

The 2019 NCBL Annual Kick-Off Meeting Minutes

Sunday, April 28, 2019
Nepean Sportsplex – Hall F

Teams Absent: (0)

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at exactly 2:06pm

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – The minutes of the NCBL Spring Meeting on Sunday, March 3, 2019 were approved without change.

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

3. # of Tier 1 Playoff Teams – As a result of the Panthers fold, Tier 1 had to re-vote on how many teams would make the playoffs. A proposal was made to have 8 of 9 make it.

(moved by Brewers, seconded by Marc Sports, **carried**)

4. Report from Umpires – The umpires are good to go.

5. 2019 Proposed Budget Approval – NCBL Treasurer Craig Cornell explained, line by line, the league's proposed budget for 2019. The treasurer also made himself available to anyone who had any questions about fees, fines, or anything league money related.

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

6. Schedules – Each team's individual schedule for the month of May is included in the information package handout. The full schedule is complete, but some fields are being switched around as a result of the Panthers fold.

7. Procedures and Protocols for the Season – The usual 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, were not printed off this year. Instead, an updated 2019 version will be posted on the NCBL site shortly.

8. By-Law Amendment: Players Needed to Field a Tier 1 Team – A proposal was made to remove the exception (*i.e. Except for Tier 1*) at the start of By-Law 2.4 (a). The rest of the By-Law remains unchanged.

(moved by Brewers, seconded by Mudd, **carried**)

9. By-Law Amendment: The Automatic Strikeout – In order to have a league sanctioned way of moving a game along, it was proposed that "*At any time in a game, either team may choose to have their own batter take an intentional strikeout.*" This would be implemented the same as an intentional walk.

(moved by Lynx, seconded by Outlaws, **carried**)

10. By-Law Amendment: Check Swing Appeals – A proposal about limiting when a check swing can be appealed to the base umpire was withdrawn, after it became clear that the underlying issue behind the proposal had more to do with umpire training, rather than something the league should get involved with.

11. By-Law Amendment: New Inning Definition – A proposal was made that each By-Law spell out what the definition is as to when a new inning begins for purposes of that By-Law. In By-Law 2.3, it would be at the moment the last out was made in the previous inning. In By-Law 6.7 (b), it would be at the moment the first pitch is made in the next inning.

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

12. Social Media Committee – The Social Media Committee is looking for new representatives from Tier 3 and Tier 4, to replace departing members Phil Martin (moved to Tier 2), and John Mendonca (now the Tier 4 President). Please contact Joe Beelen if interested.

13. Multi-Team Exemptions – Joe Beelen (coaching Brewers, playing for Dukes), and Bill Beelen (coaching Brewers, playing for Dukes/Braumeisters) requested approval to be involved with more than one NCBL team.

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

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 exactly 2:41pm.