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Meeting Minutes / Records / Recollection of Decisions

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- Kind of meeting, **2015 GENERAL BOARD MTG**
  
- **CYB CYS Organization**
- Date **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**, time **7:00 PM**, location of meeting **Cheshire High School**
- President **Randy Bellair** ran meeting.
- Minutes of the previous meeting were not read
- Intro included: thanking all participants and volunteers. Currently, open positions have been announced and board will be voting to fill positions. Some of the positions need further clarification of roles and responsibilities. Reds and CYB bylaws will be revised to eliminate grey areas and will be subject to review to be finalized. Draft should be available in the beginning of January for General Board member review in February. General board members expressed concerns about past experiences with the bylaws and gray areas currently assistant and improvements. Secretary was appointed and now minutes will be recorded in each meeting.
  
- **List of items discussed:**

  1. **Uniforms (Randy Bellair):**  
Samples of the new hats designs were passed around to the board members and there will be different shirts and hats designs for the coaches this year. Hats will have "coach" engraved on the side of the hats. CYB/CYS has Partnered with Barkers for the uniforms this year.
  2. **Flow down from Regional Meeting (Randy Bellair):**  
There will be different age group change this year. Players born between May 1 to August 31 will be grandfathered in. There will also be a change in the bats going away from graphite to a wood/composite combination.
  3. **Fields (George Sabo):**  
There needs to be a better infrastructure in place to keep track of the fields and maintain them. Bad weather calls are costly and can be avoided if the decision is made on time that the fields are not adequate for use. A suggestion was brought up to have captains for each major field for example Mac, Bartlem and Cheshire Park and these Captains or managers will be in charge of verifying that the fields are in good condition and reporting any issues on them. These positions with defined roles and responsibilities are necessary to be able to identify when a position requires supervision of the fields or actual maintenance of the fields or both. The overall plan needs to be laid out and it needs to be identified if it will be required to hire any personnel to assist during the season prior to the park and rec's staffing ramp up starts. Field commissioner is working on a long term wish list including all the next set of ideas for improving the fields.
  4. **Softball (Sean Burke):**  
There has been some communication about partnering with Wolcott and possibly Wallingford to have more competitive games. There will be more information to come on this.
  5. **Reds (Darren Kilpatrick):**  
Joe Miller will be coaching for 12U. Team is working on finalizing the revision of the bylaws. This is being done to eliminate any type of grey areas and confusion.
  6. **Practices (Randy Bellair):**  
Some of the Reds will start practices in January.

**7. CYB General (Randy Bellair):**

Evaluations need to be scheduled

Teams will be staying with coaches from last year and will remain with the same coach for about 2 years. This will create better teams and overall players. If a parent decides that he or she doesn't want their child with a particular coach then the child will go back to the draft and kids will be placed in different teams per request.

CYB is proposing to put a training system in place. There needs to be a Training and development role. This will encourage more parents to coach if they are unsure about the techniques of the game. There could be an opportunity to partner with the High School Baseball coaches and have High School students help during training. CYB is also proposing to have different clinics for the players to happen before season starts (hitting, pitching, fielding clinics)

There will be a new draft for Baberuth and will partner with other nearby towns for competitive games.

**8. Baseball Equipment Bag Deposits (Chris Enders):**

Deposit for baseball equipment will remain.

The equipment that was dropped off at the end of the fall season was completed but there needs to be follow up to ensure everything was return or identify anything that was missing.

There is a lot of old equipment and a suggestion was made to look for ways to donate this equipment to other towns or organizations that will find use of it. This should be also communicated in the website.

New equipment to start placing orders and there needs to be some agreement with the commissioned of umpire to make sure that the equipment sizes are appropriate for them as well. The equipment can arrive early and can be store in shelves. Balls need to be re-stoked.

**9. Umpire Training (Steve Greedwood):**

No new updates except ensuring that the equipment is ordered with some appropriate sizes to fit the umpires.

**10. Safety (Anthony Depaolo):**

There was an open discussion about safety background checks. The participation level needs to increase. An action was taken to investigate doing this background check automatically at registration. A suggestion was made that no bag will be given out unless background checks are completed. All managers and assistants need to be compliant with this requirement. During evaluation, it may be a good opportunity to have the managers complete their background checks and have them be responsible to have their assistants complete it.

**11. Finance (Mike Bishop):**

Profit and Loss and Balance sheet documents are available from Mike Bishop with a copy in the secretary's binder.

Looking for suggestions to use the David Hardy Memorial funds. It could be some scholarship or other type of recognition to our players in memory of David.

**12. Concessions (Randy Bellair):**

During Finance update, losses were reported on the concession. There will be a meeting held to set up a system and a payment plan that works and will succeed next season.

**13. Practices (Randy Bellair):**

No new updates

**14. Opening Day (Randy Bellair):**

No new updates

**15. Fund Raising (Randy Bellair):**

No new updates

**MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN**

- Attendance List of those present and absent; (**11 people present**)
- List of **HANDOUTs** presented;
  - Financial Summary
- Time of adjournment. Approx **8:45 PM**
- Signed by President **Randy Bellair** \_\_\_\_\_ OR Approved "as corrected"
- Post minutes
- Link to board positions and contact info- <http://cybcys.org/ContactCYB/contact.htm>
- Notification of next meeting place, time, date and location:
  - To find updated location date and times go to the website Complete CYB schedule of events can be found on the Google calendar on our website... <http://www.cybcys.org/Events/events.htm>
  - (Unless otherwise specified, location is at Cheshire High School Room 82, the second Wednesday of each month 7:00 to 8:30 PM) Tentative dates for 2015 meetings are as follows: Jan 14, Feb 10, Mar 16

**Next Board Meeting: Jan 14 CHS Room 82 time 7:00-8:30pm**

BOD Attendees

Randy Bellair  
Sean Burke  
Chris Enders  
Scott Sokolik  
Mike Bishop  
Paul DeClement  
Carolina Ramirez-Blier  
Ken Blier  
George Sabo  
Darren Kilpatrick  
Steve Greenwood