

St. George Old Masters Meeting Minutes

March 2nd, 2021 - 7pm

Attendance: Gord Stanhope, Casey Clark, Jason Gambacort, Andy Bannister, Chris Ralph

Topics Discussed:

Play During Covid - The League fully intends to hold a regular season this year, however we expressed the importance of adhering to the health guidelines put forth by the County of Brant when it comes to field play, with the full understanding that the rules may change throughout the course of the season. As we get closer to a season start date, we'll have a more clear perception of what's required by the County for playing on their fields.

Some of the Covid safety topics we discussed were:

- Where social distancing is not possible, masks must be worn ie) while on the bench.
- Bats must be wiped/sprayed with sanitizer between each use. This would mean a batter on deck would not be allowed to use the same bat as being used by a current batter.
- Game balls will be provided by the fielding team of each inning. (1 new 1 used) This will reduce the amount of cross contamination when it comes to touching game balls.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on each bench.
- Possible removal of tagging, making every play a forced play.

Season Start Date - Sunday May 9th (diamond availability pending)

Team Numbers - At the time of this meeting, current numbers of players willing to play for each team were:

Hawks - 15, Enforcers - 10, Bees - 13, Stingers - ?, Whalers - 8, Dragons - 17

BBQ and Golf Tourney - Given that just having a regular season will be challenging enough, it was decided that both of these events will be postponed until next season.

Diamonds/Booking - Gord and Casey will be booking our regular field times with the County. We will assume that we will have 6 teams this year, booking 2 diamonds on Wed evenings and 3 diamonds on Sunday mornings. Should attendance fall this season, we can quickly change to a 5 team season, which would eliminate the need for the late game on Sunday mornings. Canceling last minute has not been an issue in the past.

Team Fees - Would still remain at \$1200 per team. Even if we run a 5 team season, the savings from not having to book the extra diamond time on Sunday would make any revenue lost a wash.

Sanitizer/Wipes/Disposable Masks - The League will provide these items to each team, however it is encouraged for players to arrive at the field with their own mask. League provided masks can be used if personal masks are forgotten. The extra expense of these items for this season will be taken from the budget not needed for the BBQ and Golf Tournament.

Elections - A full election will take place at the next meeting. All positions are up for re-election this season as Gord Stanhope is stepping down from President and the position of Secretary is already vacant. Treasurer, Statistician and Vice President are normally up for election in odd numbered years.

Current nominations are in place but nominations for all positions are welcome.

Nominations:

President - Casey Clark nominated

Vice-President - Chris Ralph nominated

Treasurer - Bob Hockin nominated

Secretary - no nominations

Statistician - Jason Gambacort nominated

Next Meeting Date: April 27th 7PM @ Casey's place

Meeting adjourned 8:15PM