



# Middleton Baseball & Softball Commission

Box 620823

Middleton, WI 53562-0823

May 8, 2024 Wednesday  
MBSC Meeting Minutes

Call meeting to order at 7:30PM Baymont Inn & Suites, 8102 Excelsior Drive, Madison. Zoom link also available.

Motion 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	Peter Schoenke		x
Mark Wisinski	x		Kristen Jafferis	x		Brynn Cunat	x		Amy Siedschlag		x
Jamie Guerrero		x	Brent Jorgensen		x	Anne Esser		x	Marcy Smith		x
Brian Drunasky	x		Brian Juech	x		Scott Hammer		x	Mike Smith		x
Brittany Carl		x	Tom Schmitt	x		Brandon Hellenbrand		x			
Tim Cleary		x	Jeff Schleusner		x	Blake Hutchison		x	<b>Guests</b>		
Troy Cunat	x		Eric Simon	x		Kelly Kick	x				
Jerry Gurtner	x		Jay Smith		x	Eric Roden		x			
Aaron Harris		x	Julie Yapp	x		Mike Schaefer	x				

### Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2024 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes by Eric Simon, second motion by Tom, minutes approved without changes.

### Treasury Report

Concession Account \$11,966.23    Checking Account \$75,646.56    Savings Account \$41,088.23    Loan Balance \$300,688.36

Please submit any reimbursement for tournament costs to Jamie. League directors will need to get umpire money from Jamie and distribute it to your coaches. We can revisit further payments on the loan next fall.

### Registration Report

Baseball recreation numbers: Coach Pitch 55, Little Bucks 96, Pepper 39. Softball recreation has a total of 56 players registered. Registration for Pepper and Little Bucks can close tonight, and we will take any additional registration requests for those leagues on a case-by-case basis. Mark will send out the final registration numbers to Brian Juech for Little Bucks and Brynn for Pepper. Teams for Little Bucks and Pepper have been formed and coaches have been secured. We will keep Coach Pitch open for a couple more weeks with close monitoring of the numbers. There is currently a total of 438 registrations across baseball and softball—last year we had 459 total registrations. The softball subcommittee will continue discussing the decline in numbers for recreation softball.

### Coaches Clinic Sunday May 19

Fields at FFMP have been reserved for 6PM on May 19 for the clinic. Eric Simon will again be coordinating the clinic. Emails to all coaches will be sent out with information about the coaching clinic. Information will be included in this email about coaches picking up their equipment and keys from league directors if they have not done so already-- Eric, Dan and Mark will devise a communication that will be sent out to the coaches.

### Good Hops Report

Revenue numbers--\$4000 from preordered ticket sales (80), \$850 from day of event ticket sales (17), \$4702.91 from silent auction sales, \$1060 from prize raffles, \$310 from 50/50 raffles, and \$30 from hat sales. Total revenue \$16,452.91. Event costs unclear at present—we will need to cover half the cost of the beer glasses, give money to Holiday Inn staff members who worked the event, and may possibly have to cover some of the beer costs. A total of 97 tickets were sold and 19 comp tickets were used for a total of 116 ticketed people present. This does not include volunteers who worked at the event and did not partake in beverage tasting. Revenue numbers are close to those for the past couple of years. Thank you to all who helped with the event this year. The consensus is that we must do a better job of communicating about the event to our younger parents.

### Committee Reports

- Capital Improvements/City Liaison (Mike H)—We need to update our priority list capital improvements and submit it to the city—this will need to be done by the facility maintenance and capital improvement committees. Mike sent a communication to the members of those committees to think about updating the priority list. The ADA project at Adler Field will happen in 2025—it will include concrete paths to the bleachers and dugouts. There will be a new recycling dumpster in the parking lot at FFMP—we will work with concession workers to recycle items into this dumpster. Batting screens are being stored under the north side of the concession stand—these should be stored out of sight behind the equipment building. The roof cover on diamond 4 dugout was removed for repair. The fields at FFMP are holding up very well with the recent rains and are in good shape. We do have some extra home plates that could be used to replace the older ones as needed.
- Facility Maintenance—FFMP--Tom notes that we should have some extra home plates available for the practice facility and for the batting cages—Julie will check on the extra home plates. Softball has been having some issues with the pitching machines recently that have been repaired by Aaron. Eric Simon notes that some of the L-screens are in questionable condition that could use new netting or replace entirely. We need to take inventory of the current L-screen situation. Aaron is waiting on back drop screens for the batting cages.
- Indoor Practice Facility Update (Dan)—ongoing pulley problems on the cages at the indoor facility. The plan is to eventually replace all the pulleys at the same time, which will be very labor intensive. Aaron is working on finding the proper pulleys for replacement.
- Coach and Player Development (Jeff)--no update.



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- Field Scheduling (Mike H)—The field scheduler was opened again today for scheduling practices starting in the second week of May. Competitive softball games were entered into the schedule by Kristin, and all new coaches were submitted for background checks. Softball recreation games will be entered into the system next week with as many games at FFMP as possible, and new coaches will also be submitted for background checks.

Legion baseball games should be able to be played at the high school field this summer because of the turf project rejection. Babe Ruth games have been added to the schedule and coaches have been entered into the system. Jamie also has a separate umpire spreadsheet for Babe Ruth games where umpires can sign up. All games for Cal Ripken age groups have been entered into the schedule and new coaches have been submitted for background checks. Umpires are signing up for Cal Ripken games using the google doc that was set up by Eric Roden. Little Bucks and Pepper games will be entered into the system by the end of this week, coaches have been submitted and umpire sign-up is being populated.

Hot dog night for the Little Bucks and Pepper leagues will be held on Monday July 29. Hot dog night for Coach Pitch will be on Friday August 2 as part of their league tournament held on August 2-3.

Question on how to handle requests for early evening practices on fields that will be holding scheduled games later that evening. These requests will be denied by the field scheduling committee. A few recreation coaches have requested the indoor facility without completing the AFM requirements—Mark will coordinate the training of these coaches.

- Purchasing (Julie)—all necessary equipment and clothing have been ordered. Competitive leagues have received their jerseys and hats, recreation shirts have been ordered.
- Sponsorships/Marketing (Brian)--all but two sponsorship payments have been collected for 2024. All of the new dugout signs have been installed at FFMP. Aaron and the fire department will install the new scoreboard and field signs very soon. Thank you emails will be sent to all the Good Hops financial sponsors. Recreation league directors will need to check the practice baseball situation to see if additional supplies are needed.
- Safety/Background Checks (Mark)--most of the new coaches have received emails on submitting their information for background checks.
- Concessions (Dan)--Dan Gilliland will return as inventory manager and Jenna Redders will also return as worker manager. We have two paid workers signed up for the season. Dan will check with Jenna about the concession schedule to make sure that all scheduled nights are covered.
- Volunteers (Julie)--concession volunteer signups are all set. She will send out the tournament signups first and will then send out concession signups.
- Scholarships—Jay will be sending out an announcement to all eligible MBSC seniors with information on the scholarships.
- Technology/website (Mark)--will need to start on refunds for volunteer hours—will work with Julie to get accurate volunteer hour information.

## High School Turf Project

Last night the City of Middleton Common Council rejected the request to rezone the high school fields by a 7-1 vote, which ended the possibility of the turf project happening at this time. This probably means that high school softball will come to MHS with a natural grass field soon, replacing the practice field behind the first base dugout at MHS. The Common Council recommended that the school district come back with a request to rezone this area with a parks and recreation designation along with their proposal to have the softball field installed.

## Other Old Business

- Coordinator for Police Department vs Fire Department Softball Game—Mike Hinz is still looking for someone from the MBSC to take over as coordinator of this event and be on site for one day. Please contact Mike if you have an interest in taking over this position. The fire and police departments will provide all the volunteers for the event.

## New Business--none

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tom, second motion by Eric, meeting adjourned 9:33PM.

Next MBSC Meeting—September 11, 2024

Next MBSC Softball Subcommittee Meeting—May 16, 2024

Next MBSC Baseball Subcommittee Meeting—September 4, 2024

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Drunasky, Secretary