

# The 2021 NCBL Annual (Virtual) Spring Meeting 2.0 Minutes

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Zoom Meeting ID: 964 9044 4157

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**Teams Absent (1):** Rideau Valley Reapers

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**1. Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at exactly 11:02am.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting** - The minutes of the 2021 NCBL Annual Winter Meeting on Sunday, February 16, 2021 were approved without change.

(moved by Secretary Bond, no opposition, **carried**)

**3. Current Status of 2021 Season** - Commissioner Bill Beelen provided the league with an update on the 2021 NCBL Season, highlights included:

- Ontario lockdown in effect until at least May 20th; still don't know if/when we can play at that time; aiming for a June start, but it all depends on government regulations.
- Marc Sports has withdrawn from the 2021 season, will be fined for a late opt-out.
- Cornwall River Rats have agreed to temporarily move down to Tier 2 to help balance the Tiers.
- The Registration/Insurance waiver will be available to digitally sign shortly.

**4. Review of Executive Meeting Minutes** - Commissioner Beelen noted the Minutes of the NCBL Executive Meeting on Sunday, April 11, 2021, and reviewed some of the key highlights.

*(a copy of these minutes was emailed to the league before the meeting, and are posted on the NCBL site:*

<http://www.ncbl.ca/ncbl2021execmeetingminutesapr11.pdf>)

**5. Proposed 2021 Budget** - Treasurer Cornell confirmed the budget from the April 11th Executive Meeting, and spoke about some of the more noteworthy numbers:

- Fees for Tiers 1, 2, 3, will be \$4,200/team (assuming a full 20 game season + playoffs).
- Fees for Tier 4 will be \$4,100/team (assuming a full 19 games season + playoffs).
- First payment (\$1,000) will be due 5 days before we're allowed to start playing.
- The final payment will be adjusted (reduced) to reflect any changes to the length of the season.

*(a copy of the 2021 budget was emailed to the league before the meeting)*

**6. Updated NCBL Return to Play Highlights** - Commissioner Beelen noted the NCBL's 2021 Return to Play highlights, and made special note of the updated gameday start times: 6:10pm and 8:50pm this year.

*(a copy of this document was emailed to the league before the meeting, and will eventually be posted on the main NCBL website)*

**7. Other Business: Everybody Bats** - Gary Duke proposed giving teams the option to have "everybody bat" with "unlimited defensive substitutions" in any of their games this year.

- This is a 2021 rule only.
- Individual teams have the option to do this in as few or as many games as they'd like, only in the regular season.
- You must declare to the umpires/opposition *before* the game that you're applying this rule.
- When the rule is applied (or not) before the game, that decision remains for the entire game, you cannot change your mind an inning or two or seven in.

(moved by Braumeisters, seconded by Bombers, no opposition, **carried**)

**8. Other Business: 2021 Drop-Dead Date** - If the NCBL season hasn't started by July 1, the league will call a meeting around that time to discuss the current state of affairs, re-evaluate our plans, and talk about the next steps to getting some kind of season started (or not). In 2020, the drop-dead date was the Tuesday after the August long weekend; we should be able to get some kind of mini-season in if we can start by that time this year too.

**9. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at exactly 11:30am.