

Mount Horeb Softball Club Meeting

Date: **Monday, February 19 / 7:00 PM**

Location: **Culvers**

In Attendance: **Gina Rhiner, Whitney Mauger, Laci Pustina, Maddie Swiggum, Jojo Murray, Kate Kraemer, Eric Swiggum, Pat Thomas, Phil Geisler, Adam Melka, Sadie Sutter, Nicole Johns, Jeff Mester, Kurt Adler, Stefanie Christensen**

Meeting Minutes:

1. Minutes from last meeting (**posted**)
2. Treasurer Report – Nicole Johns
3. Student Liaison Report – Jojo Murray, Gina Rhiner, Maddie Swiggum
 - a. **Sponsors for the poster (from Kurt & Kate / apparel store update / team jackets)**
 - b. **Apparel store is open for orders and deadline is 2/28**
 - c. **Poster photos 3/15 – Kate can provide logos to Kaitlyn – make sure to send inclusive list (check with Eric).**
 - d. **Do players have thoughts on what is offered at concessions stand at games?**
4. Coach Liaison Report – ~~Jeramie Holman / Starlyn Olson~~, Eric Swiggum: **First practice is 3/11, currently lifting, Superbowl fundraiser complete for jackets, extra funds will be used for team meals / end of year banquet. Just under 30 for the number of players – about 27.**
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Youth Program – Jeff Mester / Laci Pustina:
 - i. **Registration for 2024 summer ball: open for the season – 14U jerseys need to be ordered by March 1st.**
 - ii. **U10 – parent meeting, March 7, 6PM, Middle School Step Room – may need to be moved to 3/12 if boys' basketball goes to semifinals.**
 - iii. **U12/U14 – parent meeting, March 10, 6:30PM, Zoom Meeting**
 - iv. **16U – Jeff is deferring questions to Eric & Jeremy but there will be something this summer.**
 - v. **League registrations open middle of March.**
 - vi. **There has been some confusion and frustration regarding**
 - b. ~~Equipment~~ – Stephanie Christensen
 - i. **Chest protector(s) for plate umpires (handheld or straps) – Stephanie will check on the chest projectors.**
 - ii. **Everything is ordered. Softballs will be picked up this week.**
 - c. Troll Tourney
 - i. **Updates – no new updates, starting planning phase, teams are signing up.**
 - ii. **Apparel – Marah suggested incorporating a Troll into the logo, logo designed possibly provided by a sponsorship.**
 - d. **Umpire Coordinator – Pat Thomas – Pat needs to know the league rules – there are three different leagues. There will be umpire training with baseball – Nick Burrows. Kurt will get Pat info so he can get involved. Jeff will provide Pat a list of those who participated last year. \$40 for main ump / \$30 for field ump.**
 - e. **Field Coordinator – Eric Swiggum – Eric will get the net down if weather stays warmish. Currently infield is not ready – it's not plowed.**
 - f. **Apparel Coordinator – ~~Marah Odgers~~ – Store is open. If we need to run another store for younger kids, we can do another round.**
 - g. **Concession Coordinator – Open Position – Jamie Myers has taken on the position!**
 - h. **Field Improvements – Kurt Adler**
 - i. **Second batting cage and moved/expanded pitching area update: may not be in**

- place for high school season. Rubbers are not in yet.
 - ii. Sound system – move speakers to light poles – ground is too soft currently. We still have functional speakers.
 - iii. Varsity dugouts – lock them by moving gates to eliminate chance of vandalism – we don't want to get rid of dugout entrance.
- 6. Old Business – Updates
 - a. Calendar Raffle update: mockup has been sent in and we should have tickets within the week. Eric will get Kurt list of high school players.
 - b. Legion Softball – U16 – Eric Swiggum: legion softball is looking good – we should have a couple pitchers and the verbal interest is there to do it. Eric will know more once high school season starts.
 - c. Kate will email those who have registered under incorrect form / update U16 registration to remove VIP and remove fee for now. Email registrants directly.
- 7. New Business
 - a. Raffle licenses approved
 - b. Umpire training – April 28th joint with baseball (Nick Burrows)
 - c. Youth umpire shirts – approve and order
 - d. Mallards – College Softball game opportunities
 - e. Purchase of MHSB tents
 - f. 2023 scholarship payment to Taylor Mueller – currently at River Falls
 - g. South Central Girls Softball League – 20% discount at Dicks (April 5-7)
 - h. hitting clinics offerings – Eric will check with Brian (Beast) to see if he has any room – or options for Sunday in April. Varsity girls may be up for doing a clinic, which would be awesome.
 - i. Pitching clinics – Morgan? Other options? Erin? – Jeff will get contact info to Kurt. Sometime in April due to gym space – can't use ELC until basketball is done.
 - j. Order softball tent to use at troll tourney / Kate motions to order two tents, Stephanie seconds.
 - k. Corporate sponsorship donations (since last meeting):
 - i. Academy of Little Vikings - \$200
 - ii. Esch Insurance - \$100
 - iii. Farmers Savings Bank - \$500
- 8. Next meeting: Monday, March 18, 2024 – 7:00 PM Culver's Mt. Horeb
- 9. Adjourn: 7:54 PM