

March 5th 2024 SGOM Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Casey Clark, Jake Sevier, Brent Laframboise, Andrew Bannister, Bob Jeffery, Jason Lemberger, Jason Gambacourt.

Meeting start 7:05pm

Elections > Dan Carret was nominated by Brent for Secretary. Voted in. Casey Clark to remain President for 2024, Stepping down for 2025

Finances > \$530 left in the League kitty after last season.
Motion brought forward to eliminate the Bank account for the league to go cash only.
Motion voted down
Keep League Float around \$500 dollars was decided.
Estimated cost for the season. 42 regular season games, 7 Playoff games.
Diamond Rentals and insurance. \$3200
Umpires \$2000
5 Dozen Balls/4 score books \$500
Total = \$5700
Team Fees set at \$1400

Baseballs : Changing to 1 new ball per game instead of 2. Playoffs will have 2 new balls.

Umpires> maintain 2 umpires in the Finals

Anticipation Step. Voted in that an anticipation step is permitted by a base runner to help avoid injury. LEADOFFS are still an out which is more than one step towards next base with the intent of gaining the base with a head start of the ball being hit.

Forfeit Rule > Maintained in the constitution however enforced at discretion by the Executive

Roster #'s
Hawks 17
Bees ?
Enforcers 14-20
Whalers 15-17

New Players/ Expansion

There are 6 players at the moment that want to join the league. It was determined that each team does not require any additional players. Casey will put forth an effort to gain a few more new players and will work to create a 5th team in the league. With the help of the rest of the league to fill the required positions on the new team to make each game count.

With a 5th team, one team will not play on Sundays and on Wednesdays there will be 3 teams not playing. By having the idle team fill in players to make the 5th team viable is a solid plan to expand and get a 5th team into the league. A group chat between the 5 team captains through Whatsapp will open communication for all to support the cause. If this can be done it will mean each team will play less games during the season, 16-17 opposed to 21. Casey will work on a schedule for a 5 team league. Diamond rentals and Umpire duties would remain unchanged during the regular season, Playoffs would have to be discussed and changed accordingly.

Merger> Unfortunately the idea of bringing in teams from the Brantford league “SOB’s” didn’t happen despite good conversation and ideas. We don’t want the idea to disappear. We will work on a schedule that will have each of our teams play an away game at Connaught Park while each of their teams will come play in St. George. This will keep the possibility of a merger or expanding on inter league play possible. We will all put our best efforts into expanding the St. George Old Masters League to be viable for the future.

Golf Tournament > Nancy Laframboise has offered to head up the League golf tournament again this year. June was the month that seemed most reasonable. She will work on a date and other details going forward.

Next meeting was determined to be late April to give maximum time to organize the 5th team. I’ll say Monday April 22 for the next meeting. We would like maximum representation from each team there so if Monday doesn’t work for all we will adjust the day for that week.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm