



**National Fastpitch Coaches Association
Tournament & Camp Minutes
New Orleans Marriott- Iberville**

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. CST.

1. Welcome
 - a. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Camp review updates
 - a. The NFCA implemented a more efficient website with SDI camps. While we had fewer camps, with the price raise of \$25 we were able to recoup any lost revenue.
 - b. The NFCA provided updates for the 2016 summer camps
 - i. Northeast Academic Camp ~ 252 attendees
 - ii. Pennsbury Classic Camp ~ 362 attendees
 - iii. Ohio Stingrays Classic Camp ~ 182 attendees
 - iv. Champions EXCEL/Academic ~ 31 attendees
 - c. The NFCA did a strategic drop in the amount of camps, the thought process was to do it well and we will be okay, with the Executive Director transition, we felt in post position to slow the summer months down from the 11 camp season previously.

3. Suggestions
 - a. Specific to camps
 - i. Increase cost of camp in the next 2 years (\$155 for a 4-hour camp)
 - ii. Session them out, possible pitching, hitting, catching sessions
 - iii. Present a unique opportunity where camps are held on collegiate campuses and athletes have an opportunity to play games in collegiate stadiums. A potential grey area but might be possible.
 - iv. Sell the product, sell the experience
 - v. Offer camps the night before for pitchers and catchers, a way to be more efficient for day two of camp.
 - b. Specifics to NFCA Leadoff Classics
 - i. The NFCA has been involved with the NCAA in evaluating umpires. This has been on going for number of years, however it is not financially responsible for the NFCA. The committee had some thoughts:
 1. NFCA should invite the top division I assigners in each region and have umpire pay their own way to get evaluated.

4. 2017 Camp Schedule
 - a. Northeast Academic Camp – June 14, 2017
 - b. Pennsbury Classic Camp – June 15, 2017
 - c. Stingrays EXCEL Camp – July 6, 2017
 - d. Champions EXCEL – July 11, 2017
 - e. Indianapolis EXCEL – July 13, 2017

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5. Moving forward- involvement from membership
 - a. Notification of the NFCA will be utilizing the membership to market and promote all NFCA summer camps.
 - b. Will be coordinating conference calls during the course of the year

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Those in attendance:

Kris Ganeff	University of Notre Dame
Amy Hayes	Bradley University
Ash Beckham	Buckeye Showdowns
Melissa Gentile	Eastern Michigan University
Michelle Vasquez	NFCA Liaison
Carol Bruggmean	NFCA Executive Director

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