

St. George Old Masters Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2018 - 7pm

Attendance: Gord Stanhope, Bob Hockin, Casey Clark, Gord Hillborn, Jason Gambacort, Derek Wagenaar

Topics Discussed:

- Review of Playoff Format - General consensus was that the current format works well. Only small change would perhaps be to move the last place consolation game to the same day as the Championship Game to improve the attendance of the Championship Game.
- Year End BBQ - Although this did not happen in 2017, we endeavour to have one in 2018. This will be on the first Sunday of the playoffs so that all teams have a chance to attend. Suggestion to have 2 people from each team coordinate and run the BBQ.
- Green/White Balls - The green balls didn't present a huge improvement over the white was the general consensus. In fact, input from two regular league pitchers suggested that the white balls were easier to track immediately coming off of the bat which from a safety perspective was more important than fielders being able to track them in the sky. A decision was made to go back to the white balls (same type of ball).

12 dozen balls will be ordered for the 2018 season, so that each home team will supply 2 new game balls instead of 1 from previous years.

- Treasurer Report - Current league bank balance is \$3,320.75
- Diamonds - Booked for 2018 but not yet paid for.
- Schedule - 2018 schedule is ready and will be posted shortly on the League website. VP Casey Clark has continued to do the work on this each year, explaining a fair rotation of the teams which will experience more Sunday or Wednesday games which changes year over year.
- Team Fees for 2018 - Will be the same as in previous years \$1,200 per team
- 2018 League Start Date - Sunday May 6th

- Umpires - Not yet confirmed but we are expecting the return of Barry, Tim and Denise for 2018.
- Player Numbers - Not all teams could confirm that their numbers are ok for 2018 until they have their first team meeting. The Hawks reported that their numbers were certainly down and they are looking for players.

Topics Discussed Which Require Team Input For Next Meeting

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

- Inning Limit for All Games - Proposal to change this to 7 innings instead of the current 9. The suggestion was this would promote greater attendance of regular players since it would consume less time in their day. It was noted that most SPO leagues now only play 7 innings as well.

Election Results for 2018 (even year)

Elections were postponed until next league meeting. Position up for election this year are President (incumbent - Gord Stanhope) and Secretary (currently vacant)

Not all team reps were present at this league meeting so a decision was made to postpone until next meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 11th, 2018 @ 7PM

Meeting adjourned 8:10PM