

MINUTES OF THE
NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION
DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING

December 3, 2014

Bally's, Bronze 4, Las Vegas, NV

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. Those present were:

Eric Oakley, Kent State – new chair
Trena Peel, University at Buffalo
Lisa Costello, Towson University

1. Introduction: Newly appointed member: Trena Peel from Buffalo, and new Chair: Eric Oakley
2. Change of Chair
 - a. Hannah Shalett, stepped down as chair and from the committee earlier in the year
 - b. Eric Oakley stepped in as the new chair.
3. Have we been reaching our goals?
 - a. Free clinics: one has taken place in the past
 - b. Diversity Scholarship: Need to check on funding, and to see if one of the Mary Nutter Scholarships for 2014 was a Diversity scholarship
4. New Goals
 - a. Connect with the RBI program (Revitalizing Baseball in Inner cities)- program is run through the MLB and would help in providing free clinics for inner city fastpitch communities
 - i. For our members to gain interest in the program, and possibly have college campuses offer to host free clinics through RBI
 - ii. How to gain interest? – Email members about the opportunity and contact info for the RBI program
 - iii. **Action Item**: Eric to follow up with contacting the RBI program for more info
 - b. Hold an RBI tournament prior to convention
 - i. Host school possibilities: nearby college campuses- GA Tech, Emory, etc.
 - ii. How to's: Information to be sent out through Braves RBI program, have convention coach attendees volunteer to help coach the teams
 - iii. **Action Item**: Find possible tournament sites
 - c. Donating equipment
 - i. **Action Item**- Eric to discuss with Carol Bruggeman on how to go about this process

5. Diversity Scholarship:
 - a. Criteria- Minority coach, any coaching level, promotes diversity and softball, active in fastpitch community, service oriented, committee involvement
 - b. Application- short questionnaire for scholarship nominations
 - c. Scholarship selections chosen by the Diversity Committee
 - d. **Action Item**- Lisa to put together a draft of the application, and Katelyn to check with Lacy Lee on the Mary Nutter scholarships/requirements
6. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Conference Calls

- Scheduled Conference call post the new year with chair Eric Oakley on January 20th at 10AM to discuss conference call schedule with the committee and action items from the convention
- Calls tentatively scheduled the second Tuesday of every month