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Meeting Minutes / Records / Recollection of Decisions

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- Kind of meeting, **2016 GENERAL BOARD MTG**
- **CYB CYS Organization**
- Date **January 13th, 2016**, time **7:00 PM**, location of meeting **Cheshire High School**
- President **Randy Bellair** ran meeting.
- Intro included: Welcome to all the participants to the general board meeting. Meeting minutes were passed around for anyone interested. Minutes will be available online before every meeting for everyone who is interested, they are able to print them, review them and bring a copy to the next meeting.

- **List of items discussed:**
 1. **Uniforms (Randy Bellair):**

There was a meeting held last week to talk about uniforms. Matt and Kate are putting samples together and the final version will be approximately \$3-\$4 more than we paid last time. Uniforms will be available next meeting for everyone to see.
 2. **Website (Randy Bellair/Scott Sokolik):**

There was a meeting held last night to review the content of the website and some information was deleted by mistake specially for the flames. This is in the process of being corrected. Content should include for example, overview of the flames, picture of the coach and pictures of the players. We are trying to make the website fun and friendly for the kids and adults as well. Scott is currently working on this task. If there are any inputs for the website let Scott and Randy know.
 3. **Registrations (Randy Bellair):**

Registration opened last week. There were some minor issues and they are being resolved. For example some of the age groups and date ranges are incorrect in the system. Softball ages were updated in the website with a chart to make it easy for the parents to understand. There were some questions from the parents on AA and AAA and minors, based on ability kids may be eligible for minors although their age group may be in the AAA group.

There has been some work also to have sponsorships show on the website. Jill will keep track of this, sponsors will be monitored for payment and making sure this is followed through. Banners will be up in the field for opening day.
 4. **Upcoming Events (Randy Bellair):**

Opening day will be April 30th, Kate was not able to be here tonight but she has a plan to make it fun and for everyone to have a good time. Monday or Tuesday of that following week will be first game. There will be a rain date for opening day.

CYB is also expecting to plan other events, for example parent's night at the Waverly and other type of events to have fun and to give some recognition to the players and parents. There is also a plan to have shirts, blankets and hats for sale during evaluation, opening day and these other social events.
 5. **Fields (George Sabo):**

A flyer was created to recruit a field coordinator. We are looking for volunteers to cover every field. We are looking for 4 or 5 people with the expectation to have 1 person per venue to manage each field. This will spread the workload. If we have each volunteers adopt the field. This is a time consuming part for one member and this is why it is important to make sure we have volunteers helping out in this area.
 6. **Softball (Sean Burke):**

The team is looking to partner with Wallingford and finding a POC. George will provide a POC and help contact them. There may be an interest for a younger softball age group; however, some players will be able to play up. Currently, we are exploring the option of a clinic for younger softball players. Jen may have capacity and she is a good POC for running a clinic. Jen has already sent some information to Randy to include on the website. Randy will follow up with Scott. The team is also looking into partnering with Wolcott and they will be exploring this option. There was a question raised if they are a charter. Another good option would be North Haven. Randy will follow up by email and contact Joselyn or go to a district meeting and offer if any other town will want to partner.

7. **Flames (Brian Bavaro):**
Board meeting will be next Wednesday. Bylaws will be addressed and a few other open issues. Practices at Highland and North Haven are running well.
8. **CYB/CYS Rules (Randy Bellair):**
Randy, Dan and Mike still need review and make changes; the plan is to have a committee meeting next week. The draft will be ready before next meeting in Feb. Bylaws need to be finalized and released by April 1st.
9. **Reds (Darren Kilpatrick):**
They are currently working on the rules and to complete the draft. 8U – Reds need a coach; one person is available his son is 7.
Reds Bylaws will go on the website available for everyone to see and review.
10. **Training (Randy Bellair):**
President Randy introduced Dave Daniels. He is former player of major league baseball willing to offer his help to help train coaches and player. He has vast experience on being a player himself but also offering coaching and training. He is offering his help to teach a pitching clinic.
The board is exploring the possibility to offer a pitching clinic for 9-12 year olds and use the 4:30 to 5:30pm slot at Dodd available. This will be a 4-week clinic only.
8U also needs a slot for practice. 9U doesn't have a slot also and they are looking for one. They may be able to take the reds Friday night at highland or Sunday slot.
There will be a meeting with Sandy in May to set up practice schedules for next year for gym time. They will coordinate with Steve or Brian to switch the time for 8U and 9U practice times. They will coordinate offline.
Director of training and development – Jim is coming back to the organization. We are looking to structure the practices better for both baseball and softball. It is important to educate the players and the coaches on the technique and provide guidance and ideas to keep the kids engaged, have fun and learn the game as well as being safe. Randy will set up a meeting with Dan and Jim to work on the strategy and develop a plan to provide tools to the coaches and the kids to learn the basic techniques. There were no objections from the board members for this motion.
11. **Baseball (Dan Grove):**
For Sunday games we need to make sure the fields are booked. AA or AAA job description was sent out. Dan Hayden took the Triple A commissioner. We have openings for Tee Ball and Double A
12. **Evaluations (Randy Bellair):**
Evaluation will be on March 6th at highland from 3:30 to 5:30 at Dodd. Baseball and softball will have the draft done that same week and this way we can order uniforms to have them available on time.
13. **Baseball Equipment Bag Deposits (Chris Enders):**
No new updates. Most of the equipment bags are in. There will be a general email to the coaches to remind everyone about return the equipment bags. Chris will follow up with Randy.
14. **Umpire Training (Steve Greewood):**
Registration is up and potential returning umpires were contacted to register. There will be a class held for umpires on Jan 30th. Inform Randy for booking the same room 82 in CHS. They are looking into having a blast email going through PowerSchool to send information about registration. There will be 2 training dates outside. Season is expected to run from May 1st - 2nd through June 13th. There will be 3-4 weeks available for practices before the season starts for regular CYB players.
15. **Open House (Randy Bellair):**
The board would like to hold an open house for T-ball parents at the parks and recs. This will need to happen before evaluations around the 3rd week of February. Board agreed date and time by the General board was: Sunday February 21st 4-6pm. Randy will follow up to make sure parks and recs is booked. A proposal was made to have small brief packages to provide an overview of the organization and the plans for this season with a set agenda. VPs of each area would need to prepare their sections of this material.
16. **Safety (Anthony Depaolo):**
Anthony would like to be informed of any coaches meetings. A Safety meeting is required every year, should be planned around March 4th to the league and have safety present. A question was raised to see if there is a way to link registration to automatically give the option if the parent wants to coach, to direct them directly to input info required for background check.
Scott was given an action to look at an easier way to do background checks even if it costs extra but explore options to make it easier and help us be 100% compliant with this requirement.
17. **Finance (Mike Bishop):**
No finance update
18. **Concessions (Randy Bellair):**
No update
19. **Fund Raising (Randy Bellair):**
No new updates
20. **New Board positions appointed (Randy Bellair):**

New positions were assigned as follows, with no General Board objections:
Director of Safety appointed Jeff Faulk
Director of fundraising appointed Jack Lotko
Director of Training Jim Gidicsin
VP of fields George Sabo
Congratulations!

AA and T-ball field commissioner's positions remain open

MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN

- Attendance List of those present and absent; (**18 people present**)
- List of **HANDOUTS** presented;
 - Copies of meeting minutes
- Time of adjournment. Approx **8:15 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 2016 meetings are as follows: Feb 10, Mar 16

Next Board Meeting: Feb 10 CHS Room 82 time 7:00-8:30pm

BOD Attendees

Randy Bellair
Sean Burke
Chris Enders
Scott Sokolik
Paul DeClement
Carolina Ramirez-Blier
George Sabo
Darren Kilpatrick
Steve Greenwood
Anthony DePaolo
Butch Hanover
Jim Gidicsin
Brian Bavaro
Timit Desai
Dave Dabiels
Jeff Falk
Dan Grove
Jack Lotko