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CBSL PO Box 114 Colchester CT 06415

November 3, 2025 - General Meeting Minutes

Attendance: BOD Members Present: Seth Breitmaier, Arnold Ewings, Angela Hruska, Kyle Calash, Gordon Peckham, Chris Johnson, John Naples, Amy Pfaffenbach, Matt Parsons, Sean Zettervall

Additional Attendees: Reggie Hill, Buddy Hruska, Mike Kaiser, Hazen Sturtevant

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary on website

Meeting Topics

- President's Report
 - Meeting with New Supervisor
 - The meeting will be on November 21st
 - We are looking to build a relationship with Tucker the new supervisor
 - He is certified in pesticides and herbicides
 - District President's Meeting- November 20th
 - District Travel Program Pitch
 - This is as defined in the Little League handbook. There are travel teams allowed within the district. There are tryouts for the players to be able to play.
 - This needs to be run at the district level
 - Only need four towns including Colchester (Teams can be for Softball and Baseball Minors and Majors)
 - The goal would be to have your best 12 available players together for Sunday Games. These players must also play in the Spring Season for Little League.
 - Assessment and selection will be done during Spring Season
 - This would have a separate tryout. This is separate from the Tournament Team.
 - Games start as soon as fields are available. About six weeks mid April through May (would want to stop at the end of May when tournament team practices begin).
 - This would get these kids playing more competitive baseball and softball
 - Practice Time reserved for Wednesday at 6:30





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- Will Start playing games in mid-April and will continue to play games through the end of May.
 - o Schedule
 - Week 1 Team 1 vs. Team 2; Team 3 vs. Team 4
 - Week 2 Team 1 vs. Team 3; Team 2 vs. Team 4
 - Week 3 Team 1 vs. Team 4; Team 2 vs. Team 3
 - Week 4 Team 1 vs. Team 2; Team 3 vs. Team 4
 - Week 5 Team 1 vs. Team 3; Team 2 vs. Team 4
 - Week 6 Team 1 vs. Team 4; Team 2 vs. Team 3
 - Seth is looking to get this in writing so when he presents it at the District meeting it is clear and the other towns in the district can see and hear about it
- Treasurer's Report- Danielle will update the numbers
 - Financial report for the league
 - Account Balances (Checking, Money Market and CD)
 - CDs-\$41,483.04
 - Money Market- 25,769.11
 - Checking -\$3,272.45
 - Additional Items
 - Wooster Lodge 10 sent sponsor check needs to be cashed
- Registration Stuff
 - Registration is live and players are already beginning to register
 - Late fee starts on February 1, 2026
 - o Proposals:
 - Baseball Allow all 6 year old boys to play in Rookies, pending a successful tryout and availability. - John
 - If a player has played a year of teeball and they are 6 years old they can tryout with the Rookies
 - They can play as a Rookie pending the assessment and coach availability (filling in teams)
 - We are looking to increase the competition and improve some rules in Rookies to help with player development
 - If at the assessment you are not ready, then you would not move up
 - There will be a way to designate who these players are during the assessments
 - Items to be aware of:
 - Would need to look at this in the system and how we will logistically do this with the fees





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- There is also an option to have this as a waitlist
- Motion made to allow 6 year old boys in teeball to come to the assessments and try out for Rookies.
 - Motion made by John Naples Second by Chris Johnson
 - Motion passes unanimously as presented.
- Softball Sean
 - This would allow all league age 8 year old girls to play in Softball Minors
 - Having the 8 year olds in Rookies takes away opportunities for Softball players in regards to the Tournament Team
 - To play in a Minors Tournament Team you need to be 8, 9, 10 and have played the 12 games
 - Motion to allow 8 year old softball players to assess at Minors level.
 Motion made by John Naples second by Mike Kaiser
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Assessments -
 - Chris is going to meet with Eric Shane at JJIS to see what equipment is allowed at the school (which types of balls can be used)
 - There are spots available at Wide World during the 7:00-8:00 am time frame with the February dates
 - Looking to purchase a pop up batting cage to be used during the assessments
 - Plan A (Ball Agreement and Batting Cages)
 - School Gym (BB and SB Rookies, Minors and Majors)
 - Wide World or Outdoor (BB and SB Juniors and Seniors)
 - Plan B
 - School Gym (Rookies)
 - Wide World (Minors, Majors, Juniors)
 - Incorporating Gamechanger into assessment/draft to look back on last year
- Baseball 50/70 Option Mark will discuss at next meeting
 - Mound costs between \$600-\$1500
 - Field Modifications
 - Bases
 - 6 anchors
 - 3 bases
 - Infield cutting
 - If using R3 no field cutting would be allowed





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- We could modify R3 to make this work. There would be lights, no field cutting would be needed
- Could practice on R6
- Modifying R6 would need field cutting, and would be a safety issue with no fence
- Softball League uses R3 Monday-Friday, Teeball until 1:00 on Saturday
- Would need to coordinate with Juniors on R3
- Next steps: Making sure there are enough players to field this team.
- The information needs to get out to families so that if there is interest it can be shared with the Board
- Matt will create a list of players that are eligible to play in this program. He
 will create a Google form to send out and gauge interest.
- League Proposed Initiatives
 - Player Pooling Chris
 - In Little League rules there is the process of player pooling
 - Looking to have increased communication between the divisions, coaches, and players
 - From Rookies to Minors, Minors to Majors there are a certain number of players through assessments who would be put in the pool
 - Would call up these kids on a rotational basis to play in the game of the division above
 - Rules: You cannot pitch, you bat at the bottom of the order.
 - Would give opportunities to strengthen the skills of the players
 - Would also serve as a mentor process for the kids who get to play up and can talk to the players on their team about their experiences
 - This is preparing the kids for the next level and strengthening the league
 - The list can be updated throughout the season as players grow
 - The responsibility is to the Team/Division that you are assigned to. You need to play for that team first and then can play for the division up if the schedule permits
 - This is not only for Baseball but Softball
 - *Item to note: If a player is in the player pool and going up during the season would they be allowed to play in the league that they played up in during Tournament Team? Will need further discussion
 - Better Use of Division Practices (Teeball, Rookies, Minor, and Majors) John
 - Looking to have divisional practices every week
 - Have the divisional practices to not only help the players but help to grow the coaches as well. This could be in all divisions.





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- The divisional practice will be skills stations
- Split by Player Ability
 - Allow development of ALL players
 - This would allow for all players to grow
- Cross Training Among Coaches
- Review the league's constitution and bylaws Seth
 - Bylaws
 - Each Board member has a section that they need to review
 - There is a form to notate where a change needs to be made
 - We are looking to go over this at our next meeting
 - Review the preliminary work
 - Where are we on the review
- Calendars for 2026 -
 - Season Calendar Working on a rough draft but will be done by next meeting
 - Clean up Spring Season Done
 - Add Tournament Team Draft is complete Mark/Chris to review
 - Add Fall Ball Draft is complete John/Sean/Chris to review
- Uniforms Amy
 - o Review RFP for Uniforms
 - RFP document has been updated
 - Will be sent out this week
 - Colchester Business Association meeting next week- We can thank the CBA for their support, and let them know we will be looking for sponsors for this season- Arnold and John will be going to this
- Sponsorship Program Renewal -Amy
 - Sponsorship document has also been updated
 - This will also be sent out this week
- End of Year Clean-up
 - Sheds -
 - Banners Have all been taken down
 - Locker -
 - More work will be done this weekend
 - Matt will go to Cody field and get the Minors gear
 - All electronics will be cleaned out
 - John and Gordon will be working on this and will send out a text to get more volunteers
 - We need to get a master code list
 - We need to get a set of master keys





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- The Town Facilities manager should have a set of keys for any door that locks, if we change keys they need a copy
- For R1 we can add an additional pad lock (make sure to give this to the Town as well)
- Merchandising Scope of Services through the end of 2026 Angela
 - Update on progress
 - Due Date EOB Meeting in December
 - Scope of Services Document
 - Merchandise can we have some items on hand to sell at Opening Day
- Committees to be Formed:
 - Financial Aid Committee
 - Reports out to the Board how much money has been spent
 - This is confidential information. Only the financial aid committee sees the names.
 - Members of Financial Aid Committee: Chris, Danielle, Kyle
 - Fundraising Committee -
 - Raffle: Can we create an option for people who want to opt out? Making a donation of some amount instead of selling some tickets.
 - Looking at other ideas, we need to consider: initial investment/capital requirements, timing, available resources
 - Members of Fundraising Committee: John, Amy, Gordon
 - Scholarship Committee -
 - Members of Scholarship Committee: Angela, Arnold, Matt
 - Danielle can help to block out the names
 - Seth will contact Bacon to let them know we are offering the scholarships.
 - We share that we have scholarships available. We get the applications. Only the people on the committee have the applications.
 - We need to add to our database what the application looks like so that we have a copy.
 - Need to decide: Do we want to continue to offer (4) \$250 scholarships or two (2) \$500 scholarships?
- Other Business
 - District Input: When we play a game against another town it will be the District Rules
 - District will be coming to the other Towns' meeting to share this, there will be a district set of bylaws

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

EOB Meeting - November 24, 2025 - 7:00 PM - Virtual





Welcome to the home of the Colchester Baseball & Softball League CBSL is a volunteer run, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting youth baseball and softball within the Colchester, Connecticut community. CBSL PO Box 114 Colchester CT 06415

General Meeting - December 8, 2025 - 7:00 PM at the Church

League Website - www.cbsl.org

Motion to Adjourn the meeting made by Amy Pfaffenbach. Second by Matt Parsons. Motion passes unanimously as presented.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Hruska