

# SGOM Meeting Minutes

12-Apr-2016

*Attended by: Gord Stanhope (Pres), Casey Clark (VP/Hawks). Bob Hockin (Treas), Jason Gambacort (Stats), Derek Wagenaar (Stingers), Andy Bannister (Whalers), Jeff Bobolo (Bees), Sebastien Gagnon (Enforcers)*

*Call to order: 7:00pm*

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Ken Johnson has purchased the balls for the 2016 season. However it wasn't relayed to him in a timely manner that the league has agreed to try yellow balls for this season so white balls will be used. Yellow balls still could be purchased for 2016 in a limited number.
- Big thanks to outgoing Ken J for all his years of hard work as our league Treasurer.
- Gord will help facilitate the transfer of the bank account rights to new Treasurer Bob Hockin.
- No account balance information available at this time.
- Gord will confirm with the County our official start date and make sure the County has a schedule of our games.

## **Team Numbers**

- Discussed numbers for each team as dwindling player participation may have been a problem. Confirmed players for each team at this time were as follows:
  - Enforcers 14
  - Bees 12
  - Whalers 18
  - Stingers 12
  - Hawks 14
- At this date and time there were 4 players waiting to hear a response who had signed up via the website. It was decided that the two teams with the least players would each take two players from the pool of 4 to increase their numbers. Any new signups before season start would be floated to all teams in case numbers change.
- It was confirmed that the Bandits would not have enough players to field a team this season so the league will only have 5 teams for 2016.

## **Loaner Players**

- As per the constitution, 7 original team players must be present in order to facilitate an official game, however before a game can be played, a minimum of 9 bodies must be in attendance on each team. There was some discussion around what happens if a loaner player is filling in because of a perceived shortage, and unexpectedly

original players start arriving late during game play. Should the loaner player have to quit playing in lieu of the late arrivals?

- It was decided that loaners should still be able to continue to play since they've gone out of their way to attend a game that is not part of their original schedule.

### **Playoffs and Season Play**

- The season will start on Sunday May 8th, not May 1st as originally planned. Casey Clark is working on a schedule for only 5 teams and the May 8th start date facilitates this better.
- Sunday's will only have 2 games played, instead of 3. The 11:45 games are no longer needed. Therefore there will only be 4 out of 5 teams playing each Sunday.
- There was a motion to move the final playoff games to Saturday instead of Sunday so that teams could have a social time afterwards at the Legion. The motion was carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Playoff format will be a double knockout style bracket. The start date of the playoffs will be Wed September 7th. (4 teams play, 1st place gets bye) Followed by Saturday September 10th playoff day to complete the season.
- August 28th will be the last Sunday for regular season play.

### **League Fees**

- \$1,100 per team for 2016.

### **Woody's Golf Tourney**

- It was agreed that June or July would work better for our annual tournament.
- Jason G will contact Rich Barnes to confirm dates and availability.

### **Rosters**

- Although we no longer submit rosters to SPO due to insurance now coming from Brant County, rosters should still be submitted to the Statistician for administrative purposes.
- All reps shall submit rosters by the first game (May 8th) yet still have the ability to make changes until the cutoff date of July 1st.
- Roster info should include:
  - Name
  - Date of Birth
  - Address
  - Phone Number
  - E-mail address

### **Umpires/Rules**

- Secured 3 umpires for this season. Ed, Barry and Rossi.

- Rule consistency - we discussed making it clear to all umpires that when a player bats a ball and the ball hits the plate, the ball will be ruled a DEAD BALL.
- It was also discussed that the gentleman's rule of refraining from throwing a player out at first base from the outfield is still in place. However would not be in effect during the playoffs.

### **Team Home Plates**

- There was some discussion regarding the colour of home plates. Pitchers should be able to clearly see home plate at all times while pitching, meaning that there should be some consistency regarding the colour of this piece of the playing field.
- Given that all boundary lines and bases are coloured white, a motion was put forth that all home plates must also be coloured white. Team logo's however would still be allowed over the white background. The matter was put to a vote and by a vote of 5-3 the motion was passed.

### **League Secretary**

- The league still requires a secretary which is only a 1 year term since 2016 elections at the end of the season will include the Secretary position.
- Since no volunteers showed any interest, we conducted an unofficial vote which unanimously declared that Steve Ferretti was the new Treasurer for 2016.

Meeting adjournment: 8:40 PM