practices, make up games, Saturday nights)
 - Memorial day- continue skills competition (6 skill competition, 3 sportsmanship award), clarification of Home Run Derby (12 year old)
 - Juniors' external tournament- take a little league team and play in other tournaments outside of the season- explore this possibility (will need to be researched)
 - May 15th - announce tournament team, have both majors and minors ready
 - After May 15th have practices, out of district games, scrimmages to get ready for the tournament team
 - All Star selection - play Memorial Day weekend game. Give the coaches selection criteria



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- February assessments for majors and minors baseball and softball at Wide World of Sports
- Equipment/ Uniforms
 - Mounds on R1 Project- would require partnership with town to extend the batting cage to put a mound in there. Give more work during practice and be able to warm up before games.
 - PitchCom- approved by LL communication between pitcher and catcher
 - Catchers equipment- continue to look at equipment that the catchers can use that fits them
 - Quality uniforms
- Next Steps
 - **E-Board will vote on recommendations**
 - **Enacted recommendations to be shared via communication week of 1/27**
 - **Team leads/E-board assigned to complete tasks**
- Share cost of some of the recommendations so that EOB board has this when making the decision at EOB meeting- Hazen and Mark
- Questions:
 - In regards to coaching training online platform.
 - How would information be presented? When would this be shared?
 - Would want to vote on this at the next EOB meeting before coaches interviews happen.
 - Make sure someone is there that can be there to help with the Tech Support
- Uniform Bids
 - Seth and Hazen presented the uniform options
 - Table was reviewed with prices and breakdown of each item
 - Recommendation from Seth and Hazen- Vendor 2 (option 1 or 2 depending on if Softball wants visors)
 - Vendor 1- was \$800 more than we budgeted
 - Vendor 2- both options have dye sublimation jerseys, slightly better sock, pants with belt loops, belts, hats and visors
 - \$12 under budget
 - Vendor 2 Option 2 removes the visors
 - Samples were available
 - Cost, quality, and schedule can be met with both vendors
 - Motion Made by Adam, Second By Tim to approve Vendor 2 Option 1
 - Yes-13



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- No-0
- Abstain- 1
- Governance Document Update Committee - **Will Hold for EOB meeting**
 - Goal is to keep the constitution aligned with the template. The operating preferences were kept the same.
 - Some sections were not in the new template, but can be moved over to the bylaws.
 - **EOB please review the Constitution Draft before the next meeting.**
 - Next Steps
- Coaches Interviews of Head Coaches
 - Coaches interviews will be held on February 11 and 12
 - There will be 3 teams to interview coaches for 15 minutes each 5-8 pm
 - We will set expectations early on for coaching- setting the expectations for the needs of the league will help to set the tone early
 - **Sean will produce produce a sign up sheet, a schedule, and interview sheets**
- Current Coaches Signed Up:
 - BRB - Greg
 - Tee Ball - 4
 - BB Rookies - 4
 - BB Minor - 4
 - BB Majors - 0
 - BB Juniors - 1
 - SB Rookies - 1
 - SB Minor - 3
 - SB Major - 1
 - SB Junior - 1
- Registration Update
 - Current Registration Numbers
 - Registration number updates- will send another reminder one week out, and then a few days before late fee
 - List will be shared so that people can reach out to individuals who are not currently registered who we know played last year
 - **Check with Matt No late fees for Junior/Seniors**
 - **No waitlist for Junior / Senior**
 - *We will need to communicate to Juniors/Seniors families to explain the wait list, and that they can come to assessments even if they are trying out for high school teams
 - **Hazen will reach out to uniform vendor for deadline dates so we can ensure that any players for Junior/Seniors who may not make the high school team have uniform order**
 - **Danielle will send a message so that the registration information can get posted on ParentSquare**
 - **Dick's Sporting Goods Family Coupon- 20% off weekend of March 7th- will need to get this out to families**



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Division Name ▾	Division Enrollments ▾
BB Tee Ball (5 & 6)	29
BB Rookies (7 & 8)	21
BB Minors (9 & 10)	20
BB Majors (11 & 12)	9
BB Juniors (13-16)	4
Big Red Bat	5

Division Name ▾	Division Enrollments ▾
Softball Minors (...)	7
Softball Majors (1...	3
Softball Senior/J...	4
Softball Rookies ...	7

- Merchandise
 - Improved sweatshirt order
 - Proposed to order adult size sweatshirts- 15 small, 25 medium, 30 large, 25 extra large, 5 double extra large (Heather gray color sweatshirt)
 - \$35 will be the selling price/shirt
 - Hazen made the motion to vote on approving the above sweatshirt order at the numbers proposed with sizes above for \$2600.
 - Tim seconded the motion.
 - Yes- 13
 - No- 0
 - Abstain- 1
 - Motion passed
- Sponsorship Update
 - Hazen provided update 21 sponsors are currently signed up
 - There are a few sponsors who have more than one team
 - Fundraising Night a Jersey Mikes
 - February 4th 20% of total sales of in store orders will go to CBSL
 - We can have a table there with logos, magnets, merchandise
 - We will advertise this on our Social Media
 - Jersey Mike's will advertise this on their social media
- Equipment Plan
 - John and Nick will talk to discuss this
 - Tim- Safety plan due March 1 for league will talk with Seth on this
 - Inventory needs to be done by the end of February.
 - Order for new equipment and materials needed in early to mid March.
- Future Committees



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- Feature Game of the Week
 - Please see the Charter
 - There will be 4-5 people on the Committee (Arnold, Angela, Kyle, Adam, Seth)
 - Will line things up in advance so that they are on the schedule and have time to plan ahead of the event
 - Will work on firming up the committee at the next meeting
- Opening Day Committee
 - Small group of people to plan opening day
 - Will discuss this at the next meeting
 - Softball and baseball together
- Diamond Jubilee
 - 75th anniversary of the league
 - Think of a way to recognize this
 - Will need to connect with the Lions Club
 - Will look to get a small committee to work on this
 - Arnold will contact the Lions Club
- Digital Raffle Next Year
 - Next Steps
 - Information on each platform- traditional way with other two options
 - Amy will create a side by side comparison for next meeting
- Brain Roberson Vote
 - Was voted in as a MAL
 - Brian had hoped to have a bigger role, but won't be able to do so
 - Vote to remove him as a board member
 - Adam made motion. Hazen second the motion
 - Yes- 14
 - No - 0
 - Abstain - 0
- Other topics:
 - Adam and John Carroll will connect regarding the proposals that Adam had shared via email - work to discuss this and pitch to board at the next meeting. Bring UCONN information to next meeting as well for a vote
 - UCONN Night for Softballs April 27th- will get information on game/cost/information
 - Bacon coach will share information with players regarding umpires



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2025 Meeting schedule: (2nd and 4th Mondays in most months)

EOB - January 27, 2025 - Virtual @ 7:00 PM

General - February 10, 2025 - Abundant Life Church @ 7:00 PM - **Seth would like to move this to Feb. 3rd.**

Adjourn Meeting: 9:02

League Website - www.cbsl.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Hruska



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Attachment 1 - EOB Requirements

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