

St. George Old Masters Meeting Minutes

March 5th, 2019- 7pm

Attendance: Gord Stanhope, Bob Hockin, Casey Clark, Jason Gambacort, Derek Wagenaar, Andy Bannister, Brent Laframboise, Todd Logan, Chris Ralph, Rich Barnes

Topics Discussed:

- New Team - Welcome the Dragons to our league. Team rep will be Todd Logan and the team will mostly be made up of St. George natives.
- Diamond Time - Our diamonds have been booked for 2019 using the previous format of having two diamonds available to us, both on Wednesdays and Sundays. Sunday morning will also include an additional 11:45am game to accommodate the new team. The bookings come with the caveat that as Spring approaches and Minor Ball signups happen, we expect that like last season, we will get bumped and lose our second diamond on Wed night (Harrisburg). Gord was fairly confident that this will most likely happen. In this case, we would revert back to playing two, 7-inning games using one diamond on Wed night starting at 6PM and then 7:15 for the second game. If/when Harrisburg diamond becomes available at some point during the season, we'd then switch back to two 9-inning games both starting at 6:30.
- Game Length - We reviewed the 7-inning format and as much as many of us didn't mind the shorter game, the preference from the majority favoured 9-innings. However, two teams meeting in the regular season can agree on a shorter game should they desire. If this is the case, they'd need to inform the Umpire.
- Treasurer's Report - Bob Hockin presented the Treasurer's Report. Current League balance is: \$3595.01 League Fees for each team will remain at \$1200 per team.
- Wood Bats Trial - There was some renewed discussion about giving wooden bats a try this year, citing how successful they are in the local Orthodox League. Proposed, would be to try them on Wednesday night games only and to revisit their success/failure mid season. Playoffs would NOT use wood bats. **Reps were asked to take the idea back to their teams for further discussion.** Rich Barnes will visit SPO office for wooden bat prices, as well, Scott Loughheed will be approached for some prices.

- Year End BBQ - Casey Clark offered to host a year end BBQ at his house. Proposed date would be Sunday Aug 25th (last regular season game day) and have all games played at 10am so that all teams would finish at the same time. Some discussion over league supplied food like roast beef on a bun, salads etc.. was had. More details/planning needed as the season approaches.
- League Secretary - The league is still in need of a Secretary. It was noted that on the Executive (not including team reps) there were only 3 teams represented.. Hawks, Enforcers and Bees. We'd like to encourage participation from the Whalers, Stingers or Dragons to possibly fill this position. **Reps were asked to take the idea back to their teams for further discussion.**
- Umpires - Gord to confirm that we still have Barry, Denise and Randy for 2019
- Lyle's Golf Tourney - Proposed dates in priority order June 22nd or Aug 10th. Rich Barnes looking after it again this year. \$50 from each team required for prizes. New this year, the league will pay \$25 of the \$50 entry fee for each player, making it only \$25 to play. Proposed location: Brant Valley.
- Spares List - Each team will provide a contact list for spares, since numbers on some teams are down and on Sunday's all teams play. Wed evenings there will be two teams who aren't playing, so hopefully spares will be easily available.
- Balls - Agreed by all teams that yellow/green balls were acceptable, given that the availability of white balls was an issue.
- Gentleman's Rule - The Gentleman's Rule of not allowing a fielder to throw a player out at 1st base was discussed, as in some cases, infielders moved to a rover position just outside the infield and threw players out at 1st base. Since this rule is not in our league Constitution, it shouldn't be enforced by any umpire. Players must choose to participate in this Gentleman's Rule. If a play is made to 1st base by any player, umpires should enforce regular rules of play.

Election Results for 2019 (odd year)

Position up for election this year are Vice President (incumbent - Casey Clark), Treasurer (incumbent - Bob Hockin) and Statistician (incumbent - Jason Gambacort)

Vice President: Casey Clark was nominated by Jason Gambacort and seconded by Andrew Bannister.

Vote by show of hands was unanimous. Casey accepted the position.

Treasurer: Bob Hockin was nominated by Todd Logan and seconded by Brent Laframboise.

Vote by show of hands was unanimous. Bob accepted the position.

Statistician: Jason Gambacort was nominated by Derek Wagenaar and seconded Casey Clark.

Vote by show of hands was unanimous. Jason accepted the position.

Next Meeting Date: April 9th 7PM @ Casey's place

Meeting adjourned 8:26PM