



Middleton Baseball & Softball Commission

Box 620823

Middleton, WI 53562-0823

September 10, 2025 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	Yes	No	Members	Yes	No	Associate Members	Yes	No	Associate Members	Yes	No
Mark Wisinski	x					Richard Beddingfield	x		Eric Roden		x
Brandon Hellenbrand	x		Mike Hinz	x		Brynn Cunat		x	Mike Schaefer		x
Jamie Guerrero	x		Brent Jorgensen		x	Chris Eisenhauer	x		Amy Siedschlag		x
Brian Drunasky	x		Brian Juech	x					Marcy Smith		x
Dan Schrum	x		Jeff Schleusner		x	Scott Hammer		x	Mike Smith		x
Brittany Carl		x	Eric Simon	x					Tom Stetzer	x	
Tim Cleary		x	Julie Yapp		x	Kristen Jafferis		x	Guests		
Troy Cunat		x				Tim Mattes	x		PJ Buske	x	
Jerry Gurtner		x				Rich O'Connor		x	Lucas Wendt	x	

Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2025 Meeting

Motion made by Brandon to approve the minutes, second motion by Mike Hinz, minutes approved without changes.

Treasury Report

Checking account \$44,889.98 Savings account \$43,084.23 Concession account \$87,350.17

Jamie says that we are very close to breaking even for the year in terms of revenue and expenses. He believes that we should probably not consider paying off any extra on the building loan this year.

Final 2025 Registration Report

Baseball 336 Softball 117 Total 453 (an increase of 8 from 2024)

Declaration of Membership for 2025-2026 Season/Prospective New Members

- Full Commission Members Due for Re-Election at the October MBSC Meeting
Aaron Harris and Jay Smith have stepped down from the Commission.
Brittany Carl, Jerry Gurtner, Tim Cleary and Jeff Schleusner have indicated that they would like to transition from full members to associate members.
Current full Commission members who will be up for re-election this year—Troy Cunat, Brian Juech, Eric Simon and Julie Yapp.
- Other People Seeking Full Commission Membership
Richard Beddingfield and Chris Eisenhauer confirmed that they would like to be considered for full commission membership at the October meeting.
- People Seeking or Continuing Associate Membership
Anne Esser, Brynn Cunat and Blake Hutchinson have indicated that they would like to step down as associate members.
PJ Buske and Lucas Wendt have indicated that they would like to become an associate members.
- Officers for 2026
Mark Wisinski—President
Brandon Hellenbrand—Vice President
Brian Drunasky—Secretary
Jamie Guerrero—will continue to serve as Treasurer.

Brief Review of 2025 Season by League Directors

- Coach Pitch (Brandon)—63 players with five teams. Season seemed to go well with no major issues. Had an 8U tournament team that played one tournament in Verona—will need to discuss plans for playing any tournaments at this age for the upcoming season.
- Little Bucks (Brian J) --90 players with six teams. The season went well, other than having many players on each team.
- Pepper (Brynn)-four teams in this league, the season went well. We did not play any teams from other communities as originally planned.
- Cal Ripken (Troy)-Had a total of seven teams in this league. There were two teams at each age level except for U10, which had one team. All but one of these teams played in tournaments.
- Babe Ruth (Jamie)—Had three teams—13U, 14U and a combined 13U/14U. The season went well overall. Note that Chris Eisenhauer has volunteered to take over the league director position in 2026.
- Legion (Eric R)—had 16U, 17U and 19U teams. Note that the 19U Senior Legion won the state championship this year! Seven graduating seniors from MHS played with the Senior Legion team. The Cross Plain Legion Post 245 was very supportive of the program—they attended many games and increased their yearly donation from \$1000 to \$2000.
- Softball—had two teams at 10U, two teams at 12U and one team at 14U. Plan to have competitive teams at these ages again next year. Fall evaluations were recently held for 10U and 12U. Note that the city ran the Little Brewers age program this year and had good player numbers. We will need to send out good communications to these families urging them to join MBSC programs next year.

League Director End of Season Duties Reminder

- Equipment and Key Return—please make sure that all equipment bags and keys are returned ASAP.
- Equipment Inventory—please clean out your equipment bags, check for damaged or lost equipment and make sure that ice packs are removed for proper winter storage.
- Budget Review—will need to submit reconciled 2025 budgets in a couple of months.



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- Update League Guidelines if Necessary—review your league guidelines and make any necessary changes.

Update on Competitive Fee Invoicing

There are currently 28 outstanding competitive fees—11 for softball and 17 for baseball. Mark will follow up with these players for payments. Note that these players will need to pay their fees before participating in any winter workouts.

Update on Volunteer Refunds

Most volunteer refunds have been paid. We are sorting through the families that volunteered at the Optimist Club booth at the Good Neighbor Festival for possible refunds.

Committee Reports

- Capital Improvements/City Liaison (Mike H)—Jay was the committee lead but is no longer serving on the Commission. Mike is contacting Jay to get the necessary documents and information for this committee. Mike will be meeting with city officials soon to discuss possible capital improvements for 2026. The city will likely want the MBSC to pay more maintenance costs than we have in the past, but this will be difficult until the MBSC is able to retire the debt on the indoor practice facility. The only project that the city has submitted to us thus far is the scoreboard at Sorenson/Bakken field. The parks use agreement with the city will also need to be reviewed this year. Mike will also check with the city to see when the ADA project at Adler Field will happen.
- Facility Maintenance—FFMP—Aaron was the lead for this committee but is no longer serving on the Commission, so we will need a new lead person. Noted that the Adler dugout covers still need to be removed for the winter. The batting cage can stay up until the fall practice sessions are completed.
- Indoor Practice Facility Update—Aaron was also the lead for this committee, so a new lead person is needed. No major issues with the building currently. It will close in November for cleaning and maintenance as usual.
- Coach and Player Development (Jeff)—Jeff would prefer to step back from the lead position on this committee, so another lead person will be needed for this season.
- Field Scheduling (Mike H)—Will need another person from softball to serve on this committee as Anne is no longer serving on the Commission. The season went well overall from a scheduling perspective.
- Purchasing (Julie)—Julie has distributed the current prices for clothing and equipment to league directors. Brandon notes that we can expect costs to increase substantially for this season. He will work with Julie on the inventorying of equipment and hats.
- Sponsorships/Marketing (Brian)—all sponsorship payments have now been collected. Net revenue from general sponsorships for 2025 was \$18,540. Note that the Optimist Club donated an additional \$2000 to the MBSC in addition to their normal amount of \$1000 as payment for the hours that MBSC members worked at the Good Neighbor Festival. Note that we have at least seven sponsors that have expiring contracts in 2026. We still need to have the new scoreboard signs installed at FFMP—hopefully we can coordinate this with the city prior to the start of the 2026 season.
- Technology/Website (Mark)—Mark will try to delegate more duties to committee members for the upcoming season.
- Safety/Background Checks (Mark)—Brandon has volunteered to become the lead person for this committee.
- Concessions (Dan)—good year overall. Thank you to Jenna Redders and Dan Guilliland for acting as paid managers again this past season, along with several other paid workers. Note that we will need to look for a new hot dog machine for next year.
- Volunteers (Richard)—Reports that everything went well after he learned how the committee functions.
- Scholarships (Open)—Eric has volunteered to be the new lead person for this committee. Eric and Brian will draft letters to be sent out to the two scholarship winners for this year.

Review of Committee Assignments

Mark will send out an email to Commission members with the Committee list and the current members. He will list the same people that were on these committees last year unless he is informed of any changes. If we do not get an adequate number of volunteers for each committee, he will then send it out to MBSC families seeking volunteers for the committees. We need to get these committees in place soon so that planning for the upcoming year can occur.

New Softball Director

Anne Esser has stepped away from the Commission, so we will need to find a new director for competitive softball. Mark will first send an email to current Commission members seeking a new director. If no one volunteers from the Commission, Mark will seek a volunteer from MBSC members.

Important Dates for 2025-2026

Dates were set for the two baseball summer tournaments, spring baseball evaluations, spring softball evaluations, and the spring workday at FFMP. We will continue to review this list at subsequent meetings. Brian will update the current list and forward to members.

New Business

Dan—he would like to send out an end of season survey to MBSC families again this year. We received a total of 126 responses from MBSC families last year. Mark will send out a copy of the survey that was conducted last year for review for any changes or additions.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:31PM.

Next MBSC Meeting—October 8, 2025

Next MBSC Softball Subcommittee Meeting—??

Next MBSC Baseball Subcommittee Meeting—October 1, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Drunasky, Secretary