



 **CBSL**
Colchester Baseball & Softball League

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
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~Minutes~

Meeting Type: General Meeting

Meeting Date: September 13, 2016

Call to Order: 7:35 pm

Topics of Discussion:

1. Treasurer Report

a. Pay-outs

- a.i. \$709.13 – field supplies (infield mix to town)
- a.ii. \$1220 – Uniforms
- a.iii. \$620 – Equipment (scoreboard controller)
- a.iv. \$2573.40 – Lights (6/30/16)
- a.v. \$90.37 – Field Equipment (R2 hose cart)
- a.vi. \$235 – Porta Potti rental
- a.vii. \$229.42 – General Fund
- a.viii. \$650 – umpire allowance
- a.ix. \$490 – refunds
- a.x. \$36.87 – office supplies (checks)
- a.xi. \$518.19 – divisional allowance (BB trophies/ medals)
- a.xii. Total Paid out - \$7,372.38

b. Accounts receivable

- b.i. \$4911.24 – registrations (summer BB)
- b.ii. \$1579.04 – donations (life touch photo share)
- b.iii. \$295 – return Ump \$
- b.iv. \$1915 – registrations (tournament)

- b.v. \$4163.48 – registrations (fall ball)
 - b.vi. \$200 – sponsors
 - b.vii. \$2.56 – interest (2 mos)
 - b.viii. Total Receivables - \$13,066.32
 - c. Previous checking balance - \$25,462.35
 - d. Account receivables - \$13,066.32
 - e. Paid Outs - \$7,372.38
 - f. Checking Balance - \$31,156.29
 - g. Savings Balance - \$32,397.80
2. Fall Season Update – fall season is underway for little league baseball, softball, and sr. baseball. Seasons will run through late October.
- a. Reminder: No parents can catch for pitchers in any way shape or form at practices or games. Players catching for warm-ups, etc, must have a helmet, cup, and glove.
 - b. For 11/12 baseball, is cutting extra players really necessary? Answer: putting too many players on a team is not good for the kids, either, because play time, etc are diminished. Will make more of an effort in the future to publicize numbers before registration closes, to either make a push for more to try for another team or just for awareness.
 - c. Question about uniforms: is there a way to pre-order uniforms? Problem is the size estimates are never right, need to make switches or carry an inventory. Not sure it's actually a better solution – there are pros and cons both ways.
 - d. The board is actively developing a more methodic communication plan to keep parents more actively aware of timelines, planning, etc.
3. CBSL By-Law Suggestions – The EOB is soliciting input from general membership with respect to by-laws. Any proposed modifications shall be submitted to the EOB in writing no later than October 15th. There will be a special meeting scheduled to discuss any proposed changes shortly after the submission deadline. Proposals can be submitted via email to Paul Scheibelein (president@cbsl.org).
4. EOB Position Nominations – nominations must be made either in person, writing or via email. Open positions and criteria for service associated with them will be announced during the September meeting and listed below. Nominations will be accepted through the October general meeting.
- a. Elections for available positions will be completed at the general meeting on October 11.
 - b. Nominations:
 - Bill Jones – MAL
 - Rob D'Atri – MAL
 - Chris Gould - Safety Officer
 - Pat Walsh – Vice President

Karen Belding – Information Officer

Tom LaLiberte – Baseball Director

Todd Jenkins – MAL

Matt Pulse – Equipment Manager

Paul Scheibelein – President

??? – Secretary – no nomination

5. Equipment Return – mostly good.
6. Michelle Gilman – at the last meeting, talked about issues with field. Has since gathered information.
 - a. Cody Camp conditions – safety issues and maintenance issues. Talked with Board of Ed Chairman and vice chairman – they are talking with Superintendent now. Asked them to do walk through on safety concerns. This field is not part of field sustainability project, so we brought it up that it should be. Paul Scheibelein – been talking with XXXX? about getting on the field sustainability committee. John Navickas - also been talking with town works department and they are saying they do not have capacity in this season, particularly at the school fields because the schools control when they can or cannot work on them.
 - b. William J field – talked with Mr Bennett; he provided a brief background, the building committee and William J decided that the field would be a soccer field, but are willing to consider making one piece a baseball field. Can bring it to the building committee to consider.
7. Fundraising thoughts were discussed
 - a. Concessions would be huge, but parents would have to be willing to volunteer, but bigger problem is we don't have a facility to use.
 - b. Movie night on the diamond
 - c. Raffles with projects called out as goals for fundraising
 - d. Merchandising – particularly as assessments, picture day, Christmas
 - e. Greg Vilardo will start organizing volunteers willing to work on efforts towards fundraising
8. Reduction for coaches
 - a. Has any consideration been given to discounting coach's registration fees if they volunteer?
 - b. Current though in place is that parents really need to adjust thoughts towards being more involved in kid's teams and do it on a volunteer basis
9. First time coach packages & coaching frameworks for each level would be helpful.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 pm

Next Meeting: General Meeting – October 11, 2016 @ 7:30 pm (Polish Club)

League Website: www.cbsl.org