

The 2022 NCBL Annual Spring Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 27, 2022
Nepean Sportsplex - Hall F

Teams Absent (3): Capitals, Irish, Ravens

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at exactly 12:05pm

2. Financial Statements for 2021 - NCBL Treasurer Craig Cornell discussed the Income Statement and Balance Sheet that were included in the meeting handout. Treasurer Cornell talked about how teams that opted-out last year *after* the budget was approved was beneficial to the finances, as were some of the other cost-saving measures put in place. The equity statement is drafted and ready to go, pending the approval of the new league refund policy (*see Item #6*).

(moved by Treasurer Cornell, seconded by Red Sox, **carried**)

3a. Tier Structure/Composition for the 2022 Season – There were 4 pitches from teams who didn't want to stay in the Tier they were to play in during the 2020 season had that season not been cancelled, confirmation that 3 teams are opting-out for the 2022 season, and a reminder that 3 teams have folded.

- The Giants pitch to move up to Tier 1 was successful
- The Black Sox pitch to move down to Tier 3 was denied
- The Misfits pitch to move down to Tier 3 was denied
- The Reapers pitch to move up to Tier 3 was successful
- The Cornwall River Rats, Kingston Ponies, and Dukes have opted-out, and are allowed to return as full-member teams in 2023
- The Expos, Marc Sports, and Orioles have folded

3b. 2022 Playoff Structure - The league discussed and agreed to implement an “*everyone but 1 team makes playoffs up-to a maximum of 8 teams*” playoff structure.

- Tier 1: 6 of 7 teams will make playoffs
- Tier 2: 6 of 7 teams will make playoffs
- Tier 3: 7 of 8 teams will make playoffs
- Tier 4: 8 of 10 teams will make playoffs

3c. The Official 2022 Tier/Playoff Layout -

	<u>Tier 1</u>	<u>Tier 2</u>	<u>Tier 3</u>	<u>Tier 4</u>
1	Athletics	Black Sox	Capitals	Bandits
2	Battalion	Blue Jays	Coyotes	Barons
3	Brewers	Braves	Heat	Braumeisters
4	Cubs	Misfits	Latinos	Bombers
5	Giants	Outlaws	Lumberjacks	Irish
6	Pirates	Red Sox	Reapers	Knights
7	Ravens	Sharks	Rockets	Los Vampiros
8			Sweat Sox	Lynx
9				Mavericks
10				Team Korea
	<i>6 of 7 teams make playoffs</i>	<i>6 of 7 teams make playoffs</i>	<i>7 of 8 teams make playoffs</i>	<i>8 of 10 teams make playoffs</i>

4a. Minutes of Previous Meetings - The minutes of the 2022 Annual Winter Meeting on Sunday, February 13, 2022 were approved without change.

(moved by NCBL Secretary Bond, seconded by Bandits, **carried**)

4b. Minutes of Previous Meeting - The minutes of the 2021 Annual Spring Meeting on Sunday, April 25, 2021 were approved without change.

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

4c. Minutes of Previous Meeting - The minutes of the 2021 Executive Meeting on Sunday, April 11, 2021 were approved without change.

(moved by NCBL Secretary Bond, seconded by NCBL Deputy Umpire Phadnis, **carried**)

5. Election of Officers - All “non-umpire” positions were up for re-election. All incumbents were willing to stand for another term, except for Adam Lowry (OPS Committee) who announced he was stepping down.

- Bill Beelen was acclaimed as NCBL Commissioner
- Craig Cornell was acclaimed as NCBL Treasurer
- Cory Bond was acclaimed as NCBL Secretary
- Joe Beelen was acclaimed as NCBL Registrar
- Rob Lay was acclaimed as Tier 1 President
- Brian Samuel was acclaimed as Tier 2 President
- Colleen Embury was acclaimed as Tier 3 President
- John Mendonca was acclaimed as Tier 4 President
- Brett Stott was acclaimed as Operations Committee Member
- Ben Milinkovich was acclaimed as OPS Committee Member
- Louis Gadbois was the only candidate for the now vacant OPS Committee position, and was acclaimed without opposition

6. Red Sox Proposal on Defaults - Tabled from the Winter Meeting, the league voted to refund teams that are victims of defaults by other teams, in the amount of half of whatever the direct costs are for each game in the league (*ex. In 2021, that was \$147.85 or half of \$295.70*).

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

7a. UMPIRES: Increasing Pay Rates - Umpire-in-Chief Mark Keeping proposed increasing the rate of pay for the umpires from a combined \$120 to \$135 per game, and increasing the rate of pay for the Umpire Assignor from \$5.00 to \$5.25 per game. These rates will be locked in for 2 seasons (2022, 2023).

(moved by NCBL Umpire-in-Chief Keeping, seconded by Black Sox, **carried**)

7b. UMPIRES: Equipment Reminder - Commissioner Beelen and Umpire-in-Chief Keeping clarified that a game will not be cancelled/delayed if only 1 umpire shows up. All umpires should bring their gear to every game in the event they are needed.

7c. UMPIRES: Tournaments - If any team is planning on running a tournament and would like the NCBL Umpires to officiate, please contact Mark Keeping as soon as possible.

8. Eliminating Pennant/Championship Payouts - In a cost-saving measure during the 2021 bubble season, the league removed cash payouts for the pennant and championship winners in each tier. To keep overall costs lower moving forward, the league voted on a proposal to permanently remove these payouts.

(moved by NCBL Treasurer Cornell, seconded by Brewers, **carried**)

9. Banquet Tickets for the Champs - After the removal of league-wide cash payouts (*see Item #8 above*), the league voted on a proposal to give the championship winning teams in each of the tiers four free (additional) tickets to the year-end banquet.

(moved by Black Sox, seconded by Los Vampiros, **carried**)

10. Disposable Plates vs Fancy Silverware - In an effort to keep league costs down, Commissioner Beelen proposed switching to disposable plates at the year-end banquet.

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

11. Opting Out of Opting Out - Since the beginning of COVID in 2020, the league has allowed teams to “opt-out” of seasons without penalty. Commissioner Beelen proposed eliminating this option beginning next season.

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

12. Next Meeting - The 2022 Annual Kick-Off Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2022.

13. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at exactly 1:33pm.