



CBSL **Colchester Baseball & Softball League**

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PO Box 114
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April 9, 2025 - General Meeting Minutes- 7:00 PM / Abundant Life Church

Attendance: Seth Breitmaier , Angela Hruska , Mike Kaiser, Joel Fulsang, Joshua Zales, Hazen Sturtevant, Sean Lowe, John Naples, Nick Poirier , Matt Parsons , Mark Simone , Tim Crowell , Mike Chachakis

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary on website

Meeting Topics

- President's Report
 - Town's President Meeting
 - Meeting was on 4/8/25
 - At this meeting the final recommendations were given from the Ad Hoc Committee including mens and womens softball as well as lacrosse
 - Recommendations that will made to the Board of Selectmen
 - Better use of scheduling tools with the Park and Rec and the School
 - Continue to share the information relative to maintenance and progress of the fields
 - Cody Camp
 - Renovations will happen after season - donation of field work will still happen in Fall/Spring
 - Email to the First Selectman and Public Works was sent this morning. Weather has been an issue. Communication has been good with the town.
 - We can donate landscape work if this is possible. Will know by Friday/Monday any updates if there needs to be help with this project.
 - Colchester Garden Club will help with some of the garden beds
 - Redi Rooter LLC to donate toilet- will have toilet down there for Friday, April 18, 2025
 - New Bases
 - Provided by the town.
 - They have bases in reserve and will swap out what is needed.
 - New PA System Installed
 - Installed on R1 and has been tested
 - Required Training (**Board Members please look at this and complete ASAP**)
- Treasurer Report
 - Account Balances (Checking, Money Market and CD) -



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- Checking \$69,233.69
 - Money Market \$25,754.01
 - CD's \$14,459.64
 - Amounts as of 3/24/25
 - Financial Aid Update (Total in Financial Aid) - Danielle will update
- Governance Document Update Committee
 - Constitution Submitted on February 28th - Waiting on approval
 - Next Steps
 - Bylaw Update once the constitution is approved.
- Registration Numbers
 - All divisions are closed except tee-ball and BRB
 - Players that registered from out of town.
 - Groton Players
 - Seth reached out to Groton Little League. Their president did not want to sign the waiver, there is a program for them to play with in their town.
Those players will not play in Colchester.
 - 2 RHAM players will play on the Juniors team as it is a combined team.
 - There is one player that lives in Norwich, but goes to Bacon so is eligible. There are a few players without Colchester address as one of their parents has a different address, but they do attend Colchester schools and reside in Colchester as well
- Competition Committee Follow-Ups
 - Tournament Team - March provide update
 - Setting Expectations, including consistency across the entire league
 - Selecting the Coaches
 - Tryout Process
 - Selection Process
 - Practices schedule during the season
 - Practices schedule after the season
 - Due Date by Apr 9, 2025 - This work will continue
 - Plan Update - (Mark, John C, Matt, Nick, Sean)
- Once decisions have been made: Will send out an email how we will select teams, coaches, what practices will look like, expectation for being on the team
 - Looking to align softball and baseball guidelines for the tournament teams
 - This will be further discussed with Matt, Mark, and Seth
- Uniform Follow-up
 - Everything is in minus the hats (pants, belts, socks)



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- Hats scheduled to be shipped on 4/14
- Head Coaches will get a sheet with roster. The names will be listed with a specific order for handing out uniforms.
 - Uniforms will be passed out according to the list.
- Merchandise
 - Online Merch Store is live
 - Coaches can match up with their team uniform
 - Teams will be listed on the website so orders can match up with team colors
 - Sweatshirts, T-shirts, hats, arm sleeves (with 75th anniversary logo)
 - Will bring what we have on hand to Opening Day hats, magnets, t-shirts, sweatshirts
 - There will be a store tab on the CBSL website
- Sponsorship Update
 - Banners up at R1- 55 in total
 - Just over \$18,000 in sponsorships this year
 - 9 new sponsors this year
 - Thank you to Hazen for all of his work on this
- Equipment
 - Order status - John
 - Bags have been passed out to teams
 - Will need a small order in a few weeks for tournament balls - looking to place order by next week
 - There will be an official turn in process for equipment. Inventory will taken at the end of the season so it is ready for next year
 - Please see image below for the type of baseballs used in each division



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JR (13-15)	MFG	Ball UID#
Practice	AD Starr	AD 200 SL
Game	Diamond	DSLL-1
Tournament	Diamond	DSLL
Majors (11/12)	MFG	Ball UID#
Practice	AD Starr	AD 100 LL
Game	Diamond	DLL-1
Tournament	Diamond	DLL
Minors (9/10)	MFG	Ball UID#
Practice	AD Starr	AD 100 LL
Game	AD Starr	AD 100 LL
Tournament	AD Starr	AD 100 LL-XL
Rookies (7/8)	MFG	Ball UID#
Practice	AD Starr	Starr - 5
Game	AD Starr	Starr - 5
Tournament	AD Starr	Starr - 5
Tee Ball (5/6)	MFG	Ball UID#
Practice	AD Starr	Starr-1
Game	AD Starr	Starr-1

- Raffle Program Update
 - Will be using an online platform this year.
 - Prize list was distributed and reviewed.
 - Will continue with getting permits, submitting prize list
 - Raffle Prizes:
 - Main Raffle Prizes and Kids' Prizes were shared
 - Net amount for proposal of prizes is very similar to last year
 - Motion to approve prize list as presented: Matt Parsons second Hazen Sturtevant
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 8
 - No: 0
 - Abstention: 0
 - Motion passes unanimously. Motion carried.
- Committees Reports
 - Feature Game Committee - Seth
 - A few changes in the game schedule will be made
 - Head coaches will be giving information on players for the game



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- Will have trivia in between innings
- Coordination will occur with concession stand vendor
- Opening Day Committee - Nick
 - Tim Angell will throw out the first pitch for baseball
 - Officer Rob S. will throw out the first softball pitch.
 - National anthem singer is secured
 - Oz n Bones will let us know by the end of the week if they can be at Opening Day or not
 - If Oz n Bones says no, we need to first contact Mel to see next steps.
 - Mel's will have coupons for players that day for a treat that day as well as a coupon. Baseball cards will also be given out.
 - Coaches will get boxes and then can pass out to their team
 - Arnold will be the MC for event
 - Seth will also speak at the event
 - First game starts at 11:00
 - Blast email to go out- time for players, where players will line up. Will start assembling at 9:45 to begin ceremony at 10:00
- Other topics:
 - Items for Voting:
 - Pitching Machine
 - Need for a pitching machine
 - Same machine that was purchased 2 years ago for Minors
 - Cost of machine: \$1950
 - Motion to approve pitching machine: Matt made a motion to purchase a pitching machine. Hazen second the motion.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 8
 - No: 0
 - Abstention: 0
 - Motion passes unanimously. Motion carried.
 - Reimbursement rates for umpires
 - Proposal
 - JR \$80 behind the plate/\$50 bases
 - Major \$70 behind the plate/\$40 bases
 - Minor \$60
 - Motion to adopt reimbursement rates for umpires as proposed made by John Naples. Second by Matt Parsons.
 - Vote:



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- Yes: 8
 - No: 0
 - Abstain:0
 - Motion passes unanimously. Motion carried.
- GameChanger
 - Email will be sent to Head Coaches asking them to reach out to their teams and use GameChanger as means of communication
 - Email will also be sent to families
 - Show how to download app
 - Log in with your email
 - All information is on Game Changer
 - Game Changer will be used as the form of communication
- All schedules are posted with the exception of Juniors Softball that Amy is working on
- All Star Game
 - Will need to order medallions - Minors coaches will discuss what needs to be ordered
 - Majors- home run champion and all skills will get medal
 - End of season champions 1st and 2nd place will get trophies
 - Angela will work with Matt/Seth and Mark to get order for Mr. Trophy
- Tournament Team Discussion will continue to include Minors, Majors, and Rookies for Baseball
- Need to talk with Softball side regarding tournament team as well

***Photos- add to EOB agenda to discuss outside team picture option**

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

EOB Meeting - April 28, 2025 - 7:00 PM Virtually

General Meeting - May 12, 2025 - 7:00 PM Abundant Life Church

Adjourn Meeting: Matt Parsons moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm, seconded by John Naples. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

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	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		Done
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	Done
MAL 5	Mark Simone	Done	Done
MAL 6	Arnold Ewings	Done	Done
MAL 7			