

The 2018 NCBL Annual Kick-Off Meeting Minutes

Sunday, April 29, 2018
Nepean Sportsplex – Hall F

Teams Absent (1): Mavericks

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 10:38am

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – The minutes of the NCBL Spring Meeting on Sunday, March 4, 2018 were approved without change.

(moved by Secretary Bond, seconded by Lumberjacks, **carried**)

3. Election of Operations Officers – Gary Duke announced he was stepping down from the Operations Committee, allowing Ben Milinkovich (Battalion) and Adam Lowry (Bandits) to be acclaimed to the 2 open positions without opposition.

4. 2017 Financial Statements – NCBL Treasurer Craig Cornell explained the league's income statement and balance sheet from 2017.

(moved by Treasurer Cornell, seconded by Marc Sports, **carried**)

5. The 2018 Budget – NCBL Treasurer Craig Cornell explained the league's 2018 proposed budget.

(moved by Treasurer Cornell, seconded by Braumeisters, **carried**)

6. Umpire Certification – The topic of umpire certification was raised. A proposal was made to initiate a certification process for umpires for the 2019 season.

(moved by Red Sox, seconded by Capitals, **carried**)

7. 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 \$63 (plate) + \$52 (bases) to \$65 and \$55 respectively. An increase to the Assignor's fee from \$2 per-umpire-per-game to \$2.50 per-umpire-per-game was also included in the proposal.

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

8. Schedules – The 2018 master schedule is complete, and each team's individual schedule is included in the information package handout.

9. Procedures and Protocols for the Season – Also 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.

10. Emergency Payout Fund – The league voted to allow the Commissioner to propose payouts for damage to vehicles (e.g. broken windshields) when an innocent 3rd party incurs such damage provided that no warning sign was present. Anyone associated with teams or officials in our league cannot be considered innocent 3rd parties as they should understand the risks in parking close to our fields. The process for potential payouts will involve the Commissioner proposing a payout for approval through a league executive vote.

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

11. By-Law Revisions: Mound Visits – The topic of the new MLB rule limiting the amount of mound visits was discussed, but since the league already has strict time limits, it was deemed unnecessary. The motion was made to not bring this rule into the NCBL.

(moved by Winchester Sox, seconded by Lumberjacks, **carried**)

12. Social Media Committee – With the movement of teams between tiers, Tier 2 has been left without a representative on the committee. Mike Whittaker volunteered to be the Tier 2 rep.

(moved by Red Sox, seconded by Winchester, **carried**)

13. Multi-Team Exemptions – There were no exemptions required this year.

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

15. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:23am.