



# **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: February 7, 2017

Call to Order: 7:33 pm

Topics of Discussion:

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Posted on cbsl.org (Home > Forms & Documents > General Meetings)

### General Business:

- **Kevin Payne – Eagle Scout project – R1 dugout rapairs**
  - New roof, repaint
  - Battleship grey with black shingles
  - Need from CBSL: manpower, carpenter(s) especially, soliciting a spaghetti dinner fundraising, donation
  - Roofing materials are from his uncle who is giving us reduced cost there
  - Has some master carpenters lined up to help
  - Does anyone have connections to help reduce cost for lumber or paint (for concrete)?
  - Wants to do the work in late March, finishing by early April
  - CBSL will send communications out asking for skilled volunteers
  - Pasta dinner for late February for some of the funds
  - Needs all the money by the time he starts work – mid-March
- **Spring Season Registration**
  - Open and ongoing - closes on Feb 28 (goes longer for T-ball and Senior baseball/softball)
  - ~155 players registered to date
  - This is about on par with trends from last year
  - Additional communications will go out this week.
- **Background Checks / Volunteer Applications** – ALL managers, coaches, and parent volunteers are required to submit a Volunteer Application every year BEFORE being on the field with kids. NO EXCEPTIONS. The list of approved volunteers will be posted on the website.

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.
- **Safety & 1st Aid Training** – To be presented at the next general meeting, March 14.
- **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](mailto: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](http://www.cbsl.org).
- **Manager/Coordinator Interviews** – All managers (including T-ball) are being interviewed by the E-Board. Manager interviews will be scheduled for Feb 21, 22, 23; final assignments will be made once registrations are concluded and we know how many are needed at each level. No individual will be approved to manage a team without an interview. As soon as managers and coordinators are approved by the EOB, selections will be made available to the membership.
  - **Nominations:**
    - Greg Vilaro – Majors
    - Bob Crowell – Majors
    - Chris Gould – Majors

- Tom Laliberte – Majors
- Matt Pulse – Majors
- Pat Walsh – Majors
- John Appleby – Majors
  
- Joe Vernali – Minors
- Todd Jenkins – Minors
- Casey O’Neil – Minors Coordinator (not coach)
- Tim Chiaverini – Minors
- Bill Jones – Minors
- Keith Zingler – Minors
- John Novak - Minors
  
- Dave Koji – Rookie
- Tim Crowell – Rookie
- Bernie Edwards – Rookie or T-ball
- Jason Henderson – Rookie (via email/post meeting)
  
- Bobby Schiedel – T-ball coach & coordinator
- Steve Rakowski – T-ball
- Bill Kristoff – T-ball
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- Dean Weddall – Senior BB (via email/post meeting)
- Tony Penella – Senior BB
  
- Rob D’Atri – 9/10 Softball
- Jay Belcamino – 9/10 Softball
- Krystina Grasso – 9/10 Softball
  
- Karen Belding – 7/8 Softball
- Steve Lima – 13+ Softball
- Jay Duckworth – 11/12 Softball

## Key Dates

- CBSL Assessment Dates:
  - March 4<sup>th</sup> / William J
    - 10 year olds / Majors - 8am-5pm
  - March 5<sup>th</sup> / William J
    - 8 year olds/ Minors - 12:30-5pm
  - March 11<sup>th</sup> / William J
    - Softball - 8am-5pm
  - March 11<sup>th</sup> / Jack Jackter
    - Rookies (6/7 (for those 6s who want to try playing up)) - 8am-5pm
- Opening day is generally first Monday after April vacation, but is very dependent on weather
- CBSL Day @ Dick’s Sporting Goods, Lisbon, CT location - Saturday, March 18th
  - (10:00 AM through 4:00 PM). Please download the event flyer at our league website.
- **Wishlist – any thoughts?**
  - Scoreboard at Cody Camp (Jeff Ward)
  - Dugouts at Cody Camp (Michelle Gilman) – there were leaks; we need to figure out who will handle it.
  - Trees on R4 – Tom Laliberte says town is aware and were planning to remediate
  - Dugout rooves on R4 – need work

- Do we have any volunteers who have the skills to help fix the dugouts, etc.? Contact the board at EOB@cbsl.org
- **Fundraising**
  - Raffle - \$10 per ticket – with each player aiming to sell 10 tickets each. (Greg Vilaro)
    - Current thought is 3 prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> place seller gets iphone/ipad, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place sellers get Major league/Uconn Basketball tickets
    - Top team for selling tickets gets pizza party
    - Also looking into selling at grocery stores, etc – Noel’s has already agreed.
    - Wish list in place for where money will be used.
  - Apparel is back online
    - Page for ordering is on the CBSL website
  - Car magnets going to be for sale (Chris Gould)
    - Going to order 500
    - For sale for \$5 each

**Adjourn Meeting – 8:01 pm**

*Next Meeting* – Tuesday March 14, 2017, 7:30 PM @ Polish Club

League Website - [www.cbsl.org](http://www.cbsl.org)