



Middleton Baseball & Softball Commission

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April 10, 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	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	Guests		
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 March 13, 2024 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jamie, second motion by Eric Simon, minutes approved without changes.

Treasury Report

Concession Account \$10,000 Checking Account \$88,686.45 Savings Account \$40,935.70 Loan Amount \$301,909.76
Taxes have been paid for 2023. Jamie is writing checks for tournaments---will need to distribute umpire money soon.

Registration Report (Mark)

As of April 10, there were a total of 414 MBSC registrants—109 softball players and 305 baseball players.

Of the 109 softball registrants, 43 are recreation players.

Baseball recreation---Coach Pitch 51, Little Bucks 91, and Pepper 36—these numbers account for those players who were moved over to recreation from competitive. League directors can get the player lists from Mark if needed.

Recreation registration for baseball and softball will remain open for now. Recreation teams will need to be formed by the first week in May if possible.

Good Hops Planning

- Facility/Setup--Jamie met with Kim from the Holiday Inn about setup for the event. It was decided tonight that we would change the setup to have the silent auction items displayed in the main banquet room and the food stationed in the hallway outside the main banquet room.
- Beer/Wine/Liquor--beer was delivered today, and the brewery signs are all set. Whiskey and wine will be provided by Todd Winkler.
- Food—Jersey Mike’s, Glass Nickel Pizza, Wing Stop and Nitty Gritty are all confirmed as food sponsors. Arrangements have been made for delivery. Will have warmers available for wings and sliders.
- Sponsorships (Brian)--we now have a total of seven financial sponsors totaling \$5500. All sponsors have been contacted about their comp tickets that will be available at the check-in table. Advertising signs for those qualifying sponsors are in production and will be displayed soon at FFMP. The Good Hops sponsor list on the website has been updated. A computer will be available at the event to run a slide show of the sponsors.
- Silent Auction (Marcy)--approximately 40-50 total items have been donated. Online bidding will occur again this year. The Cubs game package and the University Ridge golfing package will be used as 50/50 raffle items.
- Music/DJ (Julie)--Derek Yapp is all set to be the DJ and MC. Dan will work with Derek on a written script for the MC duties.
- Volunteers (Julie)—most of the volunteer schedule has been filled.
- Glasses—(Jay)—will be provided by the Holiday Inn.
- Tickets/Publicity—there will be one more email push prior to the event. Online registration will be closed on Saturday morning. Jamie will get starter money for the event. A total of 68 tickets have been sold online up to this point.

Committee Reports

- Capital Improvements/City Liaison (Jay)--Mike H met with the city a couple of weeks ago. The ADA project at Adler will occur in 2025 with several improvements planned for that field. The city would like someone from the MBSC to attend one Parks committee meeting per year, preferably in August or September before budgeting occurs. The city also requested that the MBSC develop a new facility improvement plan. We would then have meetings with the city to refine and determine priorities, decide who will fund the projects, and determine when the projects will take place. The city is looking to replace the scoreboards at FFMP at some point. The city will be working with the high school softball team to put up and take down signage at FFMP.
Eric—hoping to have porta potties installed at DAC and Middleton Hills by April 15.
- Facility Maintenance—FFMP Dan stated that the second workday at FFMP was held on April 9 to complete installing dugout covers. All wind screens and batting cages with hitting mats are up.
- Indoor Practice Facility Update—Eric states that some more pulleys have broken on cages at the indoor facility. We are trying to find better pulleys to eventually have them all replaced. Aaron was made aware of the broken pulleys on the far cage and replaced those to working order this week.
- Coach and Player Development (Jeff)—he is offering to see injured players for free with their first visit to his clinic—contact Jeff if you have a player who needs this service.
- Field Scheduling (Mike H)—an email went out this week stating that outdoor diamonds may start to be scheduled for practices starting this Friday, along with information on how to properly use the field scheduler. The high school diamond has been booked with as few games as possible due to possible closure of this field during the summer if construction on the turf project is approved. Many of the HS/Legion games have been moved to



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Cross Plains. Scheduled Cal Ripken league games have been put into the master schedule. Home games will also be loaded onto the umpire schedule so that prospective umpires can sign up for games.

- Purchasing (Julie)--competitive jerseys have been ordered. She will have recreation shirts ordered soon. Competitive baseball decided to have an option for a third jersey if approved by a majority of the age group. Players/parents will have to pay for the cost of the third jersey.
- Sponsorships/Marketing (Brian)--Most 2024 sponsorship payments have been received. Second invoices for those outstanding payments were sent out yesterday. Still working on getting renewals for TDS Telecom and CGI. Signs for new sponsors and replacement signs for some of the aging signs at FFMP are now in production. The new signs will be installed on April 14.
- Technology/Website (Mark)--if you want your team set up on sports engine, please contact Mark. The city will give updates on the status of fields no later than 3PM each day. Mark will then put this information immediately on the website. If there are any weather issues that occur after 3PM, it will be up to the coaches to decide if a game will take place.
- Safety/Background Checks (Mark)--will start running background checks next week.
- Concessions (Dan)--plan to have the concession stand four nights per week for seven weeks starting on June 10. Dan Gilliland will coordinate inventory at the stand again this summer. Jenna will manage the paid workers again this summer. Dan has signed up a few paid workers for the summer—please let Dan know if you know of other people looking to work at the stand this summer.
- Volunteers (Julie)—Good Hops volunteers as above. Sign up geniuses for other events this summer are on the website.
- Scholarships (Jay)--plan is to keep the selection of winners separate from the high school scholarship program. High school coaches have communicated the scholarship to senior players. Jay will also have previous MBSC players emailed about the scholarship offer, even if they are not currently playing high school ball. \$500 scholarships are given out each year for baseball and softball.

Important Dates

- Coaches Clinic Date—Sunday May 19 at 6PM. Eric Simon will run the clinic and go over field maintenance with the coaches.
- MBSC Coordinator for Police Dept vs Fire Department Softball Game—we still need an MBSC representative to run to coordinate the event for concessions. Mike would help train the person who would volunteer.
- MBSC Night at the Mallards—the date is set for Thursday August 8. Dan will have this posted on the website and have it promoted with emails.

High School Turf Project Status

Tim—the city decided last night not to vote on this project until next month. This will give people more time to give their opinion on the project to the city.

Batting Cages for High School Fields—Discussion

Brent and Brittany are not present. No action will occur as a specific donation request was not presented.

New Business

Strike Out Cancer Game----the MBSC will send out emails to promote the sale of hats and jerseys that can be purchased for this fundraising event.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jay, second by Eric, meeting adjourned at 9:04PM.

Next MBSC Meeting—May 8, 2024

Next MBSC Softball Subcommittee Meeting—April 18, 2024

Next MBSC Baseball Subcommittee Meeting—May 1, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Drunasky, Secretary