



Middleton Baseball & Softball Commission

Box 620823

Middleton, WI 53562-0823

September 11, 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		Kristen Jafferis		x	Brynn Cunat	x		Marcy Smith		x
Jamie Guerrero		x	Brent Jorgensen		x	Anne Esser	x		Mike Smith		x
Brian Drunasky	x		Brian Juech	x		Scott Hammer		x	Guests		
Brittany Carl	x		Tom Schmitt		x	Brandon Hellenbrand	x		Jeff Porter	x	
Tim Cleary	x		Jeff Schleusner	x		Blake Hutchison	x		Melissa Pletzer	x	
Troy Cunat	x		Eric Simon	x		Eric Roden		x	Ryan Shea	x	
Jerry Gurtner	x		Jay Smith		x	Mike Schaefer		x	Tom Stetzer	x	
Aaron Harris	x		Julie Yapp		x	Peter Schoenke		x	Chris Eisenhauer	x	
									Dave Parks	x	

Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2024 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes by Eric, second motion by Brian Juech, minutes approved

Treasury Report

Checking - \$34,033.99 Concession - \$10,000 Savings - \$41,652.81 Total - \$85,686.80 Loan Amount - 295,943.42

Per Jamie-- Will wait to compare our money situation this year versus how it was a year ago. Last year we paid down a substantial amount of money on the loan on November 1. We may not be able to pay extra down on the loan this year---if we do pay extra, it will probably be in a smaller amount.

Let Jamie know if anyone needs checks for payments. He is waiting for more check payments to arrive. He still needs to make payments to the Legion coaches for the past season. We should have approximately \$21,00 coming soon from competitive fee payments.

Declaration of Membership for 2024-2025 Season/Prospective New Members

- Full commission members due for re-election at the October meeting (Dan, Mark, Jamie, Brian, Tim, Aaron, Mike H, Kristen, Brent, Tom, Jeff)--we need to know if everyone is coming back for another term. Dan, Mark, Jamie, Brian, Tim, Aaron, Mike H and Jeff are interested in continuing as full members. Dan will check with those members not present tonight about their interest in continuing as full members.
- Others seeking full commission membership—Brandon Hellenbrand and Kaitlin Schulz are interested in becoming full time members.
- People seeking or continuing associate membership—Chris Eisenhauer would like to become an associate member. Note that Kelly Kick has indicated that she will no longer serve as an associate member. Brian will check with the other current associate members to see if they want to continue in this role for 2025.
- Officers for 2025—Jamie will continue as treasurer for the upcoming year. Mark will take over as President in October. We will need to nominate a person for the Vice-President position at the October meeting—please let us know if anyone is interested in being considered for this position. Brian will continue as Secretary for 2025.

Final 2024 Registration Report

445 total registrants in 2024—this is down slightly from the previous few years.

Baseball registrants—322 (137 competitive and 185 recreation). Softball registrants—123 (approximately 50/50 competitive/recreation).

Brief Review of 2024 Season

- Softball (Anne)—had five competitive teams (one 14U, two 12U and two 10U). Recreation also had five teams (one 14U, one 12U and two 10U that played in the Greater Dane League, and one Little Brewers team). Anne will investigate the possibility of working with West Middleton and the city recreation department on Little Brewers age group players. We are apparently losing Little Brewers players to West Middleton, as indicated by the low numbers for Little Brewers this year. West Middleton is also apparently referring their players to West Madison competitive programs instead of steering them to MBSC competitive programs. The MBSC will need to set up a meeting with the city recreation department to discuss how the West Middleton recreation programs are affecting the MBSC recreation programs. The capital improvements/city liaison committee will need to set up a meeting with city recreation department.
- Baseball
Coach Pitch (Troy)—had five teams. Two of the teams played in a weekend tournament for the first time at this age group. Season went well overall despite large roster sizes and jersey issues. The end of year tournament with hot dog night went well.
Little Bucks (Brian J)—had seven teams, season went well overall. Suggests decreasing end of year tournament to one game for each team due to low player counts.
Pepper (Brynn)—had three teams, season went well overall. Teams played a few games with Waunakee in addition to in-house games.



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Cal Ripken—had multiple teams at each age group, good scheduling of weekday games with area teams, tournament teams played a very good schedule with plenty of games.

Babe Ruth—had three teams (one U13 and one U14 tournament teams, and one U13/14 combination team). Season went well overall.

- **Fall Ball Plans**

Softball--one 14U team doing tournaments, two 12U teams are playing in one tournament each. One 10U team and one 12U team playing in fall ball league.

Baseball—having Sunday practices during September for incoming 13U players to get them ready to play in the large diamond.

League Director End of Season Duties Reminder

Equipment and Key Return/Perform Inventory Check/Budgets/Review and Update League Guidelines

League directors—please have coaches return all equipment and keys and perform an equipment inventory check as soon as possible. Equipment will need to be inventoried so that we can plan for 2025. All cold packs should also be pulled out of the equipment bags and stored in the indoor facility. Jerry suggests that we need to look at the catching equipment inventory carefully so that any new orders for next year can be placed this fall.

Budgets—please reconcile budgets for the 2024 season and start preparing budgets for the 2025 season. Reconciled budgets should be submitted to Dan by the October meeting and new budgets should be submitted in November.

League Guidelines—all league directors should review their league guidelines and make recommendations for any changes. Suggested changes will need to be reviewed and approved by baseball or softball subcommittees.

Update on Competitive Fee Invoicing

Mark is sending out invoices for competitive player fees—this should total approximately \$21,000. 8U tournament fees will also need to be invoiced by Mark.

Update on Volunteer Refunds

All checks were distributed to the names the Mark had provided for reimbursement of the volunteer fee. All others had previously been reimbursed electronically.

Committee Reports

- **Capital Improvements/City Liaison (Mike H)**—we must put together a capital improvement plan with the facility maintenance committee ASAP and then sit down with the city to discuss if they can include any of our plans into their budget for 2025.
- **Facility Maintenance—FFMP (Aaron)**--need to put together a five-year plan for facility maintenance as noted above. The committee will be meeting soon to determine this planning list. Fall workday went well. Dugout covers needed many repairs this year—covers seem to get torn off every year. We might want to put this into our five-year plan to have permanent covers. Getting a quote from Parks Electric about converting lights in the indoor facility to more efficient lighting. Aaron notes that we will probably have to rent a boom to have the new scoreboard signs installed at FFMP. Aaron is also researching a fix for the outfields on FFMP fields 1 and 4—this would be a major project.
- **Indoor Practice Facility Update (Aaron)**—lighting and replacement of pulleys are the major projects needed for the building. Aaron has been doing research to find open-ended pulleys that would be sufficient for our needs.
- **Coach and Player Development (Jeff)**—the committee is exploring options to consider offering hitting lessons. The Driveline throwing program will need to recruit more educated coaches for the program this year. Jeff is also working on setting up a specialized hitting/pitching program for Legion baseball players.
- **Field Scheduling (Mike H)**—he documented the committee procedures from the past year for future reference. This will help to act as a guide for any new people working on this committee. Indoor facility can be scheduled for practices until mid-November. Diamond 3 at FFMP is closed—all other FFMP fields are open for practices.
- **Purchasing (Julie)**--not present. Jerry mentioned that Julie is currently inventorying everything in the baseball equipment shed. Dan helped to organize all the softball equipment that is stored in the concession stand.
- **Sponsorships/Marketing (Brian)**--All sponsorship payments have been received for the 2024 season. We received total revenue from general sponsorships of \$17,450. The cost of preparing new signage was \$1415, so net revenue was \$16,035. Note that we received an additional donation of \$1500 from the Optimist Club to help to staff their booth at the Good Neighbor Festival this summer.
- **Technology/Website (open)**--Mark will meet with Kelly about setting him up as the main contact person for Sports Engine. Mark will need some help from others to help run this committee this year.
- **Tournaments (Jamie)**—baseball held two successful tournaments at FFMP this summer. Had great help from coaches and volunteers.
- **Safety/Background Checks (Mark)**--any new members to the board who have not previously been a coach or league director will need to have a background check done.
- **Concessions (Dan)**—we need more help for this committee. Dan Gilliland and Jen Redders were the concession managers for this year. We had good volunteer participation this summer. Dan will get the revenue numbers from the concession stand this summer from Jamie.
- **Volunteers (Julie)**--not present
- **Scholarships (Jay)**--not present—Dan will follow up with Jay about the scholarships for this year.



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Other Old Business--none

New Business

Eric –the city will be winterizing the concession stand soon. All refrigerators and freezers will be unplugged if not done already. The vending machine will also need to be emptied and unplugged.

Dan—drafted a survey to have sent out to all MBSC families to get feedback on our programs and on their experiences. He asked for feedback from MBSC officers and league directors. The survey will be sent out soon.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Troy, second motion by Mark, meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Next MBSC Meeting—October 9, 2024

Next MBSC Softball Subcommittee Meeting—October 17, 2024

Next MBSC Baseball Subcommittee Meeting—October 2, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Drunasky, Secretary