



April 10, 2017 – 7:30 PM - General Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Treasurer's Report:

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Membership Information:

- **Kevin Payne Eagle Scout Project Update**
 - Worked on dugouts; will be working on painting
- **Grant Month – Dime Bank**
 - **Scoreboard needs –**
 - **Nonprofit org for community needs**
 - **Really great chance an application for a grant would be approved**
 - **July 1 is deadline to fill out form and submit**
 - **Completely free accounts for non-profits**
- **Field Status:**
- All fields are open now
- **Take-away: Mound on R1 is flat, needs work**
 - Fields became available for 'soft usage' last week, but have been largely unavailable due to the weather.
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 - As in past seasons, field closures are announced by 3pm during weekdays, and as early as possible for weekends.
 - Status of fields is communicated via the website and through division coordinators.
 - **Town sends out field status', anyone can sign up to receive the notifications**
 - CBSL will again employ the field status system; where each field will be listed as Open, Rain 1 (1-hour prep), Rain 2 (2-hour prep), Rain 3 (3-hour prep), Infield closed/Outfield open, and Closed. Do NOT play or practice on a field that is not open.
 - Any indication of lightening in the area requires coaches / officials to clear the field; sending all youth participants to a vehicle if possible. Do not remain in the dugouts.
- **Weather-Related Field Prep:**
 - Never roll water into the grass; doing this creates 'lips' on the infield and outfield.
 - **Never roll dirt into the grass as well**
 - Spread the water evenly throughout the infield. Use drying agent sparingly. General rule: if more than ½ bag – 1 bag is needed, the field is too wet to play. Always rake the infield, or scratch the infield surface before applying drying agent.
 - Never play on fields with standing water, mud or grass that feels 'spongy' to walk on.
 - After games, fill in all ruts in the batters boxes, holes on the pitcher's mound and any dug out areas in the infield before leaving the field.
 - Remember to put all rakes and rollers back in the shed that you took them from.
- **Division Updates:**
 - Some divisions will engage in interleague play to some degree for the regular season.
 - All division teams except T-ball and Sr. Baseball have been formulated and are actively practicing.
 - T-ball: Teams are being created; coordinators have been getting managers in place, practices to start soon.
 - Sr. BB – Teams will be comprised of 13-16 year olds (with age related playing rules) and participate in District 11 Sr. Baseball division for 2017.
 - Sr. League assessment scheduled for Saturday, April 15 on R2. Group #1 @ 11:00 AM, Group #2 @ 12:15 PM.
- **Background Checks / Volunteer Applications:**
 - All managers, coaches and parent volunteers are required to be approved through the Little League mandated First Advantage background screening system.
 - LL is monitoring and auditing all leagues with substantial penalties for leagues that are not fully compliant.
 - If the league becomes aware that adults that are not approved are engaged in practices in any form, teams will face penalties, up to and including suspension of the team manager.
 - 100% approval of all managers, coaches and parent volunteers is a requirement for the league.
 - First Advantage requires each NEW volunteer applicant to provide their SSN as part of the application. RETURNING volunteers can fill out the returning volunteer form that does not require the same level of information.
 - The list of approved volunteers will be posted on the website.



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- **CBSL Training:** Clinics for players/coaches are being planned and the league is soliciting input for ideas for training and clinics at this time. Please email training@cbsl.org with any suggestions you may have. As training selections are finalized, they will be posted on our website at www.cbsl.org.
- **Safety & 1st Aid Training (Chris Gould)**
 - Took attendance – a few people missing
 - Presented overview of safety
 - The volunteer form and the injury report form is also on the website. Chris mentioned that to the group. Injury report must be submitted immediately.
 - Collected safety sign-off form
- **CBSL Raffle Ticket Distribution (Greg Vilardo)**
 - **Greg reviewed raffle details and packet per coach and what each coach needs to do**
 - **Greg passed out Raffle ticket packets to each coach**
- **Key Dates**
 - Saturday May 6 - CBSL Picture Day – schedule will be available in coming weeks. Online registration will again be available. (Rain Date May 13)
 - Saturday May 6 – CBSL Food Drive – to be held in concert with picture day. Details will be provided.

Adjourn Main Meeting

Next Meeting -- Tuesday, May 9 @ 8:00 PM - Polish Club

League Website - www.cbsl.org