

# The 2018 NCBL Annual Winter Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 4, 2018  
Nepean Sportsplex – Hall E

**Teams Absent (3):** Kingston Ponies, Mavericks, and Misfits

**1. Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at exactly 10:41am.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting** – The minutes of the 2017 NCBL Year End Meeting on Sunday, November 26, 2017 were approved without change.

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

**3. New Team Application** – The Russell Blue Jays completed the application process, and made an in-person pitch to join the league. They have their own lighted field, and are able to provide their own umpires for their home games. They were voted in the league without restriction.

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

**4a. Tier Structure Pitches for the 2018 Season** – There were 3 pitches from teams who didn't want to accept the automatic move up or down a tier, or who wanted to switch tiers without having finished 1<sup>st</sup> or last in the 2017 standings.

- The Winchester Sox pitch to stay in Tier 1 was successful.
- The Cornwall River Rats pitch to move up to Tier 1 was successful.
- The Sharks pitch to move up to Tier 2 was successful.
- Marc Sports, SweatSox, Red Sox, Bombers, and Team Cuba all switched tiers without resistance.
- The Russell Blue Jays will play in Tier 2.

**4b. Playoff Structure** – The individual tiers voted on how many teams will make the playoffs.

- Tier 1 voted that 8 of 10 teams will make the playoffs.
- Tier 2 voted that 6 of 7 teams will make the playoffs.
- Tier 3 voted that 8 of 10 teams will make the playoffs.
- Tier 4 voted that 8 of 11 teams will make the playoffs.

**4c. The Official 2018 Tier/Playoff Layout:**

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

**5. Change to the Number of Operations Committee Officers** – Bill Beelen proposed increasing the number of Operations Committee Officers from 2 to 3. Adding a 3rd officer would help the newly elected umpiring Executive focus on their new umpiring responsibilities, and help lessen the workload for Brett Stott, who was on track for significant workload increase with the reduced availability of Gary Duke (who is up for re-election) this summer.

(moved by NCBL Commissioner Beelen, seconded by Braumeisters, **carried**)

**6. Election of Officers for 2018** – 8 positions were up for election:

- Craig Cornell acclaimed as Treasurer.
- Cory Bond acclaimed as Secretary.
- Rob Lay acclaimed as Tier 1 President.
- Brian Samuel acclaimed as Tier 2 President.
- John Drummond acclaimed as Tier 3 President.
- Stu Hayes defeated the representative of John Mendonca in a battle for the Tier 4 Presidency.
- A vote for the 2 open Operations Committee Officer positions will take place at the next meeting, after Brett Stott conducts interviews and presents his candidate recommendations.

**7. Financial Overviews for 2017 and 2018** – Newly re-elected treasurer Craig Cornell spoke about a good 2017, and while his financial statements are still under construction, he anticipates the 2018 team fees will be similar to those paid in 2017. He will email the financial statements out before the next meeting.

**8. Umpire Assignor Fee Increase** – Mark Keeping proposed an increase to the Assignor Fee from \$2.00 per umpire per game to \$2.50 per umpire per game, and that the previous half-price fee paid for rescheduling rained out games be replaced by the full fee given that the work involved is at least the same as non-rained out games.

(moved by NCBL Umpire Assignor Keeping, seconded by NCBL Commissioner Beelen, **carried**)

**9. Umpire Fee Increase?** – NCBL Deputy Umpire Nick Ianiero is currently attending an umpire's clinic in Toronto and will gather information regarding umpiring rates to see if the NCBL is paying the industry standard to its officials. Results will be presented at the next meeting.

**10. Baseball Canada Sale** – Kelsey McIntosh (Bombers) spoke about the annual Baseball Canada Sale, tentatively scheduled to take place in the April 20-22 range. Amongst the usual items up for grabs will be lots of spikes (size 10-15) and pants; there will be no holds, and it will be a first come first served basis.

**11. Next Meeting** – The 2018 Annual Kick-Off Meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 29, 2018.

**12. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at exactly 11:32am.