

The 2023 NCBL Annual Kick-Off Meeting Minutes

Sunday, April 23, 2023
Nepean Sportsplex - Hall E

Teams Absent (0): none

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at exactly 12:07pm.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting - The minutes of the NCBL Spring Meeting on Sunday, March 26, 2023 were approved without change

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

3. Financials - 2023 Proposed Budget Approval - The 2023 proposed budget was included in the information package handout, with fees per team in Tiers 1-3 being \$5,400, and \$4,650 in Tier 4.

(moved by Treasurer Cornell via Commissioner Beelen, seconded by Braumeisters, **carried**)

4. Schedules - The 2023 schedule is complete, with each team's individual schedule included in the information package handout. This year, the Commissioner avoided creating gaps in the middle of the schedule for rainouts, and instead will schedule make-up games in early August, with a target date of August 20th for the start of the playoffs. The Commissioner also noted that he was able to avoid scheduling games at McKendry, Russell, and Beckwith.

5. Procedures and Protocols for the Season - The updated document with 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, will be posted on the NCBL site soon. Registrar Beelen noted that things are mostly the same, with only very minor changes.

6. By-Law Revisions - Manager + Rookie of the Year Awards in All Tiers - The league voted to add a Manager of the Year award to Tiers 2, 3, and 4, and a Rookie of the Year Award to Tiers 3 and 4. All 4 Tiers will now have the same major awards.

(moved by Joe Beelen, seconded by Red Sox, **carried**)

7. By-Law Revisions - Changing the Definition of an Official Appearance - The league voted to modify By-Law 3.10 (a) regarding what determines an official appearance. Moving forward, **only** a Plate Appearance **or** pitching to 1 batter is included.

(moved by Joe Beelen, seconded by Coyotes, **carried**)

8. By-Law Revisions - Clarifying How the Home Team is Determined for a Tie-Breaker Game - The league voted to update By-Law 4.4 (c) (i) to clarify how the home team is determined for a tie-breaker game to decide who makes the playoffs: The home team will be decided by the tie breaking sequence from 4.4 (a).

(moved by Joe Beelen, seconded by Red Sox, **carried**)

9. By-Law Revisions - Updating By-Law 4.10 to Reflect Current Practice for Reporting Scores - The league voted to update By-Law 4.10 regarding who to notify about a game's result. Instead of the League's Publicity Officer, teams will notify the League via the established process provided at the start of the season.

(moved by Joe Beelen, seconded by Coyotes, **carried**)

10. By-Law Revisions - Updating By-Law 4.11 to Have Game Statistics Determine Official Participants -

The league voted to update By-Law 4.11 to have the official statistics submitted by each team determine the official participants (*per the updated By-Law 3.10*) of a game.

(moved by Joe Beelen, seconded by Bandits, **carried**)

11. Other Business - Multi-Team Exemptions - Bill Beelen (*coaching Brewers, playing for Braumeisters*)

requested approval to be involved with more than one NCBL team.

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

12. Other Business - Multi-Team Exemptions - Joe Beelen (*coaching Brewers, playing for Los Vampiros*)

requested approval to be involved with more than one NCBL team.

(moved by Los Vampiros, seconded by Giants, **carried**)

13. Other Business - Umpire Procedures Update - Umpire-in-Chief Keeping noted that he was looking forward to a great season, and reminded teams that if they have any general issues, to email him directly (*or after a 24-hour cool-off period if it's game/umpire specific*).

14. Other Business - The Tier 3 Presidency - With the promotion of the Winchester Heat to Tier 2, Tier 3 is in need of a new President to replace President Embury. Tom Toll of the Rockets has agreed to fill the position, but only if Gregorio Cobas of Los Latinos doesn't want it. Neither were in attendance, so this will be settled via email in the near future.

15. Other Business - Banquet - The 2023 Banquet venue was discussed, with a strong push to switch from the Pineview Golf Course in Gloucester to the Ottawa Police Association on Catherine Street. The main concern with a change in venue was the parking situation, which Commissioner Beelen promised to investigate. The league agreed that if Commissioner Beelen felt it could work, then the switch would be made.

16. Other Business - Equipment Donations for Ghana Baseball - John Mendonca of the Lynx spoke to the league, seeking donations of unwanted baseball equipment (*adult/kids clothes, shoes, gloves, balls, bats, anything baseball related*) to be sent over to Ghana for their fledgling baseball program. Please contact John Mendonca directly for more information.

17. Other Business - Rosters & Waivers - Registrar Beelen reminded teams to use the Roster Transaction form on the website to add players to their rosters during the season, and that each player must digitally sign the usual waiver before they're able to play.

18. Distribution of Baseballs and Lineup Cards - The teams paid their league fees with installment cheques (*or a promise to send an E-Transfer to Treasurer Cornell ASAP*) in exchange for baseballs and lineup cards. The Commissioner noted that not all baseballs are currently available, but they will be personally delivered to each team before they're needed.

19. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at exactly 12:40pm.