



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
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~Minutes~

Meeting Type: General Meeting

Meeting Date: April 12, 2016

Call to Order: 7:42 pm

Topics of Discussion:

1) Treasurer Report:

- a. \$16,262.82 – payout
- b. \$15,854.19 – receivables
- c. \$32,391.03 – savings balance

2) Field Status – available for soft use last week

- a. Been largely unavailable since then due to weather
- b. Status of fields is communicated via town website by 3 pm on weekdays; up to coaches on weekends. Status of fields is communicated via the website and through division coordinators. CBSL will again employ the field status system; where each field will be listed as Open, Rain 1, Rain 2, Rain 3, Infield closed/Outfield open, and Closed. Do NOT play or practice on a field that is not open.
- c. 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.

3) Weather related field prep:

- a. Never roll water into the grass; doing this creates 'lips' on the infield and outfield.
- b. Spread water evenly throughout the infield
- c. Use drying agent sparingly; general rule – if more than ½ bag – 1 bag is needed, the field is too wet to play.
- d. Always rake the infield, or scratch the infield surface before applying drying agent.
- e. 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.

f. Remember to put all rakes and rollers back in the shed that you took them from.

4) Division Updates:

- a. Some divisions will engage in interleague play to some degree for the regular season.
- b. All division teams except tball and sr. baseball have been formulated and are actively practicing.
 - b.i. Tball: teams are being created; coordinators have been getting managers in place, practices to start soon.
 - b.ii. Sr BB – Teams will be comprised of 13-16 year olds (with age related playing rules) and participate in District 11 sr bb division for 2016. Sr league assessment scheduled for Saturday, April 16 on R2.

5) Reminders

- a. Approved volunteer status
 - a.i. 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.
- b. CBSL Field/Dugout/Batting Cage Regulations for 2016 Season:
 - b.i. Managers and coaches are required to groom the fields before and after games. The field needs to be groomed after the final game of the night by staffs/volunteers from both teams.
 - b.ii. No sunflower (or similar) seeds permitted in dugouts or on fields!
 - b.iii. Removal of all cups, bottles, and other debris from dugout before leaving the field.
 - b.iv. Last game of each day; quick sweep of the dugout floors to help maintain dugouts.
 - b.v. No on-deck batters permitted, unless behind fending (where applicable)
 - b.vi. Where available, only 1 on-deck batter allowed.

6) 2016 Important Dates

- a. Saturday 5/7 – CBSL picture day – schedule will be available in coming weeks. Online registration will again be available.
- b. Saturday 5/7 – CBSL food drive – to be held in concert with picture day.

7) Question: Is there going to be a league night at the Yard Goats?

- a. They don't have a home field until beginning of July
- b. Can't find another field to use as a home field before that

- 8) Rookies – balls that they received are for practice. Games balls are in the shed, replace them when done. When they get beaten up, Chris will replace.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm – divisions met as needed

Next Meeting: General Meeting – May 10, 2016 @ 8:00 pm (Polish Club)

League Website: www.cbsl.org