

NCBL Annual Spring Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 5, 2017
Nepean Sportsplex – Hall F

Teams Absent (2): Irish, Ponies

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 12:35pm.

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

(moved by NCBL Secretary Bond, seconded by Bandits, **carried**)

3. New Team Applications (2 spots available) – 3 teams completed the application process, but just 2 of them made in person pitches to join the NCBL for the 2017 season: The Naturals, Winchester Heat, and Gatineau (*absent*).

- Gatineau were eliminated from consideration by not showing up to make their pitch to join the league in person.

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

- The Naturals were voted in without restriction, and will play in Tier 4.
(moved by NCBL Commissioner Beelen, seconded by Vampiros, **carried**)
- The Winchester Heat were voted in without restriction, and will play in Tier 4.
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4. Tier Structure Pitches for the 2017 Season – There were 4 pitches from teams that didn't want to accept the automatic move up or down a tier based on the 2016 regular season standings.

- The Mudd's pitch to move to Tier 1 was successful.
- The Outlaws' pitch to move to Tier 2 was successful.
- The Mavericks' pitch to stay in Tier 3 was successful.
- The Knights' pitch to stay in Tier 4 was successful.
- The SweatSox, Winchester Sox, and Misfits, all switched tiers automatically without resistance.

5. Playoff Structure – The individual tiers voted on how many teams will make the 2017 playoffs:

- Tier 1 voted that 7 of 8 teams will make playoffs.
- Tier 2 voted that 6 of 7 teams will make playoffs.
- Tier 3 voted that 8 of 11 teams will make playoffs.
- Tier 4 voted that 8 of 11 teams will make playoffs.

6. 2016 Financial Statement and 2017 Budget Discussion – Highlights from NCBL Treasurer Craig Cornell's financial breakdown included: approximately \$600 to the good on field rentals, all tiers having a surplus, not wanting NCBL funds in his personal account, and what would happen if the league were to fold (free baseballs for all). The early estimate on 2017 fees is \$4600 for Tiers 1-3, and \$3950 for Tier 4. Craig will email the financial reports and payment schedule/amounts before the next meeting.

7. Umpire Updates – Highlights from Chief Umpire Jean Lazure’s time on the microphone included: the likelihood of an umpire clinic on April 30th, being bound by the constitution to use the best possible umpires in the playoffs according to the ratings, increasing supervision on the lowest rated umpires, and to let Mark Keeping know if you need exhibition game umpires.

8. Baseball Canada Sale – Kelsey McIntosh (Bombers) spoke about the Annual Baseball Canada Sale. It will take place in on April 19-20, where you can get helmets, catcher’s gear, a small assortment of gently used bats, and more.

9. Constitution/By-Law Amendments – will be discussed at the 2017 Kick-Off Meeting.

10. NCBL Stadium - The Build-a-Park Committee is still looking for more volunteers, at which point the committee will determine the feasibility of building our own field, either at Carleton or elsewhere.

11. Baseball Town Sponsorship – Bill Beelen handed out Baseball Town sponsorship cards to interested managers, who can pass them along to their players.

12. Next Meeting – The next meeting will be the 2017 Kick-Off Meeting, tentatively scheduled on Sunday, April 30, 2017.

12. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at exactly 1:45pm.

The Official 2017 Tier Structure -

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