

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

SGOM League meeting minutes

Attendance:

Casey Clark, Bob Hockin, Andy Bannister, Jason Lemberger, Bob Jeffery, Dan Carret

Next League Meeting: WEDNESDAY APRIL 5TH 7PM

Bob Hockin signed over the league Bank account to Casey Clark with a remaining balance of \$775.

Elections, for VP, VP2 and Statistician. Jason Lemberger nominated by Casey for VP, voted in. Andy Bannister nominated by Casey for VP2, voted in.

Jason Gambacort was not in attendance, however has stated he would like to step back from Statistician if someone else would like to take on the responsibility. Please ask your teams if anyone would like to take on this role (running and updating the website) we will take nominations and vote for the position at the next League Meeting.

Requests for the Diamonds to the county have been made. 2 diamonds on Sunday mornings at 10am, as well as Diamond B and Harrisburg on Wednesday evenings. It's unclear if the Minor League will push us out of Harrisburg on Wed evenings again. If we are awarded Harrisburg on Wednesdays we have options for changing up the Schedule. Going forward the Schedule was made with the assumption we will not get Harrisburg diamond.

Also requested a key for the lights for Diamond B from Aug 9th- Sept 13th so Wednesday evening games can remain starting at 6:30 instead of the usual shift to 6pm to fit the games in during daylight.

Teams are in need of players. Hawks 9 full time - 5 part time. Bees - 12. Enforcers 8 ft - 3 pt, Whalers 13 ft - 3 pt.

Ads will be run on kijiji and Facebook market place. Will also make flyers to be put up in some surrounding arena's to raise awareness of our league.

Team Fees have been set to \$1400 per team. Last years fees were Diamonds \$2900, Umpires \$2040, Baseballs and score books \$800. = \$5740

With inflation we are expecting the cost to be around \$6000 for the season. \$1400 per team plus the \$775 League kitty will give us \$6375 to run the league this season

Talk of returning to using only 1 new ball per game would save the league about \$400, decision will be made at next meeting. Left over new balls from the previous season could be donated back to the league as an option for savings.

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Adding the gentlemen rule “ No outfielder can throw the batter out at first as long as there is a reasonable effort by the batter to get to first” to the constitution for regular season and playoffs for safety concerns.

The courtesy swing will remain a gentlemen rule outside the constitution and be at the discretion of the batter. The intent of this gentlemen rule is to help a struggling pitcher.

From B diamond, a batted ball hit into the bushes along the tennis court will be ruled a ground rule double.

A proposal for wooden bats to be used at 3 games this season as a trial for potential safety measures moving forward. The Sunday games of May 14th, June 11th, July 9th were suggested, this would have every team play each other once using wooden bats. The Whalers and Bees have some wooden bats. Bats could be shared during the games, would could borrow some bats from the mens league or each team could purchase a bat for the games.

To move away from suggested 7 inning games and to help shorten the timeframe in which it takes to play 9 innings. A proposal to change the 9th inning where in the team that is losing after the completion of the 8th inning would bat first in the 9th inning. Therefore without a comeback to lead or tie the game there would be no need to play the bottom of the 9th.

Catch up rule was discussed again. Where if the losing team is down by more than 5 runs they can “catch up” and not end the at bat at the 5 run mercy rule. When the league used this rule before the team could catch up to -1, we discussed the possibility catching up to -1, even or + 1

The task of scheduling and coordinating with the Umpires has been assigned to the VP

Brent and Nancy Laframboise (mainly Nancy) have agreed to schedule and run the League Golf Tournament. Details and suggested dates will be discussed along with the possible return of a League Party.

Meeting adjourned 8:30ish

Next meeting Wednesday April 5th, 7pm @ Casey's place.