

The 2021 NCBL Annual (Virtual) Winter Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Zoom Meeting ID: 961 2269 3985

Teams Absent (1): Bandits

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

2. Minutes of Previous, Previous Meeting – The minutes of the 2020 NCBL Spring Meeting on Sunday, March 8, 2020 were approved without change.

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

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – The minutes of the 2020 NCBL Executive Meeting #2 were approved without change.

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

4. 2019 Financial Statements – NCBL Treasurer Craig Cornell discussed the league’s finances for the past 2 calendar years. The 2019 financial statements were approved, with a note that the Braumeisters were improperly assigned a fine that was meant for the Barons.

(moved by NCBL Treasurer Cornell, no opposition, **carried**)

5. 2020 Financial Statements – The 2020 financial statements were approved without change.

(moved by NCBL Treasurer Cornell, no opposition, **carried**)

6. 2021 Early Payment Requirement – The NCBL needs to make our insurance payment by the end of March this year, therefore we cannot wait for the usual end of April date for a first installment; and will need to collect at least some amount by March 15th. The league voted to have every team, whether they are playing this year or not, pay \$100 plus their amount in red (Over/Short to start the 2021 season column) on the Equity Report by March 15th, preferably by e-transfer, to Craig Cornell.

(moved by NCBL Treasurer Cornell, no opposition, **carried**)

7. NCBL Insurance Provider – The league held a discussion about our current insurance provider (Baseball Ontario) and a potential alternative (Trigon). After a lengthy conversation, the league voted to switch insurance providers from Baseball Ontario to Trigon this year.

(moved by NCBL Commissioner Beelen, no opposition, **carried**)

8. 2021 Scheduling Strategy – Assuming that the limits for outdoor gatherings remain that same as they were last summer (50), the league discussed scheduling a “bubble” strategy that would have the same 3 teams playing one another over a period of time. Then, a different group of 3 teams would play each other in the next bubble. The required length of time between bubbles is still to be determined. **UPDATE:** Strategy was subsequently amended to have bubbles within each tier play only within their own bubbles until such time as the province allows for larger bubbles.

(moved by NCBL Commissioner Beelen, no opposition, **carried**)

9. Team Intentions for 2021 – To get a general idea of what the season is going to look like, the Commissioner asked each team to give their “unofficial” status for the 2021 season.

(the official deadline to opt-in or out is Sunday, February 28, 2021)

10. Other Business – Deputy Umpire-in-Chief #2 – It was announced that Jean Lazure has resigned from his position as Deputy Umpire-in-Chief #2. An election will be held at a later date to fill this role.

11. Other Business – NCBL Health and Safety Protocol – The Outlaws brought up concerns about the lack of a NCBL specific COVID Health and Safety protocol, specifically laying out the steps of what happens in the event someone in the league tests positive.

(NCBL Commissioner Beelen will work on this protocol and have it ready & sent to teams before the deadline for teams opting-in or out)

12. Next Meeting – The 2021 Annual Kick-Off Meeting, assumed to be virtual, is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 25, 2021.

13. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at exactly 12:02pm.