

Mount Horeb Softball Club Meeting

Meeting Time/Location:

Date: Monday, February 20, 2023 / 7:00 PM

Location: Culvers Front Room

In Attendance: Kurt Adler, Amy Nichols, Kristin Casey, Nicole Imbus, Nicole Johns, Stefanie Christensen, Evelyn Dahlgren, Taylor Mueller, Mandy McWilliams, Ryan Clifton, Eric Swiggum, Jeff Mester

Meeting Agenda:

1. Minutes from last meeting (posted)
2. Treasurer Report – Nicole Imbus- current balance \$43,931.38. Youth registrations continue to come in. Received \$2000 from MHHS super bowl fundraiser and paid out \$1000.
3. Student Liaison Report – Evelyn Dahlgren and Taylor Mueller- Updated club on super bowl fundraiser profits and these amounts will go towards jackets. Have been having open gyms and lifting. Discussion on apparel store and provided contact information for Marah Odgers to work with on. Discussed upcoming picture for high school posters and building excitement for youth night.
4. Coach Liaison Report – Jeramie Holman- provided by Eric Swiggum. Discussion on using amount remaining after jacket payments to provide payment to volunteer high school coaches. 22 high school players anticipated for this years teams including 10 freshmen.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Troll Tourney – Kristin Casey / Kris Aeschlimann-Kristin Casey and committee members Nicole Johns and Stefanie Christensen were present to provide an update on Troll Tourney 2023. The committee has been busy and is off to a great start! They provided dates of when save the dates went out, email/FB blasts and info went out on Info Sports. Team registrations are coming in, but need more teams to sign up at all levels. Kristin relayed what the committee member rolls are. Ideas were discussed on how to continue to get the word out for the tournament including signage at the upcoming Troll Classic. Will also reach out to area Rec Depts. and Deforest to provide us their overflow from their tourney the same weekend once they are full. Kristin inquired about being provided access to FB for updating and was decided for the committee to get any FB items they want posted to Mandy and website updates to Kate. Jeff shared a few different scenarios for game times and field usages depending on how many teams we have. The committee will work on apparel and having both pre-orders and items available to purchase at the Tourney. Discussion on increasing umpire fees. The group will be meeting in April to discuss their concession menu. Kristin inquired as to what the long term goals are of the Tourney from the clubs perspective. Discussion on having an 8u/9u game on Friday night to kick off the Tourney weekend and possibly 14u team as well? Much discussion on volunteering and the committee mentioned they would like more club support and compared this to the MHBC Troll Classic. It was discussed that the Troll Tourney and MHSC are different in that the MHSC has a specific committee for the Troll Tourney and the committee is a part of the club. In addition, MHSC utilizes VIP for volunteering opportunities, so we should encourage parents to get involved with volunteering first. Sign up genius will be used. Coordination will be required on volunteering roles at the tournament as there are many other opportunities outside of the tournament that also need staffing to run the years operations.
 - b. Field Improvements – Kurt Adler
 - i. JV Dugouts – steel roof, fencing, cut bolts- weather has not been cooperating
 - ii. Varsity Field Lighting Update – Village and School lights are up not connected.
 - c. Equipment – Ryan Clifton

- i. 2022 purchase status 8 cases of game balls are in and Ryan will pick up. We are on track for meeting all other equipment needs.
 - d. Apparel Coordinator – Marah Odgers not present, but Kurt will reach out to separately.
 - i. \$368.00 payment to Mark-IT- this was for 2022 Coaches gifts.
 - e. Other Committee Reports? - Discussion on future hitting and pitching clinics. Jeff mentioned he has not had much interest other than 1 coach. He plans to discuss this at the upcoming parent meeting in March.
- 6. Old Business – Updates
 - a. Venmo update – Nicole Imbus Nicole will get the QR code laminated for HS games and the Troll Tourney. Have been testing Venmo and it has been working. Fees are 1.9% plus ten cents. Discussion on adding instructions to binder that purchaser will need to show their phone to concession work to provide proof paid.
 - b. Calendar Raffle – Kurt Adler- tickets have been ordered and will be provided to the youth and high school players when available. Each youth tournament player will be asked to sell 5 tickets and each high school player to sell 10 for our largest annual fundraiser. Eric to provide Kurt with high school roster so ticket numbers can be assigned.
 - c. Field Improvements in the Village – Kurt Adler
 - i. Sports Complex – Dewitt property- Kurt provided update that this is still being discussed at a Village level. An individual has received an accepted offer from the seller to purchase 2 of the 5 lots; likely to be used for a football field. Community survey did not receive 50% support that they like to see in order to proceed forward with a project.
 - ii. Sports Fields – Meylor property – Village assessment is being done for use of softball/baseball/soccer fields and a dog park.
 - iii. Grundahl Park Revitalization- discussions are continuing at a Village level for this multi-purpose building and park space in general to be used for the Frolic and indoor sports practices over the winter.
- 7. New Business
 - a. Corporate sponsorship donations (since last meeting - \$3,150) - these donations have resulted from the annual letter the club sends.
 - i. MHB Real Estate - \$100
 - ii. Premier Building Solutions, Inc. - \$100-
 - b. South Central League insurance requirements- It was approved to spend \$25 to have South Central League added as an additional insured since the South Central league recently informed teams that they will no longer be providing insurance through their registration.
 - c. Raffle Licenses (A & B) renewed- License A is for the calendar raffle and License B is for 50/50. Ryan inquired if pull tabs could be covered under either of the licenses as a fundraising idea – to be checked and followed-up on.
 - d. Legion Softball – U16 – Eric Swiggum- Eric provided an update that there is much interest from local teams, but we will not know exactly who is signed up until May 1st. It was decided to continue exploring this as an opportunity for our high school girls to play over the summer. Would need interest of at least 15 girls. Keep South Central League as an option as well.
 - i. Jerry Hook / Scott Klassy – potential league fee sponsorship by MH American Legion
- 8. Next meeting- March 20th 7pm Culvers
- 9. Adjourn
- 10. Officer / Coordinator Photos- not all Officers present to take photo. Would like to get this accomplished at a future date to update the website.

Meeting adjourned 8:11 PM, respectfully submitted by Mandy McWilliams