

St.George Old Masters Slo-Pitch League 2010
Feb. 24, 2010, 7:00 pm St.George Legion

Agenda:

1. In Attendance: Rick Barnes, Len Finch, Doug Fulcher (President), Jason Gambacourt (Statistician), Seiji Hirota, Ken Johnston (Treasurer), Tim Jones, Bob Kivinen, Dave MacDonnell, Robert Miller, John Pacsuta (Secretary), Brian Sharp, Mark Shaver, Ross Thompson (Vice President). Regrets: Gary Lockey

The Contacts pages were circulated and updated.

2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda:

3. Minutes of September 30, 2009. Errors or omissions: Doug was incorrectly identified as Vice-president.

4. Treasurer's Report: Ken Johnston: In his oral report Ken, described the state of the league bank account. He reported that the balance in the bank of \$1,004.54 is \$850 less than the same time last year. He commented that at least \$1,300 should be on hand to start the season.

5. Team Contacts: Robert Miller's name was added as team rep. for the Bandits.

6. Contact with Slow Pitch Ontario: It will cost \$100 + G.S.T. to register each team prior to May 1st.

7. Season Schedule: We discussed who would create the 2010 schedule. Ken Johnston wanted to keep the job. He will have something in writing for next meeting.

8. Game times: Sunday – A concern was raised about the 11:45 game time on Sundays. The group had many opinions. There was no motion to make a change.

Play-offs Start Date: Earlier start seemed to please most members.

9. Umpires for 2010: The President will contact our list of umpires about their availability. Harry Timmerman's name was mentioned as a possible addition.

10. Rule changes: (reference to the minutes from Sept. 30, 2009.)

10.1 A.G.M. date: Set for Wednesday, October 6th, 7 pm at St.George Legion.

10.2 Sportsmanship: Strongly opinionated comments were made regarding the strengthening of the spirit of sportsmanship. No rule changes were agreed upon.

Limiting sluggers: Again, many comments were offered. They ranged from "Who cares about more rules, let's just play ball!" to, "We are losing some players because of stacked team(s)." to, "We have problems trying to get new players". No rule changes were agreed upon.

Forfeit rule: A new idea was brought forth in an attempt to keep teams interested in what would otherwise be a lopsided game. If a team falls behind by 5 or more runs, then they may have a “comeback inning(s)”. They could score more than 5 runs, up to a tie, plus one. The last inning would still be an unlimited inning. Take this idea back to teams for discussion.

10.3 Playoff Eligibility: “formula”: A player must make it to 10 games minimum to be eligible for playoffs. If injured, a player must attend the game to get his name put on an attendance sheet. The umpire will sign the sheet underneath the last name. We will also ask the umpire to collect the game score sheets.

10.4 Schedule: Number of games: There was a general discussion about the length of the season, number of games, and the start and end dates. For the most part, the group agreed to keep the status quo from last year’s schedule. 25

Weekend Off Idea: Was not favoured.

More Wednesday night games: Ken said it would not be possible. Diamond conflicts were cited.

Rain-out Rule: Already covered adequately in the by-laws.

10.5 Two Umpires for the Final Series in playoffs. Moved/Seconded, Len Finch/Seiji Hirota Carried.

10.6 “Game played under protest”?: It was proposed that the League will collect an extra \$100 per team at the beginning of the season, to be used if a team lodges an official protest.

11. Other business

11.1 Approval of Constitution: Line 4.5 in the constitution was questioned regarding the diameter of the pitching circle. Ken stated that it should be 10' radius.

Doug Fulcher moved that “the constitution be accepted as written”, seconded by Ross Thompson. Carried.

11.2 A golf tournament has been proposed. Eight players per ball team was suggested. Rick Barnes will work on it.

11.3 Motion: Moved/ Seconded: Len Finch/Dave MacDonnell, “ If a team wishes to postpone a game, they must ask the opposing team captain at least 48 hours prior to game time. If the opposing captain agrees, then the game is postponed. If the opposing captain does not agree, then the game is officially forfeit. Carried

12. Next meeting: March 24, 7pm, Legion.

13. Adjournment: 8:32