



Colchester Baseball & Softball League

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PO Box 114
Colchester CT 06415

December 8, 2025 - General Meeting Minutes - 7:00 PM @ Abundant Life Church

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary on website

BOD Attendance: Seth Breitmaier, Gordon Peckham III, Mark Simone, Kyle Calash, Amy Pfaffenbach, Angela Hruska, Danielle Bossie, John Naples, Chris Johnson

Additional Attendance: Miles Lubbin, Hazen Sturtevant

Call to Order: 7:05

Meeting Topics

- President's Report - Seth
 - Meeting with the Town and League Presidents - January 20, 2026
 - Item to remember for the meeting:
 - Cutout around mound on R1 (in front to the first base side) there are divots to be mindful of
 - Infield cutting (make sure it is maintained)
 - Ponding around bases
 - Safety bags for 1st base on all fields
 - Nets on top of R1 field
 - Find out who will be taking on these costs Town or CBSL
 - Seth will reach out to Tim to discuss this as well
 - Background Check for All Boardmembers
 - Needs to be done before December 31, 2025
 - Seth will check on completing the Abuse Awareness Training
 - Laurie DeGross will step away from the board at this time. She can still volunteer and take a role if she chooses. Thank you Laurie for volunteering to help.
 - Motion made to remove Laurie from the board at this time made by John Naples second by Amy Pfaffenbach. Motion passes unanimously.
 - Treasurer's Report- Danielle
 - Financial report for the league
 - Account Balances (Checking, Money Market and CD)
 - CDs: \$41,489.98
 - Money Market: 25,773.42
 - Checking: 11,177.65
 - New Invoice Process - Everything gets processed through the new invoice process. The template will be shared. This will allow Danielle to log the items.



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- Quick updates
 - Locker Payment- Danielle sent an invoice to EOB for approval. Invoice will be paid.
 - Ganos- payment will be sent
- Registration Stuff
 - Current Numbers- We can track the enrollment dates in the system for past years to see where we are at
 - Arnold Ewings has received an email with some goals for advertising and items to send out

Division Name	Division Enrollments	Maximum Enrollments
BB Tee Ball (5 & 6)	20	90
BB Rookies (7 & 8)	21	90
BB Minors (9 & 10)	10	40
BB Majors (11 & 12)	9	30
BB Juniors (13-16)	4	0
Big Red Bat	5	1000

Enrollment Summary Report		
Division Name	Division Enrollments	Maximum Enrollments
Softball Minors (...)	5	26
Softball Majors (1...	2	26
Softball Senior/J...	2	0
Softball Rookies ...	4	39

- Assessments - Chris to Provide Update
 - Confirmation of Dates and Permits
 - Danielle handed in the paperwork
 - Both gyms, both Sundays, 1st weekend 8 hours, looking at second week so that we have some flexibility (4 hours for the second weekend)
 - Progress with Assessment Plan
 - John and Chris are going to meet next week to lay out the format for the gyms during assessment
 - Goal: 4 stations where head coaching are evaluating and assessing
 - 4 sub stations where we can have assistant coaches/volunteers completing these activities



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- Will put all items in a spreadsheet and come up with a grade for each player. Will be on a 1-5 scale.
- This will make the draft more comprehensive
- Items will be saved on a spreadsheet, so we have data to use going forward
- Looking into at the end of the season do the assessment again- we can see where the progress is
- Bringing in pitching mound- look at pitching to make teams more balanced
- Have some questions on baseball knowledge
 - What if? situations for Majors players
 - Rookies have them label the positions
- This will help us to see where we can improve the league and make more balanced teams
- Pre-Season Workouts - Seth
 - Availability begins in April for Wide World of Indoor Sports
 - Having the preseason did give us a lot of momentum
 - Proposal to fund this as a capital expense. One night for baseball one night for softball
 - Divisional practices will continue to be outdoors in April
 - Vote - April 6th (Baseball) and April 7th (Softball) from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
 - Cost is \$2650
 - Motion to have the preseason workouts on April 6th and 7th at WWIS for a cost of \$2650 made by Amy Pfaffenbach second by Danielle Bossie.
 - Motion passes unanimously as presented.
- Baseball 50/70 Option
 - We will not be pursuing the program at this time
 - Items to consider for the 50/70 Program
 - Required Field modifications
 - Extent outfield
 - New bases
 - Portable Pitching mount
 - Coaching - Mark Simone said that he would be willing to do this for this year
 - Longevity - No path identified right now



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- Number of players - likely there will not be a full team of 13 year olds available. The option to have 12 year olds play is possible; however it will conflict with our other goal of district travel program
- Costs \$3000.00
- Seth's thoughts: I'm struggling with the cost and effort required to get this off the ground, especially considering it is only going to benefit 6-8 players. Personally, I'd rather focus on coaching development, player pooling, the district travel program, field improvements at Cody, etc.
- Discussion of 50/70 Team, costs to league, number of players, how we can support the rec players who want to continue
- At this time we are not going to move further with the 50/70 team
 - Financial Aid Update - Financial Aid Committee
 - Will be updated at next meeting
- Review the league's constitution and bylaws
 - Bylaws
 - Review the preliminary work
 - Looked at sections which have been reviewed, looked at sections where changes need to be made or are in the progress of being made
 - Changes in sections which were completed were made both adding/changing items and grammatical changes
- Calendars for 2026 -
 - Season Calendar - Working on a rough draft but will be done by next meeting
 - Add Tournament Team - Draft is complete - Mark/Chris to review Chris Johnson
 - Add Fall Ball - Draft is complete - John/Sean/Chris to review
 - Softball Tournament Team will begin on 6/12/25 for Junior/Senior, 6/19/25 for Minors/Majors Softball
- Uniform Update
 - Amy is waiting on one more quote. She has received four quotes already.
 - She has two samples and one on the way.
 - By the next meeting Amy will be able to share more information regarding uniforms
- Sponsorship Program Update
 - Number of Sponsors - Will be updated at the next meeting
 - If we are getting close to being full with sponsors, we can use some for the Tournament Teams.
- Merchandising SLA through the end of 2026
 - We need to close out last year before we move forward with any SLA.



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- Messages will be sent out regarding the sales from last year and agreement going forward. - Angela has sent
- Scope of Services document was shared with the Board and will be shared with vendor once we close out this year
- Update on progress
 - Due Date - BOD Meeting in December
- Other Business
 - BOD Participation and Vote
 - Miles Lubben is interested in joining the board. Seth will talk with Miles regarding some openings on the board.
 - Item to Note: Playoffs at end of Minor/Major Season
 - Hazen report from district- Discussion on Softball Tournament Team combinations with other towns. This needs to be done by March 2026 and shared with the district.
 - There will be no December BOD meeting. There will need to be a special bylaw meeting for the BOD only.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Motion made by Amy Pfaffenbach to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mark Simone. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:57 pm

2026 Meeting schedule: (2nd and 4th Mondays in most months)

General Meeting - January 12, 2026 - 7:00 PM at the Church

EOB Meeting - January 26, 2026 - 7:00 PM - Virtual

League Website - www.cbsl.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Hruska