

The 2017 NCBL Annual Kick-Off Meeting Minutes

Sunday, April 30, 2017
Nepean Sportsplex – Hall F

Teams Absent (2): Athletics, Cardinals

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 11:12am

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – The minutes of the NCBL Spring Meeting on Sunday, March 5, 2017 were approved without change.

(moved by Secretary Bond, seconded by Red Sox, **carried**)

3. 2016 Financial Statements – NCBL Treasurer Craig Cornell was missing in action, so Commissioner Bill Beelen explained to the best of his ability the league's income statement and balance sheet from 2016.

(moved by Commissioner Beelen, seconded by Rockets, **carried**)

4. Rate of Pay for Umpires – To compensate for the rate of inflation, the increase in cost of living, and the umpire fees from competing leagues, the Commissioner proposed increasing the rates for our umpires from \$62 (plate) + \$51 (bases) to \$63 and \$52 respectively.

(moved by Commissioner Beelen, seconded by Misfits, **carried**)

5. General Umpire Spending – To assist in the training and development of our umpires, the Commissioner proposed an increase in umpire spending from \$1,000 to \$2,000. This fund is mostly used for umpire evaluations.

(moved by Commissioner Beelen, seconded by Battalion, **carried**)

6. The 2017 Budget – NCBL Treasurer Craig Cornell was missing in action, so Commissioner Bill Beelen explained the league's 2017 proposed budget, which now included items #4 and #5 above.

(moved by Commissioner Beelen, seconded by Cubs, **carried**)

7. Schedules – The 2017 schedules are nearly complete, they just need one more quick look over before being officially released. Schedule spoilers include: no games at McCarthy, and no Tier 1 games before Mother's Day.

8. Procedures and Protocols for the Season – Included in the information package handout were instructions for how to open the gates and/or turn on the lights at all the fields, what to do when there's a rainout, and general pre-game, in-game, and post-game procedures.

9. By-Law Revisions: Suspended Player Field Ban – Tier 4 President Stu Hayes proposed banning a suspended player from the field/game for which they are suspended. Under the current rule, a suspended player can be at the game but cannot play or manage.

(moved by Coyotes, seconded by Irish, **defeated**)

since this proposed By-Law was defeated, a suspended player can still be at the field, but as before they cannot play or manage.

10. By-Law Revisions: Window for Postponing Games Without a Fine – The Commissioner proposed an amendment to by-law 6.2 (g) to change the deadline for allowing teams to postpone a game without a fine from 10 days to 30 days (to be consistent with the city's updated policy for returning fields for credit). If the game is less than 30 days away, the Tier President has the discretion to waive the field cost fine if the Commissioner can fill the field slot with another game.

(moved by Commissioner Beelen, seconded by Red Sox, **carried**)

11. By-Law Revisions: Out of Town Cancellation Fines – Additionally in by-law 6.2 (g), for out-of-town games (Beckwith, Cornwall, Kingston, Winchester), it was proposed that cancellations by a visiting team that are within 30 days of the scheduled game will result in a \$100 per game fine to cover the cost of the field and provide a deterrent for teams trying to cancel if they can't field a competitive team.

(moved by Cornwall, seconded by Braves, **carried**)

12. By-Law Revisions: Intentional Walk Rule – Umpire Assignor Mark Keeping proposed adopting the new MLB Rule re: Intentional Walks. Under the new rule, teams would be required to call timeout, inform the umpire you're intentionally walking the batter, and then wait for the umpire to call "playball" to resume play.

(moved by Umpire Assignor Keeping, seconded by Dukes, **carried**)

13. By-Law Revisions: Reporting Ejection Fines – To better streamline the post-ejection process, the Commissioner proposed a \$50 fine for not reporting ejections within 48 hours of the game.

(moved by Commissioner Beelen, seconded by Misfits, **carried**)

14. By-Law Revisions: Extra Inning in the Playoffs Rule – Commissioner Beelen proposed creating a rule to better clarify extra inning procedures in a playoff game. The proposed rule reads:

"In the playoffs: if the visiting team scores one or more runs in extra innings, any subsequent stoppage to that game (i.e. lights going off, drop dead time) will make it a suspended game, and must be completed before the next game takes place. Any stoppage of a game in extra innings where it's still a tie game will permanently end the game in a tie."

(moved by Commissioner Beelen, seconded by Red Sox, **carried**)

15. By-Law Revisions: Mandatory Statistics + Lineup Submission Fines – Joe Beelen proposed reducing the fine for late lineup submissions from \$25 to \$10, **and** making stat submissions via the new Google Docs spreadsheet mandatory, with a \$10 fine for each missing game after the monthly stat deadline.

(moved by Dukes, seconded by Bombers, **carried**)

16. Multi-Team Exemptions – NCBL Bylaw 3.8 reads: *Unless prior approval is obtained from the League no person shall attempt to have playing and/or non-playing roles concurrently with two or more teams in the League.* Bill Beelen (coaching Brewers, playing for Braumeisters) requested approval

(moved by Braumeisters, seconded by Misfits, **carried**)

Joe Beelen (coaching Brewers, playing for Dukes) also requested approval to do so.

(moved by the Dukes, seconded by Rockets, **carried**)

17. Distribution of Baseballs and Lineup Cards – The teams paid their league fees with installment cheques in exchange for baseballs and lineup cards.

18. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 12:18pm.