



# Middleton Baseball & Softball Commission

Box 620823

Middleton, WI 53562-0823

March 12, 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			Members			Associate Members			Associate Members			
Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No		
	x	Mark Wisinski		x	Brandon Hellenbrand		x	Richard Beddingfield			x	Eric Roden
		x		x	Mike Hinz			x			x	Mike Schaefer
	x	Brian Drunasky		x	Brent Jorgensen			x			x	Amy Siedschlag
				x	Brian Juech			x				Marcy Smith
		x		x	Jeff Schleusner					x		Mike Smith
		x			Eric Simon		x			x		Tom Stetzer
	x	Troy Cunat		x	Jay Smith					x		<b>Guests</b>
	x	Jerry Gurtner			Julie Yapp		x			x		
		x								x		
												Rich O'Connor

### Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2025 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Brandon, the second motion by Chris, minutes approved without changes.

### Treasury Report

Concession Account \$10,000 General Account \$91,292.45 Savings Account \$42,405.13 Loan Amount \$288,260.79

Jamie is caught up on issuing checks—please let him know if you need any more checks written.

### Open Vice-President Position

This position remains open, we would like to have this filled out as soon as possible. Please contact Mark if interested.

### Registration Report

A total of 410 players have registered to date. Competitive registration will be closing soon, recreation will continue until early June.

- Baseball—a total of 305 registrants
  - Recreation: Coach Pitch 54 Little Bucks 45 Pepper 30 Note that some of the Cal Ripken players will be moving to recreation soon. Pepper has already received a few players from Babe Ruth.
  - Competitive: Cal Ripken 140 9U—46 10U—38 11U—32 12U—24 The goal is to have two teams per age group for CR. Babe Ruth 40 13U—18 14U—22 Plan is to have three teams—one 13U tournament team, one 14U tournament team and one 13U-14U league team.
- Softball—a total 105 105 registrants.
  - Little Brewers 10 Grades 3 thru 5-54 Grades 6 thru 7--25 Grades 8 thru 9--16

### Spring Evaluation Report

- Cal Ripken—Troy reports 11U and 12U teams have been formed and coaches are in place. Planning on having evaluations for a few more kids at 9U and 10U. Teams will be formed for these ages in the next few days. Troy will be sending out an email to all players who made a Cal Ripken team with information about the season, Good Hops information and the competitive player agreement form that will need to be signed by players and parents.
- Babe Ruth—Jamie reports that the evaluations have been done, and he is in the process of finalizing teams with the Babe Ruth coaches.
- Softball—Anne reports that softball evaluations have been completed. She will be meeting with coaches to form teams and should have this completed by next week. Anne will also send out an email to competitive team members with season information, Good Hops information and the competitive player agreement form.

### Good Hops Planning

- Facility/Glasses/Setup (Jay)-glasses have been ordered by Benvenuto's. The MBSC will split the cost with Benvenuto's if needed. Mark will take an inventory of the Good Hops bin to make sure that the necessary supplies are available for the event.
- Beer/Wine/Liquor (Jamie)—has been in communication with Frank Distributing about beer for the event and should have the final list of beers soon.
- Food—confirmed vendors are Jersey Mike's, Wing Stop, The Nitty Gritty and Glass Nickel Pizza.



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- Sponsorships (Brian)--we currently have a total of five financial sponsors who will contribute a total of \$2000. Please contact Brian if you know of businesses or individuals who would like to be a Good Hops sponsor.
- Silent Auction—item list is short at this point. Please try to contact businesses about giving silent auction items.
- Music/DJ-Derek Yapp will provide the music—possibly may have another person do the announcements with a script. Mark and Brian will work on a script that can be followed by the emcee during the event.
- Publicity/Tickets--sales are slow thus far. Please buy your tickets in the next couple of weeks—this will help with the selling of tickets. Mark will keep sending out communications to registrants, people that attended last year, etc. Please tell your team members, parents, etc. about the event.
- Volunteers (Richard)--most of the volunteer slots have been filled. Need some help with 50/50 raffle and the silent auction distribution.

## Committee Reports

- Capital Improvements/City Liaison (Jay/Mike H) --Jay is waiting for information from the city or Aaron about the flagpole light at FFMP. He needs the make and model and location of where the light will be placed.  
Mike H—new fence top protectors for FFMP have been ordered and should be available next week. Will coordinate with the city about installation in conjunction with spring workday. Light pole and light fixture at Orchid Heights—will probably be difficult to have done by the beginning of the season. Mike has two new scoreboard remotes that will be used this year.
- Facility Maintenance—FFMP (Aaron)--not available. Chris asks about using permanent dugout covers rather than the temporary ones currently used. Our research indicated that it would be too expensive and not practical. We will use new dugout covers that were purchased this year. Need to have heavy duty twist ties to use with the dugout covers and wind screen installations.
- Indoor Practice Facility Update (Aaron)--no update
- Coach and Player Development (Jeff)--working on the Bat League for this summer.
- Field Scheduling (Mike H) --fields have all been allocated and blocked out for this summer. For indoor practices this spring, we have an adequate number of fields for the number of teams that will be formed. Practice times will need to be entered into the scheduler for 17 teams—we have 15 time slots available between 5:30PM and 10PM. Two teams will need to practice between 4-5:30PM. Mike needs league directors to give him contact information for all teams. Anne will then be sending out emails to coaches asking for their requested time/day for their weekday practice. Hope to have the weekday practice assignments out for coaches by Thursday March 20, prior to spring break.
- Purchasing (Julie)--We are looking at four-week lead time for jerseys so as soon as you have your teams and numbers, please submit those to Julie. We added more baseballs to the indoor facility as well as three dozen new softballs. Please let Julie know if any additional orders are needed for balls. Refill hats have been ordered so we will have full stock for the season.
- Sponsorship/Marketing (Brian)—invoices have been sent out for all our current advertising sponsors—Jamie is starting to receive some of the checks. Brian is working on a new dugout sponsorship with Baird—The Brown Schroeder Group. General Purpose Movers and Everlight Solar have renewed their dugout sponsorships; still waiting on Quartz. Working on renewal agreement with TDS.  
New signs that were prepared last year still need to be installed sometime this spring—Brian will coordinate the installation with Aaron.
- Technology/Website (Mark)--will update the website with advertising sponsors and Good Hops sponsors for this year. Mark notes that he can set up MBSC teams to use Sports Engine for team communications if interested.
- Safety/Background Checks (Mark)--league directors should enter any new coaches into the background check document.
- Concessions (Dan)we need to find a volunteer to lead this committee for this summer. We may have to reach out to MBSC parents to see if anyone would be interested in taking over this responsibility.
- Volunteers (Richard)--20 of 35 slots have been filled for the spring workday on March 29. Richard will send out some more emails to get more volunteers for this event. He will start working on summer volunteers sometime in April.
- Scholarships (Jay)-Jay will set up a meeting with Marcy about having MHS announce that our scholarships are available for seniors to apply for. Jay would prefer that the MBSC still oversees the review process and selection of scholarship winners.

## Important Date Additions

Coaches Clinic-- We will tentatively schedule it for Sunday night May 18 from 6-8PM at FFMP. Mark will note this on the website and will publicize via email.

Baseball Umpire Training—we have discussed having a training session held each spring for our prospective youth umpires, but this has not yet happened. We will not schedule a training session unless someone volunteers to lead this effort.

Mike H—asking for someone to coordinate the PD vs FD Charity Softball Game to be held on Saturday August 9 at FFMP.

## New Business

Jay—he has information that some individuals are using the indoor facility that are not listed as authorized users. He would like a list of the coaches that are currently doing the age groups workouts and high school coaches who are holding camps at the facility. Jay and Mark will follow up on this issue.

Brent—indoor pitching mound is available from the high school if we would like to have it for the indoor facility. It would need to be picked up at the high school on March 24 or March 25. We will reach out to Brent if we decide to have it for the facility.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at Mike H, second motion by Brandon, meeting is adjourned at 8:55PM.



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Next MBSC Meeting—April 9, 2025

Next MBSC Softball Subcommittee Meeting—April 17, 2025

Next MBSC Baseball Subcommittee Meeting—April 2, 2025

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Drunasky, Secretary