

St. George Old Masters Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2017 - 7pm

Attendance: Gord Stanhope, Bob Hockin, Andy Bannister, Casey Clark, Mark Decker, Gord Hillborn, Bob Kivinen, Jason Gambacort

Topics Discussed:

- Diamonds - are already booked with the County of Brant for the 2017 season.
- Umpires - Barrie Cox will be returning, however we've lost Ed Loder as he passed away in December of 2016 and Rozzie is taking a year off of umpiring to focus on other personal things, so we're in need of 2 umpires.
- Schedule - was prepared by Casey Clark, identical to last year's format with more attention to evenly spreading out Sunday and Wednesday byes to each team.
- Balls - as discussed last year the league wants to try green/yellow balls this year for increased visibility and safety which is now the SPO/SPN standard. Traditionally, league balls have been of the "Hawk" type however typically, slo-pitch leagues use balls with the "Colour Dot" classification. (Red dot, Grey dot etc...) Casey is going to research which of the mainstream balls most closely matches our old Hawk type balls for easier classification. The league is going to approach Scott Lougheed of the B's as his family has access to wholesale pricing on sports equipment. The league will review the use of the green/yellow balls mid-season in case we need to switch back to the white ones.
- 2017 Season Start Date - Sunday May 7th.
- Team Fees - It was decided to keep the fees the same this year: \$1200 per team.
- Treasurer Report - Current bank balance is \$2,317.27 (See attached report for details)

Topics Discussed Which Require Team Input For Next Meeting

(Reps please discuss these items with your teams and bring results to next meeting)

- Catch Up Rule - there was discussion around perhaps disregarding this rule as many feel since the level of play is pretty evenly matched amongst the teams, we may no longer need it. Regular 5 run caps and open last inning would still apply.
- Playoffs - although the double knockout style was favourable, spreading the playoffs over 3 days instead of 2 seemed more beneficial. ie..(Wed, Sat, Sun) This would leave Sunday afternoon for an unofficial BBQ to mark the end of the season. All games would be 7 innings, with the exception of the final game(s) which would be 9 innings.
- Tie Breakers - use International Rules which starts any extra innings with a runner on second base.
- Underage Players - this discussion went on for some time but it was a very positive and cooperative discussion. Current rules allow for 3 players to be under the age of 40 on each team (between the ages of 35-39). However to try to usher in more interest from the Men's League in St. George, new rules would allow for 1 of those 3 players to be as young as 30. Everyone felt that a single player wouldn't necessarily alter the dynamic and skill level of any given team to an unfavourable level, and that young player must be a resident of the area. (County of Brant, excluding the City of Brantford)
- Position of Secretary (vacancy) - The league is in need of a Secretary. Duties of the Secretary are to take minutes for league meetings, (2-3 meetings per season) and to record changes to the league constitution or rules if necessary. This vacancy is for a 1 year term as there will be an election held for Secretary for the 2018 year.

Election Results for 2017 (odd year)

Vice President - Casey Clark was nominated for Vice President by Gord Stanhope. There were no other nominations. All present voted and Casey was elected unanimously.

Treasurer - Bob Hockin was nominated for Treasurer by Jason Gambacort. There were no other nominations. All present voted and Bob was elected unanimously.

Statistician - Jason Gambacort was nominated by Casey Clark. There were no other nominations. All present voted and Jason was elected unanimously.

Secretary - No nominations were made, currently vacant.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 5th, 2017 @ 7PM

Meeting adjourned 8:25PM

Treasurer's Report:

DATE:	DESCRIPTION:	BALANCE:
31-Mar-16		\$1,693.40
March & April	Maintance fee \$2.50 x 2 March & April	\$5.00
		\$1,688.40
6-May-16	Base Diamond & Insurance for May	\$984.29
		\$704.11
May	Maintance fee \$2.50	\$2.50
		\$701.61
3-Jun-16	NSF Charge	\$48.00
		\$653.61
6-Jun-16	Deposit	\$1,100.00
		\$1,753.61
17-Jun-16	Deposit	\$4,000.00
		\$5,753.61
17-Jun-16	Deposit	\$400.00
		\$6,153.61
30-Jun-16	Base Dimond June \$694.34, July \$225.45	\$919.79
		\$5,233.82
30-Jun-16	Flowers Barrie Cox	\$148.00
		\$5,085.80
20-Jul-16	Ed Loder 6 Games Umpire @ \$35.00 / hr	\$210.00
		\$4,875.80
28-Jul-16	Baseball Fees for August 6, 2016	\$354.29
		\$4,521.51
9-Aug-16	Maintence Fees for July & August \$2.50 x 2	\$5.00
		\$4,516.51
7-Sep-16	Barrie Cox 30 games @ \$35.00 / game	\$1,050.00
		\$3,466.51
14-Sep-16	Diamond Time September 2016	\$311.92
		\$3,154.59
15-Sep-16	Derek Monley Playoff umpire 4 x 35	\$140.00
		\$3,014.59
15-Sep-16	Umpire 2016 15 x 35 Rossie	\$525.00
		\$2,489.59
23-Dec-16	Flowers Ed Loder	\$75.71
		\$2,413.88
3-Mar-17	Flowers Gord Osmond	\$64.13
		\$2,349.75
6-Mar-17	Maintance & Passbook Fees	\$32.48
		\$2,317.27