

**St. George Old Masters Slo-Pitch League 2009**  
**September 30, 2009, 7:00 pm @ St. George Legion**

**Minutes of the meeting.**

**Attendance:** Doug Fulcher (Vice President ), Jason Gambacourt (Statistician), Gord Hilborn, Seiji Hirota, Andre Legere, Gary Lockey, Dave MacDonnell, John Pacsuta (Secretary), Ross Thompson (Vice President).

**The purpose of this meeting was to review the year and make suggestions for changes which would become the topics for meetings in 2010.**

**1. Annual General Meeting:** The first League A.G.M. will take place in 2010. Election of President and Secretary.

**2. Playoff Eligibility:** We discussed concerns about accuracy of eligibility for playoffs including; when is a player eligible, how to deal with injured players, proportional playing time, and umpires holding game sheets. It was mentioned that Dave Hiscock (Bandits) has a "formula" we might look at.

**3. Possible change to Forfeit rule:** Barry Cox has an idea to allow a trailing team in an extremely lopsided game to have a "comeback inning." ie. Scoring more than the limit of 5 runs. D. MacDonnell raised the issue of enforcement of the forfeit rule in a lopsided game.

**4. "Sluggers":** We discussed the possibility of rules to limit "high frequency sluggers".

**5. Sportsmanship:** In a general discussion several examples "gamesmanship" through the past season were described. There was strong support of equity and to reinforce the spirit of sportsmanship in our league and games.

**6. "Under Protest":** It was suggested that in spring 2010 we examine a "Game played under protest" provision.

**7. Two Umpires:** It was proposed that two umpires be used for the Final Series in playoffs. We will need a motion to revise our rules of play.

**8. Wednesday games:** We discussed the possibility of having more Wednesday night games. Use "A" Diamond more regularly?

**9. Scheduled "Weekend Off":** There was a suggestion to schedule a "Weekend Off" in July or August. This could become a date for a league golf tournament, or the fun day, etc.

**10. Length of schedule:** It was felt that our schedule is very tight. Reducing the season to 20 games was proposed.

**11. Rain-out Rule:** There were several issues regarding the make-up games in the past season. Doug suggested that we reconsider using “4 points in the next meeting” vs trying to re-schedule over and over...

**12. Next meeting:** We seemed to get off to a slower start this past season. We all agreed to have our first meeting in February.

Adjournment: 7:55