



Middleton Baseball & Softball Commission

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November 13, 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 Members	Yes	No
Mark Wisinski	x		Brandon Hellenbrand	x		Richard Beddingfield		x	Amy Siedschlag		x
Jamie Guerrero		x	Mike Hinz	x		Brynn Cunat		x	Marcy Smith		x
Brian Drunasky	x		Brent Jorgensen		x	Chris Eisenhauer	x		Mike Smith		x
Dan Schrum	x		Brian Juech	x		Anne Esser	x		Tom Stetzer		x
Brittany Carl		x	Jeff Schleusner	x		Scott Hammer		x	Guests		
Tim Cleary		x	Eric Simon	x		Blake Hutchison		x	Tim Mattes		x
Troy Cunat	x		Jay Smith		x	Kristen Jafferis	x				
Jerry Gurtner		x	Julie Yapp		x	Eric Roden		x			
Aaron Harris		x				Mike Schaefer		x			

Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2024 Meeting

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

Treasury Report

Concession Account \$10,000 Checking Account \$47,412.48 Savings Account \$41,920.68 Loan Balance \$293,473.52

We will get a recommendation about the possibility of paying down the loan this year from Jamie at the December meeting.

Open Vice-President Position

This two-year position is still open. Please contact Mark if you have an interest or any questions about the position.

League Director End of Season Duties Reminder

- Equipment and Key Return—league directors please wrap up the return of equipment and keys ASAP. Mark will help if any league directors have difficulty collecting keys and equipment.
- Perform Inventory—Julie working on inventorying the equipment bags—league directors please coordinate this process with Julie.
- Update League Guidelines—league directors please do a review of your league guidelines. Send a copy of any updated guidelines to Mark so that they can be posted on the website.

2024 Reconciled League Budgets/2025 Budgets

Mark has received reconciled league budgets for all baseball and softball leagues. We will be reviewing the 2024 reconciled budgets to get an idea of what needs to be budgeted for 2025. The league directors have received some budgeting information from Mark and have also received some updated equipment costs from Jerry to use as references when compiling your 2025 budgets. We would like to have these budgets completed by the December MBSC meeting.

Update on Competitive Fee Invoicing

Mark reports that we have six outstanding invoices left—two are with softball and four with baseball. Anne stated that it is very unlikely that we will receive payments from the softball players. Mark will continue to follow up with the baseball players for payments and will also follow the 2025 registration list to see if they register with fees still outstanding. They will not be able to register for 2025 MBSC programs if they do not pay their 2024 competitive fees.

Possible 2025 Competitive Team Fee Agreement for Baseball

Mark has found that the current competitive fee model used on the baseball side is very time consuming to administer and is also very confusing for parents. Mark is proposing that for baseball players in 2025 who make a competitive team, we will have a competitive player/parent agreement signed by each player when they make the competitive team. This agreement will include information about the team along with expectations for players and parents. It will also include the estimated competitive fees that each player will need to pay based on the number of tournaments entered by each team, uniform requirements, etc. This agreement requirement will be communicated clearly to all competitive team players and parents. Note that our competitive softball teams have been using a competitive player/parent agreement for several years.

Registration Planning

Mark has been working on the registration module for 2025 which will go live on January 1. Mark needs to test the program in December, so he will need the 2025 budget numbers by that time so that fee amounts can be determined.



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Update 2025 Important Dates

Baseball important date changes spring evaluations and the Special Olympics tournament were made last week at the subcommittee meeting last week. We still will need a date for the second softball evaluation session next spring. Mark will check with Jay about confirmation of Good Hops date on Saturday April 12.

Driveline Discussion

Per Jeff-34 players have signed up for the Driveline assessment thus far. Practice sessions have been entered into the field scheduler.

Committee Reports

- Capital Improvements/City Liaison (Jay)--not present
- Facility Maintenance—FFMP—a list of possible capital improvements was compiled recently by the committee. Parks Electric will be installing LED lighting next week. Aaron will have someone paint the garage door black and the batting cage pulleys will be replaced later this month. The new pulleys should be more durable and will be installed in a way to prevent some of the problems that we have seen in the past. The indoor facility group will meet next week to perform some maintenance duties in the building. Other improvements include purchasing a couple of handheld remotes for FFMP, general maintenance on the heaters at the indoor facility, and having new building codes distributed to all users of the indoor facility.
- Indoor Practice Facility Update--as above.
- Coach and Player Development (Jeff)--as above.
- Field Scheduling (Mike H) --all important date changes have been added to the scheduler. For scheduling of the indoor facility during the week for this winter, there will be nine age groups plus the Driveline groups. Younger kids will be scheduled for early evening times and older kids for later evening times. An email was sent out with this information to the coaches and their feedback was requested. Kristen is working to finalize the age group practice times after receiving feedback from coaches.
Weekend practices—we will have age group sessions that last for 90 to 120 minutes on the weekends this winter (120 minutes preferred). The duration of weekend practices will vary, depending on what other sessions (clinics, HS practices, etc) are scheduled that week. Coaches will be able to request their own practice times on the weekends.
- Purchasing (Julie)--no updates. Jerry recently sent out updated prices for new baseballs. Dan notes that the wish list that was compiled for the indoor facility will need pricing information so that a decision can be made about which equipment items to purchase for 2025. We will need to prioritize this wish list prior to the December meeting. The indoor facility committee will make a priority list and make recommendations on what should be purchased if money is available.
- Sponsorships/Marketing (Brian)--new sponsorship opportunities form for 2025 was prepared and sent to Mark for posting on the website. Brian will be sending out sponsorship committee information to other members of the committee soon. Current sponsors who have expiring contracts in 2025 will be contacted this month about possible contract renewal options.
- Technology/Website/Registration (open)--Mark is updating the website with 2025 information, including board members, league directors, important dates, etc. He is also working on the 2025 registration information. Mark will start training new members of this committee.
- Safety/Background Checks (Mark)--nothing to report
- Concessions (Dan)--nothing to report
- Volunteers (Richard)--not present
- Scholarships (Jay)--not present. Mark will be able to run Sports Ngin lists to capture current MHS seniors who have participated in MBSC programs and therefore would be eligible to be considered for these scholarships.

New Business

Brian—Tim Mattes has indicated that he would like to become an associate member with the MBSC this year—he will be added to the MBSC member list.

Dan—sent out a feedback survey to all 2024 MBSC registrants at the end of the season. He received a total of 121 responses, including 34 from softball and 87 from baseball. The results of the survey have been sent in an email to all MBSC board members. He notes that the feedback was mostly positive and included information and comments that can be used in planning for MBSC programs going forward.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dan, second motion by Eric Simon, meeting adjourned at 8:47PM.

Next MBSC Meeting—December 11, 2024

Next MBSC Softball Subcommittee Meeting—November 21, 2024

Next MBSC Baseball Subcommittee Meeting—December 4, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Drunasky, Secretary