

Meeting Minutes - St. George Old Masters

March 27, 2013

Location: St. George Legion

Members Present: Ross Thompson, Rich Barnes, Steve Ferretti, Gold Hilborn, Rob Miller, Mark Decker, Andrew Bannister, Jeff Bobolo, Ken Johnston, Jason Gambacort, Mark Shaver, Cam Topp, Dave Earl.

Call to order: 7:12pm

1.0 Welcome/Elections

- Steve Ferretti nominated Dave Earl to replace Len Finch as league Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Ross Thompson. The resulting majority vote named Dave Earl as Secretary
- Introduction and welcome of Rich Barnes, new Vice President and Ross Thompson, new President.

2.0 Treasurers Report

- Current bank account is at \$1579.00. By comparison in the same time last year (2012) the account was at \$1296.53.
- Diamond fees for 2013 are \$31.86 per game. This is an increase of \$2 per game compared to last year.
- County of Brant, who now manages the diamonds, requires 1 month payment in full in advance, payable by May 1st. Early submission of team fees would help with this initial expense.
- Balls will also be purchased by Ken Johnston.
- Team fees for 2013: \$1100.00 per team. No increase from 2012.

3.0 Umpires

- Game officials will be paid \$30.00 per game, same as 2012.

- Barry Cox will be returning to umpire for the league.
- Tentative Umpire list for 2013: Barry Cox, Chuck Shantz, Eddie Loder, Keith Roswell

4.0 Meeting with County of Brant

- Ross and Steve met with the County to discuss any new or outstanding issues with the league using the diamonds in St George and also in Harrisburg.
- **New:** On rainy days, the County will make a decision to determine if the field is playable or not. This decision will be posted by 4pm daily, on the County of Brant Parks and Rec Facebook page. Any game scheduled for a diamond which is not playable, is automatically deemed a rained out game.
- As per the County, there shall be NO altering of the field in any way by means of self grooming or digging trenches to drain any standing water. All diamonds shall be groomed by the County of Brant.
- The County is asking for a copy of the St. George Old Masters League insurance papers we receive from SPO each year. Ross will be remitting these copies.
- There was some question at the League meeting, about grooming Diamond B between the early and late game on Sunday. Traditionally this has never been done. Since the diamond fee included grooming, the league should receive the service we are paying for, or receive a discount for playing on an ungroomed field. Ken Johnston will follow up with the County when he remits the first payment for 2013.

5.0 Constitution Changes

- A motion was moved by Rich Barnes to amend the constitution to include the details of "Runners from the Screen". This was seconded by Ken Johnston. After a vote, the motions was carried. Key points to include: substitute runners from the screen must be announced to the umpire when batter enters the batter's box. Substitute runners must be the last batter in the lineup that is available to run. (ie. last out). Jason Gambacort will amend the constitution to include this change and the final draft will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- A motion was moved by Cam Topp to amend the constitution to include the details of the "Catch up Rule". This was seconded by Mark Shaver. After a vote, the motion was carried. Key points to include: Any team at bat, which is trailing by more than 5 runs, may continue to bat until either 3 outs are achieved, or the score is tied, less 1 run. The rule is automatically invoked in any inning, with the exception of the 9th which is open to

an unlimited number of runs. This rule will apply ONLY during the regular season, and shall never be applicable during the playoffs. Jason Gambacort will amend the constitution to include this change and the final draft will be reviewed at the next meeting.

6.0 Fun Day and Lyle Wood Golf Tournament

- Harrisburg Fun Day is tentatively slotted for Sunday June 23rd.
- Due to increased pressure on league liability and the issue of alcohol, alcoholic beverages will no longer be sold at this event. However BYOB is acceptable. There will still be draw prizes and food sales. Event details will follow.
- The 2012 Lyle Wood annual golf event made a profit of \$300.00. There was some discussion about what to do with the profits. ie) apply it to this year's entry fee or donate the proceeds to charity. It was decided to donate it to a local charity in Woody's name.
- There was a suggestion by Rob Miller, to help bolster the profitability of the event, to offer the purchase of a maximum of 2 mulligans during the game, for \$5 each.
- Tentative date for the 2013 golf tournament: Saturday September 7th. Rich Barnes will follow up with more information during the summer.

7.0 Other Business

- Some discussion was had regarding the 25th Anniversary of the St. George Old Masters League. It was determined that the 25th year was not 2013, but was 2014. There was a suggestion that the team fees for 2014 be increased by \$200 per team, for the purposes of helping fund a 25th Anniversary banquet. Tickets would also be sold for the event, however all players would be admitted free. There is plenty of time for planning, since the event won't happen until 2014.
- There was some discussion about reviving a general end of year League Banquet, perhaps for the end of September or early October. Team reps were asked to take this idea back to their teams for more discussion.
- There was some discussion about changing the maximum allowable young players (35-39) from the current limit of 5, to a limit of 3. The group generally didn't see a need to revisit this, so the rule shall stay the same, and the limit will continue to be 5 players.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm

Next meeting: April 24th at 7PM, located at the St. George Legion.