The 2025 NCBL Annual Spring Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 23, 2025
Nepean Sportsplex – Hall F

Teams Absent (3): Barons, Misfits, Reapers

---

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at exactly 12:35pm.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting - The minutes of the 2025 NCBL Annual Winter Meeting on Sunday, February 2, 2025, were approved without change.

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

3. Team Proposals for the 2025 Season - There were 2 teams that automatically moved tiers without resistance, 4 pitches from teams who did not want to automatically switch tiers, and 1 pitch from a team who did want to switch tiers.

- The Padres moved up to Tier 2 automatically.
- The Gladiators moved up to Tier 3 automatically.
- The Cubs pitch to stay in Tier 1 was successful.
- The Braves pitch to stay in Tier 2 was successful.
- The Blue Jays pitch to stay in Tier 2 was successful.
- The Bats pitch to stay in Tier 3 was successful.
- The Lynx pitch to move up to Tier 3 was successful.

4a. New Team Application: Aylmer Bulldogs - The Aylmer Bulldogs were 1 of 3 teams to complete the NCBL's New Team Application process, and they made an in-person pitch to join the NCBL. They were voted into the league without restriction.

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

A proposal was then made to place the expansion Bulldogs into Tier 3:
*(moved by Red Sox, seconded by Black Sox, **carried**)*

4b. New Team Application: Kanata Kingfish - The Kanata Kingfish were 1 of 3 teams to complete the NCBL's New Team Application process, and they made an in-person pitch to join the NCBL. They were voted into the league without restriction.

*(moved by Battalion, seconded by Padres, **carried**)*

A proposal was then made to place the expansion Kingfish into Tier 1:
*(moved by Braves, seconded by Bats, **carried**)*

4c. New Team Application: Vibe Stealers - The Vibe Stealers were 1 of 3 teams to complete the NCBL's New Team Application process, and they made an in-person pitch to join the NCBL. They were voted into the league without restriction.

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

A proposal was then made to place the expansion Vibe Stealers into Tier 3:
*(moved by Red Sox, seconded by Padres, **carried**)*

5. 2025 Regular Season & Playoff Structure - Each Tier voted on how many regular season games they would play, and how many of their teams would make the playoffs.

Tier 1: 24 regular season games, with 6 teams making the playoffs
*(moved by Ravens, seconded by Pirates, **carried**)*

Tier 2: 24 regular season games, with 8 teams making the playoffs
*(moved by Braves, seconded by Padres, **carried**)*

Tier 3: 22 regular season games, with 8 teams making the playoffs
*(moved by Gladiators, seconded by Coyotes, **carried**)*

Tier 4: 18 regular season games, with 8 teams making the playoffs
*(moved by Los Vampiros, seconded by Braumeisters, **carried**)*

6. The Official 2025 Tier/Regular Season/Playoff Layout - The NCBL will consist of 37 teams, 30 of which will play in the postseason.

	Tier 1	**Tier 2**	**Tier 3**	**Tier 4**
1	Athletics	Black Sox	Barons	Bandits
2	Battalion	Blue Jays	Bats	Bombers
3	Brewers	Braves	Bulldogs	Braumeisters
4	Cubs	Heat	Coyotes	Capitals
5	Giants	Los Latinos	Gladiators	Irish
6	Kingfish	Misfits	Lumberjacks	Knights
7	Pirates	Outlaws	Lynx	Los Vampiros
8	Ravens	Padres	Rockets	Mavericks
9		Reapers	Sweat Sox	Team Korea
10		Red Sox	Vibe Stealers	
	24 game regular season	*24 game regular season*	*22 game regular season*	*18 game regular season*
	6 of 8 teams make playoffs	*8 of 10 teams make playoffs*	*8 of 10 teams make playoffs*	*8 of 9 teams make playoffs*

7. 2024 Financial Statements - NCBL Treasurer Craig Cornell explained the 2024 Income Statement so perfectly, that there were no follow-up questions or concerns. The 2025 financial statements will be emailed to the team representatives sometime before the Kick-Off Meeting.
*(moved by Treasurer Cornell, seconded by Braves, **carried**)*

8. Election of NCBL Officer Positions - There were 3 NCBL Officer Positions up for election:

- John Mendonca (Lynx) was acclaimed as Tier 3 President.
- Adam Lowry (Bandits) was acclaimed as Tier 4 President.
- Anthony DeYoung (Blue Jays) was acclaimed into the Operations Committee.

9. 2025 Budget Discussion: NCBL Patches for Umpires - A proposal was made to purchase NCBL patches for the umpires to wear on their uniform, up to a maximum of $200.

*(moved by Braves, seconded by Knights, **carried**)*

10. 2025 Budget Discussion: Stadium Rental Proposal - The league voted to eliminate the guaranteed Stadium game that was built into the league fees for every team last year, and go back to it being an option in each team's scheduling preferences, at a cost of $200 extra per team, per game.

*(moved by Padres, seconded by Bandits, **carried**)*

11. Constitution/By-Law Amendments - Tabled until the 2025 Kick-Off Meeting. Amendments proposals include adding the extra hitter rule (EH) to Tier 2, adding the More Batters rule to Tier 3, modifying the emergency spare rule, adopting the MLB slide rule definition, and implementing a pitch-clock (without an actual clock).

12. Next Meeting - The 2025 Annual Kick-Off Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2025.

13. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at exactly 2:11pm.

Action Items Tabled for the 2025 Kick-Off Meeting:

1. Constitution and By-Law Amendment: Adding Extra Hitter Rule to Tier 2 (Blue Jays)
2. Constitution and By-Law Amendment: Adding More Batters Rule to Tier 3 (Gladiators)
3. Constitution and By-Law Amendment: Emergency Spare adjustments (Commissioner)
4. Constitution and By-Law Amendment: Adopting the MLB slide rule definition
5. Constitution and By-Law Amendment: Implement and Enforcement of Timing Between Pitches

---