



# Middleton Baseball & Softball Commission

Box 620823

Middleton, WI 53562-0823

February 15, 2024 Thursday  
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	Y	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 January 10, 2024 Meeting

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

### Treasury Report

General Account \$94,615.61 Savings Account \$40,660.64 Concessions Account \$10,000 Loan Amount \$304,325.40

Jamie is currently working on taxes. We may be able to pay down additional money on the loan later this year.

### Registration Report

- Status Update  
Total Registrations 325 (slightly more than last year at this time).  
Softball 89 (competitive 78)  
Baseball 236 Competitive registrations: 9U 39 10U 24 11U 25 12U 25 13U 19 14U 21
- Publicity-Tom is arranging to have a registration article placed in the Middleton newspaper. Tom had registration yard signs made and distributed them around town near schools. A peach jar flyer publicizing registration has been sent out via the school district email system. Several email blasts have been sent out to 2023 registered families.

### Baseball and Softball Evaluations

Anne—softball 14U evaluations will be held on Friday March 8. Other softball evaluations are scheduled for March 3 and March 9. Emails to get volunteers signed up for evaluations have been sent out.

Mark--sent out an email this week for volunteers for baseball evaluations, which will be held on March 2 and March 10. He will also reach out to some of the high school players to help with evaluations. Hours for evaluations should be from 8AM to 4PM each day.

Mike Hinz notes that Capitol Ice Arena will be using the FFMP parking lot for the state hockey tournament—this will impact people using the indoor facility on February 29 and March 1-2. Mike has reserved 20 spots at FFMP in front of the indoor facility for baseball people. Communications with this information should be sent out to parents prior to these dates.

### Good Hops Planning

- Facility—date and time with Holiday Inn and Suites have been confirmed—Saturday April 13 from 5PM-9PM.
- Beer/Wine/Liquor (Jamie)--currently getting commitments from beer vendors—should have no problem getting enough for the event.
- Food—Confirmed food vendors are Glass Nickel Pizza and Jersey Mike's. Brian is waiting to hear back from Wing Stop. Tim was going to contact Nitty Gritty.
- Sponsorships (Brian)--confirmed sponsors are Pellitteri Waste Systems (\$1000) and SVA Certified Public Accountants (\$250). Brian will be contacting recent past sponsors. Please let him know if you find any new sponsors for the event.
- Silent Auction—Dan will be sending out a link to the silent auction donation spread sheet so that it can be viewed by all Commission members. Silent auction donations can be logged into the electronic form that is available on the website.
- Music/DJ--(Jamie)--Talked to Kevin Thomas about getting somebody from their DJ service to work the event—we would probably have to pay them for working for us—he is still waiting to hear back from them.
- Publicity—Brian will update the Good Hops sponsor list on the website as sponsors are determined. Tom will have an article published in the Middleton newspaper. Email blasts will continue to be sent out to MBSC families. Good Hops information has been placed on the website and on Facebook page. Tom was going to have some posters printed to publicize the event.
- Volunteers (Julie)--will review the volunteer signup sheet for any changes or updates. She will send the sign up out soon in an email and will also have it placed on the website.
- Glasses (Jay)--working with Todd Winkler on production of beer glasses for the event.
- Tickets—PLEASE sign up! Tickets may be purchased on the website.



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## Committee Reports

- Capital Improvements/City Liaison (Jay)--no open items with the city currently. The issue about scoreboard signage has not moved forward. Also looking to have ADA improvements at Adler—Mike Hinz is working on this. Mike says that the city is looking into the possibility of using the indoor facility for city programs or classes during weekdays when the building is not being used. The city and the school district have not communicated their intentions about possibly sharing the costs of the field grading that was done at FFMP last year.
- Facility Maintenance—FFMP (Aaron)--not present. Aaron is taking over the lead on indoor practice facility from Jay. A big thanks to Jay for the great work that he did as leader of facility maintenance!
- Indoor Practice Facility Update
  - Facility Maintenance—as above.
  - Age Group Practices--seem to be going OK.
- Coach and Player Development (Jeff)--no update. There should be only one more week remaining for the Driveline program.
- Field Scheduling (Mike Hinz)--the scheduling of HS/Legion games for this summer may be affected if the turf project at the high school is approved and begins during the summer. The committee and baseball league directors will have to decide on how to schedule games and practices on the large baseball diamonds. Mike hopes to have the field schedule listed on a google doc so that coaches and league directors can view and schedule appropriate as needed.
- Purchasing (Julie)--has ordered sliding mats for use in the indoor facility--these should be available soon. She will order jerseys when team names and numbers are available.
- Sponsorships/Marketing (Brian)--Invoices for 2024 payments from current sponsors are going out this month. He has obtained new dugout sponsorships from Josh Blasi/Restaino Realty Associates and Tribe 9 Foods. The MBSC shop event at Dick's Sporting Goods on March 8-10 is being publicized as part of our sponsorship agreement.
- Technology/Website (open)--Mark and Kelly have been handling these duties.
- Tournaments (Jamie--the U10/U12 tournament on June 8-9 has three teams registered in each division. The U9/U11 tournament on June 29-30 has four teams registered for U9 and eight teams for U11. Mike Schaefer would like to keep the U11 division open for now. Jamie is also working with Mike on procuring umpires for the tournament.
- Safety/Background Checks (Mark)--no report
- Concessions (open--Dan will touch base with the paid position people from last season.
- Volunteers (Julie)--sign-up sheets for the 2024 season have been prepared and will be sent out soon.
- Scholarships (Jay)--committee will meet this spring to discuss 2024 MBSC scholarship selections.

## MHS Project Update

Jamie—the project for turfing baseball and softball fields passed the MCPASD Board of Education by a 5-4 vote. The project must still be approved by several committees from the city before construction can begin. We need to find out more information about the city approval process in case the MBSC wants to be involved in these discussions.

## New Business

Eric—will try to get port-a-potties installed at Middleton Hills and the District Center for this season.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Troy, second motion by Eric Simon, meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.

Next MBSC Meeting—March 13, 2024

Next MBSC Softball Subcommittee Meeting—March 21, 2024

Next MBSC Baseball Subcommittee Meeting—March 6, 2024

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Drunasky, Secretary