



Middleton Baseball & Softball Commission

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December 11, 2024 Wednesday
MBSC Meeting Minutes

Call meeting to order at 7:30PM Holiday Inn and Suites Madison West 1109 Fourier Drive, Madison. Teams Meeting link also available.

Attendance: Members present, members absent, guests

Members			Members			Associate Members			Associate Members			
Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No		
	x	Mark Wisinski		x	Brandon Hellenbrand		x	Richard Beddingfield			x	Mike Schaefer
		x		x	Mike Hinz			Brynn Cunat		x		Amy Siedschlag
	x	Brian Drunasky		x	Brent Jorgensen			Chris Eisenhauer		x		Marcy Smith
	x	Dan Schrum			Brian Juech		x	Anne Esser		x		Mike Smith
		x		x	Jeff Schleusner			Scott Hammer		x		Tom Stetzer
		x		x	Eric Simon			Blake Hutchison		x		Guests
		x		x	Jay Smith			Kristen Jafferis		x		
	x	Jerry Gurtner		x	Julie Yapp			Tim Mattes		x		
	x	Aaron Harris						Eric Roden		x		

Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2024 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes by Brandon, second motion by Julie, minutes approved without changes.

Treasury Report

Concession Account \$10,000 Checking Account \$43,993.10 Savings Account \$42,041.58 Total Accounts \$96,034.68 Loan Balance \$292,184.85

Open Vice-President Position

No one has been nominated to the MBSC Vice-President position. Please contact Mark if anyone is interested in filling this position.

Update on Competitive Fee Invoicing

Baseball has one invoice outstanding, and softball has two invoices outstanding. Mark and Anne will continue to work on getting final payments.

2025 League Budgets

All league budgets have been received. The budgets will be used to set fee amounts for registration.

Registration Planning

- Fee Structures—no changes planned for softball base fee structure. Some of the baseball base fees will be changed. Babe Ruth base fees will remain the same as in 2024. The recreation base fee for Coach Pitch, Pepper and Little Bucks (which includes Cal Ripken) have had a base fee of \$120 and have lost money on each league in recent years. The recommendations are to increase Coach Pitch base fee to \$140, and the Little Bucks and Pepper base fees to \$150 per player. The recommendations were approved after discussion.
- Volunteer Fee Procedure—will keep the fee at \$100 per player with \$200 cap per family. There will be a charge of 1 cent at registration and the remaining \$99.99 charged on June 1.
- Publicity—Mark will be sending an email to families with information about registration soon. Aaron will arrange to have the registration sign mounted on the outfield fence of diamond 4 at FFMP. Mark will coordinate with Brent to have a registration flyer posted on the Peach Jar system through the school district.

Discussion About Use of Funds for Purchasing and/or Paydown of Loan

Jamie recommends that we pause for a couple of months to see what we might be spending on equipment and other improvements before we decide on paying down the loan in 2025.

Troy went thru the wish list for possible use of funds for equipment and maintenance:

- Dugout Covers—possibly look at permanent dugout covers instead of the ones that must be installed and taken down each year. Mike says that the present use of temporary dugout covers is in place due to the unstable condition of the soils at FFMP. More research will be needed to determine what should be done with dugout covers. Tom Stetzer will reach out to some vendors to see what options might be available.
- Scoreboard remotes at FFMP—recommendation is that we purchase at least one and maybe two new remotes with receivers—the members authorized the purchase of two remotes. Eric will check on the price for new remotes/receivers—he estimates that two remotes/receivers would cost around \$3000.
- Diamond 4 drainage in outfield—we need to determine if there is an electrical line in the outfield that might preclude any digging for drainage purposes. The drains on diamond 4 probably need to be replaced so that they can properly drain water. This will likely not an action item for this year.
- L screens—recommend buying three new L screens that can be used by both baseball and softball. Brandon will take the lead on purchasing these L screens at about \$600 per screen.

Tom mentioned that there have been some issues this fall with the pitching machine at the indoor facility. Dan will check on getting the proper maintenance for the machine. New baseballs for the machine have also been ordered that might help take care of the problem.



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Aaron would like to have a flag light with an electrical outlet installed at FFMP. Parks Electric could do the work on this project. We will need to have this approved by the city. Aaron will see how much it would cost, and Jay will talk to the city about this possibility.

Good Hops Planning

Jay—has confirmed that April 12 is good with the Holiday Inn and Suites.

Jamie will handle beverages, Jay will handle logistics with the Holiday Inn, and Brian will oversee sponsorships/marketing. Mark will reach out to the people who were involved with Good Hops planning last year to start planning for the event this year.

Update 2025 Important Dates

Most of the important dates have been confirmed on the calendar. We need to confirm that the Diamond Club softball tournament dates are accurate. Additional dates for summer Cardinal baseball camps were confirmed.

Committee Reports

- Capital Improvements/City Liaison (Jay)--no updates from the city.
- Facility Maintenance—FFMP (Aaron)—The lift is still present at the indoor facility, as maintenance on the third batting cage needs to be completed. Aaron hopes to use the lift to install new scoreboard signs at FFMP if the weather allows. Aaron thanks everyone who was involved with replacing the pulleys on the cages.
- Indoor Practice Facility Update (Aaron)--as above.
- Coach and Player Development (Jeff)--sent out an email to board members with an update on the Driveline Program. There are 48 registrants for the program—38 in high school and 10 in middle school, 7 from softball and 41 from baseball. Initial assessments for every participant are being done on December 7 and December 14. Program sessions are scheduled from Tuesday December 17 through Thursday February 13 (every Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday other than Dec 24 and 31). Outcome measures will be done following the completion of the program.
- Field Scheduling (Kristen)—all schedules for the building have been done through the end of February, and the schedule for March will come out soon. Any extra spots during the week that have not been filled can be reserved for second age group sessions if desired.
- Purchasing (Julie)--just ordered baseballs for the pitching machine. Julie is currently determining how many hats we will need to order for this year. Pricing for jerseys will go out to league directors in a few weeks. Hat option with a 3-D logo is an option this year per Brandon—cost would be the same.
- Sponsorships/Marketing (Brian)-committee information was sent out to all committee members. Emails were sent to those business sponsors who will have expiring contracts in 2025. Brian will construct an email to be sent out to MBSC families looking for new sponsor opportunities. A new contract for 2025 was signed with Dick's Sporting Goods--\$1000 donation plus \$500 in equipment credits. The DSG in store sale for MBSC families will be held on March 7-10.
- Technology/Website (Mark)--continues to update the website. He will have revised baseball league guideline posted. Baseball tournament information has been updated. Good Hops will again have \$50 price per ticket—this will be posted on the website and included in Goods Hops communications. Please let Mark know if any other updates to the website need to be made.
- Safety/Background Checks (Mark)--no update
- Concessions (Dan)--no update
- Volunteers (Richard)--met with Julie to transfer over information and log in information about the committee. Mark will work with Richard about the process for volunteer fee refunds.
- Scholarships (Jay)--no update. Mark suggests that we will need to data mine for names of seniors that may not have played high school baseball or softball but played with the MBSC at some point.

Madison Dugout Club Winter Banquet

Date: Monday, January 13, 2025

Place: Madison Marriott West Hotel & Conference Center 1313 John Q. Hammons Drive, Middleton WI

Reception: 5:00 PM - Tap Beer & Soda included

Dinner: 6:30 PM - 10 oz. Top Sirloin

Based on responses, we will get one or two tables. Please respond to Jamie's email with a YES or NO answer about attending the banquet.

New Business

Brent—youth camps for MBSC players will be organized for MBSC players to be held over winter break. The charge per player for a two-hour session will be \$10. The plan is to hold a total of eight sessions over the winter break. The camps will be limited to 2024 MBSC registrants due to liability purposes. Brent will put together a sign-up genius with the session times and dates.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Brandon, second motion by Julie. Meeting was adjourned at 9:11PM

Next MBSC Meeting—January 15, 2025

Next MBSC Softball Subcommittee Meeting—January 16, 2025

Next MBSC Baseball Subcommittee Meeting—January 8, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Drunasky, Secretary