



NFCA Rules and Officials Committee Minutes

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 --- 8:30-9:45 a.m. (Beauregard Room)

Kris Ganeff (NFCA 3rd Vice President) called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- 1) Kris Ganeff welcomed everyone and thanked them for their service. Roll call was taken- Those present Terry Burdette (Hood College/DIII), Steve Babinski (Indiana Wesleyan/NAIA), Lisa Navas (South Carolina/Assistant Coach), Kathy Schoettle (Byron Nelson/High School), Vickie Van Kleeck (NCAA Secretary Rules Editor); Tim Kiernan (Sacramento City College/Cal JC) and John Bennett (Affiliate-Umpire/Chair) via conference call
- 2) Lisa Nava was nominated and voted in as the new committee chair
- 3) Vickie Van Kleeck was introduced and given the floor
 - a) Provided overview of upcoming rule proposals that would be discussed at the 2017 NCAA Meeting.
 - b) Committee touched on each proposal and the possible implications of each.
 - c) Discussion lead to how does someone get a rule proposed?
 - i) Van Kleeck - if you believe something needs to be changed or looked at, anyone can fill out a proposal and submit.
 - ii) She touched on the fact that there are so many varied proposals that come in about any and everything. The ones that get chosen to move forward and be voted on are the ones that the Rules Group believe might have some possible positive effect on the game.
 - iii) Statement led to Van Kleeck stressing that the surveys sent out in January are very important to fill out and return. It is how the entire group can voice their opinion and it can be decided if a proposal is valid or just one person venting.
 - iv) Led to the group questioning the timing of the survey (college coaches focused on getting their teams ready to play). Feels it might affect the responses that they are getting in return. Van Kleeck understood, but said it is likely that the timing will never change.
 - v) Spread the awareness that the survey will be coming, get it done, and keep reminding coaches to participate.
 - d) Overview of 2016-17 implemented rules and what was to come in 2017-18
 - i) Installation of netting in front of dugouts and foul pole being same height and two color options
- 4) Tim Kiernan- Double Base Rule
 - a) He brought forward and idea to replace the double base and make the first base bag larger to avoid collisions
 - i) Discussion ensued on how by us thinking that if we change the base by just a few inches that it wouldn't matter and the overall consensus was false.
 - (1) Changing playing field dimensions by altering base (distance between bases is changes and timing of plays)
 - (2) Van Kleeck- believed it would not be passed or through because it's not just a rule change, it's a spacing change
 - (3) Consensus was committee wanted all collisions to stop, but changing size of base is not the answer
- 5) Discussed adding more rules information on NFCA.org to help educate our members
 - a) Create an area where members can look up rules info and create dialogue amongst each other
 - b) Van Kleeck- would like to contribute her content more frequently

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- 6) Set up a conference call for January 17, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. ET
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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