

## December 2, 2015 RAC Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Astri Baillie, Dave Carver, Colleen Castellano, Brenda Catalanello, Kathy Cowan, Tony Gero, Peter Hiscano, Dutch Holland, Ken Waer, Zach Ellis,

Regrets: Tom Haralampoudis,

October meeting minutes were approved.

The following recommendations will be made to council for RAC 2016 membership.

### 2016 RAC MEMBERSHIP

name	Represents
Dave Carver	Babe Ruth Softball
Harvey Allen	pool
Karen Blount	Field Hockey
Colleen Castellano	Madison Soccer Club
Brenda Catalanello	MAF
Nino Coviello	Football
Kathy Cowan	Girls Lacrosse
Zach Ellis	Madison Recreation
Tony Gero	ice hockey
Tom Haralampoudis	MJS Rep
Peter Hiscano	open space liaison
Christopher 'Dutch' Holland	Basketball
Lisa Ellis	BOE
Tara Spagnoletti	Boys Lacrosse
Ken Waer	Little League Baseball
bill Wilt	Wrestling

### 1] Youth Sports Update

Basketball. 611 kids playing. Gym time/space at a premium and being charged for gym time. Need to build a case for a town rec program building. Going out of town. Long hill church. Drew is not responsive. All sports can use more inside gym space; BB needs indoor space in season.

Astri will go to bob Conley, place on shared services agenda. Recommended Jim Kennedy to sit in on MHS work on their construction plans to attempt to incorporate a field house extension into their plans. Zach connected this request to Lisa Ellis to get a voice.

## Dutch followed up after the meeting with the following proposal

**From:** [dutchandshan@verizon.net](mailto:dutchandshan@verizon.net) [mailto:[dutchandshan@verizon.net](mailto:dutchandshan@verizon.net)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2015 12:41 PM

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**Subject:** Re: RE: RAC

lisa / Zach / Astri . As discussed at the RAC meetings:

### Problem:

- There is not enough indoor gym space to address the growing number of kids playing basketball in Madison under the MBA.
- There is also a need for more out of season indoor practice time slots. We have Madison Borough recreation programs going out of Madison owned facilities to secure indoor practice time.
- Practice cancellations -outdoor sports and band practices could come indoors during inclement weather.
- Existing gyms are overused (MHS AUX is a cafeteria) and overcrowded (CAS) and do not get a chance to recover from cleaning or refinishing

Solution: Proposed indoor Facility aka **The Dodger Fieldhouse**

- Ideally 1 regulation high school basketball court and 2 additional youth basketball courts. Concession stand and 2 bathrooms and 2 locker rooms.
- As there is an ongoing project to revitalize the High school this would be a great opportunity to put extension /annex on the High School which would minimize the build out and infrastructure costs of a stand-alone facility
- Facility to be used for other sports not just basketball
- The facility would be able to accommodate and convert to multiple sports while primary usage would be basketball during winter season.
- The suggested floor surface would-be the rubberized multi-sport flooring used at the Drew facility.

### Projected Cost:

The MBA has secured interest from a professional in this field (Jim Kennedy) to assist in budget and cost projections

Funding: The MBA, The BOE, The Borough of Madison and private donations via fundraising campaigns

While this is not a formal proposal, we hope this would be sufficient to at least get a seat at the table at the Building and Grounds or Project Planning Group to discuss the future (short term and long term) plans. We have received the support of the other RAC member and hope to receive some feedback from the Council as well. We look forward to your feedback.  
Chris Holland (Dutch) MBA Board Member

The following update was received from Astri.

-----Original Message----- From: astri23 <astri23@optonline.net>  
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Sent: Mon, Dec 21, 2015 1:14 pm Subject: Re: MAF and fieldhouse fundraising

Hi Dutch, I spoke with both the Mayor and School Board President. Bob will be bringing it to the next shared services committee meeting. Lisa is already on top of the idea. Astri

Girls Lacrosse. Registration open til end of December. No kindergarten program. Also no Harding.

Ice hockey. All in good order. 130 players. Ice time is make or break. 4 years with twin oaks for regular practices. However Travel teams take priority and can bump our Rec program practices.

Baseball. Registration open til 1/31. Met with new MHS varsity coach. Connected with Drew program.

Soccer. Mandated to move by fall 2016 to new field sizes, ages. 7/8 year olds to clinics and start at u9. Use central ave for the little kids. To calendar year from 7/31 cutoff.

Recreation update on the ski trip. 190 registered 25 chaperones.

Field hockey. Currently in Offseason. Successful fall season. Clinics ok, but lost trainer. Ready to move to a new board for the 2016 season

Tom. MJS. BB BOYS/girls. Then volleyball. Then lax. Working to coordinate better with town programs. Hut opportunities for all sports. Find a vendor to run. Astri to check with Ray if any issues.

Boys Lacrosse. Registration is opening this weekend. Indoor clinics at Wayne. Lax is now all tiered across state. Hit highest level next year. Another goal destroyed at MRC.. All nets shredded and have to be replaced 12 nets replaced and 3 goals replaced. Scoreboards up and running.

Girl's softball. Registration open until January 10. Spring training at Drew program all set for late January/all February. With the green village feels loss, will move our program to the Madison Junior school Monday through Friday evenings and all day Saturday in spring 2016. Transitioning to the borough's background check program.

Several programs noted that there are Ongoing issues with booking, BOE time. Zach asked that you document these issues directly to dr Rossi, cc to Zach.

## **2] Council Update**

Still waiting on seating prices for MRC bleachers

Ridgedale ready for ice. Liner pending. May not have liner in place before the field is flooded for ice skating. Understanding that will not impact the renovated field.

BE bid goes out in Jan.

## **3) Project update**

RAC Master Plan Update.

Create recommendations and set direction next ten years, update program stats, etc. Goal is to have updated document ready to submit to council by year end.

### STEP ONE

WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN GETTING UPDATED FACTS ABOUT PARTICIPATION, FIELD USE AND FIELD CARE

Completed.

FINAL TWO STEPS DEFERRED UNTIL JAN 2016 MEETING

STEP TWO what does the future look like for Madison Youth SPORTS?

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT YOUR PROGRAM TO LOOK LIKE OVER NEXT TEN YEARS SIZE, [SMALLER, SAME, MORE], CHANGES, FACILITY NEEDS, CURRENT CONSTRAINTS, WISH LIST. EACH YOUTH SPORT TO HAVE THIS DISCUSSION WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS. WE WOULD LIKE EACH YOUTH SPORT TO COMPLETE THIS BY NOV RAC MTG.

STEP 3 OUR January 2016 RAC MEETING

BRAINSTORMING/PRIORITIZATION MEETING TO DEVELOP AND CREATE RECOMMENDATIONS WHAT ARE OUR LIMITATIONS? RESOURCES, REST FIELDS, This will be the agenda for our Nov RAC meeting.

The output will be our recommendations to council.