

# NCBL Annual Spring Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 6, 2016  
Nepean Sportsplex – Hall F

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*Teams Absent (4): Athletics, Panthers, Ponies, Mavericks*

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**1. Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 11:07am.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting** – The minutes of the NCBL Winter Meeting on Sunday, February 14, 2016 were approved without change.

(moved by SweatSox, seconded by Red Sox, carried)

**3. Election of Umpire Assignor Position** – 4 candidates were up for the open position of Umpire Assignor, previously held by Fred Malo. 3 of those candidates: Mark Keeping, Sean Roche, and Sean Wright, made in-person presentations to the league about why they should be elected. A 4<sup>th</sup> candidate, Maxime Leroux, was also up for the position but was unable to attend the meeting.

- By a majority vote, Mark Keeping was elected Umpire Assignor

**4. Increase in Umpire Rates** – In order to maintain competitive with other leagues, both local and beyond, the league proposed increasing the Umpire Fees from \$60/game (plate) and \$49/game (bases) to \$62/game (plate) and \$51/game (bases).

(moved by Bombers, seconded by Capitals, carried)

**5. New Team Applications** – 2 teams completed the application process, and made in person pitches to join the NCBL (Tier 4) for the 2016 season: the Bytowne Barons and Beckwith Bandits.

- The Bytowne Barons were voted in without restriction.  
(moved by Braumeisters, seconded by Coyotes, carried)
- The Beckwith Bandits were voted in with 2 conditions: that they supply their own field for home games (Beckwith) **and** supply their own umpires for those home games.

(moved by Brewers, seconded by Braumeisters, carried)

**6. Tier Structure Pitches for the 2016 Season** – There were 3 pitches from teams that didn't want to accept the automatic move up or down a tier based on the 2015 regular season standings; and 1 pitch from a team that didn't finish 1<sup>st</sup> that wanted to move up a tier.

- The Outlaws pitch to stay in Tier 1 was successful.
- The Sharks pitch to stay in Tier 3 was successful.
- The Bombers pitch to stay in Tier 3 was successful.
- The Misfits pitch to move up to Tier 2 was successful.
- The SweatSox, Orioles, and Capitals, all switched tiers automatically without resistance.

**7. Playoff Structure** – The individual tiers voted on how many teams will make the playoffs:

- Tier 1 voted that 8 of 9 teams will make playoffs.
- Tier 2 voted that 7 of 8 teams will make playoffs.
- Tier 3 voted that 8 of 11 teams will make playoffs.
- Tier 4 voted that 8 of 9 teams will make playoffs.

**8. 2015 Financial Statement and 2016 Budget Discussion** – NCBL Treasurer Craig Cornell talked about how the dwindling cushion the teams have in their accounts, combined with the “double whammy” increase on field rentals will result in an increase in team fees this year. The early estimate is still a couple hundred dollars per team. Craig will email the equity report and payment schedule/amounts before the next meeting. Bill Beelen will also look at splitting costs with Little League on painting the foul lines each week.

**9. Social Media Policy** – A social media committee was formed to draft a document detailing what can and cannot appear on the NCBL website via the embedded Twitter feed. The preliminary idea is that teams will be able to “opt-in” to being featured on the feed, but be subject to disciplinary action for violating the terms the committee comes up with. The social media committee members are: Joe Beelen (Brewers), Mark Kelly (Cardinals), Stef Leclair (Dukes), Phil Martin (Black Sox), John Mendonca (Lynx), and Neal Phadnis (Coyotes).

**10. Baseball Canada Sale** – Kelsey McIntosh (Bombers) spoke about the Annual Baseball Canada Sale. It will take place in mid to late April in their garage, where you can get helmets (red), catcher’s gear (red), a small assortment of gently used bats, and more.

**11. Ottawa-Nepean Canadians Ticket Offer** – Included in the meeting handouts was an offer from the Ottawa-Nepean Canadians to watch the Toronto Blue Jays play the Boston Red Sox on Friday, April 1, 2016 at Olympic Stadium in Montreal. The package is \$160 and includes transportation to and from the game by bus, and a 100A level ticket (Section 134).

**12. Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be the Kick-Off meeting, tentatively scheduled on Sunday, May 1, 2016.

**12. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 12:38pm.

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**The Official 2016 Tier Structure -**

|           | <b>Tier 1</b>               | <b>Tier 2</b>               | <b>Tier 3</b>               | <b>Tier 4</b>               |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | Bytown Battalion            | Braves                      | Acadiens                    | Beckwith Bandits            |
| <b>2</b>  | Capital City Cubs           | Cardinals                   | Black Sox                   | Braumeisters                |
| <b>3</b>  | Kanata Athletics            | Cornwall River Rats         | Bytown Bombers              | Bytowne Barons              |
| <b>4</b>  | Kingston Ponies             | Expos                       | Capitals                    | Coyotes                     |
| <b>5</b>  | Nepean Brewers              | Marc Sports                 | Dukes                       | Irish                       |
| <b>6</b>  | Outlaws                     | Metcalfe Mudd               | Lumberjacks                 | Knights                     |
| <b>7</b>  | Panthers                    | Misfits                     | Mavericks                   | Los Vampiros                |
| <b>8</b>  | River Hawks                 | Winchester Sox              | Orioles                     | Lynx                        |
| <b>9</b>  | SweatSox                    |                             | Red Sox                     | Team Cuba                   |
| <b>10</b> |                             |                             | Rockets                     |                             |
| <b>11</b> |                             |                             | Sharks                      |                             |
|           | <i>*top 8 make playoffs</i> | <i>*top 7 make playoffs</i> | <i>*top 8 make playoffs</i> | <i>*top 8 make playoffs</i> |

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