



Middleton Baseball & Softball Commission

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October 9, 2024 Wednesday
MBSC Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance: Members present, members absent, guests

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

Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2024 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes by Jeff, second motion by Eric, minutes approved without changes.

Treasury Report (Jamie)

Checking - \$42,883.31 Concession - \$10,000 Money Market Savings - \$41,791.84 Loan Balance - \$292,674.92

Mark notes that there is also about \$5000 in accounts receivable for competitive fees still outstanding. November 1st was when we did the paydown on the building loan last year. Jamie will see what the balances are on November 1st to determine if we can pay any more down on the loan this year. We would usually like to have around \$90,000 on hand for a total asset balance. We will revisit the loan paydown question at the November meeting. We will also need to know if the MBSC will have any major capital improvement costs for 2025 by the November meeting. Jamie recently transferred about \$15,000 from the concession account into the checking account.

Election of Commission Members

- Re-election of current members (Dan, Mark, Jamie, Brian, Tim, Aaron, Mike H, Brent, Jeff). Note that Tom Schmitt has decided to retire from the Commission. Kristen would like to serve as an associate member for this year. A motion to re-elect these members to another two-year term was made by Troy, second motion by Jay, the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the full members.
- Election of New Commission Members (Brandon Hellenbrand) A motion to elect Brandon to a two-year term as a full Commission member was made by Mike H, second motion by Jamie, the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the full members.
- New Associate Members—Chris Eisenhauer and Tom Stetzer have indicated that they would like to become associate members—no vote is necessary for them to become associate members. Peter Schoenke and Kelly Kick will no longer be associate members. Richard, Brynn, Anne, Scott, Blake, Eric, Mike Schaefer, Amy and Mike Smith have indicated that they would like to continue as associate members.

Election of Officers

- Mark will transition from Vice-President to the President for a two-year term starting tonight. Brian will continue to serve as Secretary for another two-year term, and Jamie will continue to serve as Treasurer for this season. Jamie is willing to transition out of treasurer position if there is another person who is interested in taking over the position.
- Vice-President position is open and nominations for the position may now be brought forward for discussion and a vote. No nominations for the Vice-President position were made tonight. We will continue to seek nominations or volunteers for this position until it has been filled.

League Director End of Season Duties Reminder

- Equipment Return and Inventory/Key Return
Softball (Anne)--all equipment and keys have been returned except the four teams doing fall ball. Anne will work with Pat McGrath to get equipment inventoried.
Baseball
 Coach Pitch (Troy)—equipment and keys are all returned and inventoried.
 Pepper (Brynn)--all equipment and keys have been returned and inventoried.
 Little Bucks--(Brian J)—still needs to return keys to the equipment shed. He still must collect equipment from one of his teams.
 Cal Ripken (Tom Schmitt)—he is still working with his coaches to return equipment and keys. He will coordinate this process with Troy, who will be taking over the Cal Ripken league this year.
 Babe Ruth (Jamie)--still working to get the equipment and keys returned for one of his teams.
 Legion (Eric)—all equipment and keys have been inventoried and returned.
 A reminder to all league directors to inventory all your equipment so that you can include any new equipment needs in your 2025 budget. Please get equipment and clothing price quotes if they are available from Julie before working on your 2025 budget.
- Update League Guidelines
 Baseball league directors have been directed to review and offer possible updates to their league guidelines. A review of league guidelines was last performed in 2022. Softball league directors will review guidelines as they have not been updated since 2016.



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2024 Reconciled League Budgets

Coach Pitch, Pepper and Little Bucks reconciled budgets have all been submitted. Other league directors are directed to submit their reconciled budgets to Mark or Dan by the November meeting. We need to have reconciled budgets before working on new budgets for 2025.

Update on Competitive Fee Invoicing

Mark—we still have around \$5000 in competitive fees to collect. Many of these fees are from the 8U tournament team. Brandon will send out a message to the 8U players to have the competitive fees paid. Mark will coordinate with team coaches or league directors for the other outstanding competitive fees. They will communicate to the parents about the need to pay these fees as soon as possible.

Committee Reports

- Capital Improvements/City Liaison (Jay)--no update.
- Facility Maintenance—FFMP (Aaron)--committee meeting set for Sunday October 12. The committee will try to come up with a list of recommendations for possible capital improvements for this year. The last wind screen at FFMP will be taken down by softball on October 19.
- Indoor Practice Facility Update (Aaron)--not present. Possible wish list items for the building will be discussed at the facility maintenance committee meeting.
- Coach and Player Development (Jeff)—he would like to get Rich O'Connor certified as a Driveline coach for this year. The MBSC will cover the cost of Rich's certification and will reimburse Jeff for the fee. May need to increase the price of the Driveline program slightly for this year. Mark will work with Jeff to get the registration information updated for this year. Jeff will work with field scheduling committee to get the Driveline sessions scheduled for this winter.
Brent mentioned that two former MHS players will be offering some camps for MBSC in the next few weeks. Plan on holding a Jirschele baseball camp on January 18 at the indoor facility. Also planning on holding Dawg Ball baseball hitting camps this winter for high school and MBSC players.
- Field Scheduling (Mike H)—the committee will continue to have Mike H, Brian J, Anne and Kristen as members. The MBSC important date list for 2025 was updated. Mike has documented committee functions to pass along for future years. Scheduling age group workouts for this winter is a priority item that must be determined soon. Mike is getting a list of the age group leaders so that the committee can work with them about scheduling winter age group sessions.
Baseball and softball evaluations dates for next spring have been determined tonight and will be put into the field scheduler. Mike notes that the MBSC will be starting recreation baseball and softball on Monday June 9, which is during the last week off school. This is needed in order to get a full seven weeks for the recreation season next summer.
- Purchasing (Julie)—currently going through equipment bags to see what might need to be ordered for 2025. She will get updated equipment and jersey pricing to league directors for the 2025 budgets if pricing is available.
- Sponsorships/Marketing (Brian)--nothing new to report.
- Technology/Website (open)—Mark is continuing to lead this committee for now. We are seeking a volunteer to become the lead for this committee. Mark is willing to help train anyone who would be interested in this role. We need several new volunteers to help staff on this committee. Kelly has transferred access to the email system and google drive to Mark. Please send any updated league guidelines to Mark for posting on website.
- Safety/Background Checks (Mark)--no updates.
- Concessions (Dan)--looking for a lead person for this committee.
- Volunteers (Open)---we are also looking for someone to take over from Julie as the lead person for this committee. The main duties are generating sign up genius volunteer forms for events needing volunteers, making sure volunteer QR codes are filled out, etc.
- Scholarships (Jay)—No MHS seniors applied for the scholarships this past year. Should we send out the information about the scholarship earlier in the school year so that students have more time to consider it? Jay will work on finding ways to publicize the availability of these scholarships for 2025.

Brian will put together a committee signup sheet along with a description of each committee. Committee leads and members from last year will continue to be listed as the lead unless told otherwise. An emphasis will be made to have all MBSC Commission members participate in one or more committees.

Other Old Business

Dan—sent out a survey to MBSC families seeking feedback on the 2024 summer season. He has received 114 surveys with some good feedback. The survey will close on October 13. Dan will present the final survey results at the November meeting.

New Business

Chris—wondering if the MBSC would want to sponsor and organize the MLB Pitch/Hit/Run contest in Middleton. The city of Middleton did it for a couple of years without much participation. Chris will do some research to get more information on this program for future discussion.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Dan, second motion by Jamie, meeting adjourned at 9:23PM.

Next MBSC Meeting—November 13, 2024

Next MBSC Softball Subcommittee Meeting—October 17, 2024

Next MBSC Baseball Subcommittee Meeting—November 6, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Drunasky, Secretary