

**2014 National Fastpitch Coaches Association Convention**  
**Internet Committee Meeting**  
**December 3, 2014 | Bally's Las Vegas | Las Vegas, Nevada**

NFCA Internet Committee Liaison, Brian Stanley called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

In attendance: Chris Malveaux (Bradley University, Committee Chair)  
Marissa Mariono (Northampton Community College)  
Kate Nygaard (Weber State via teleconference)

Not in attendance: David Levian (Godwin Heights (Mich.) HS), Nikki Palmer (Utah Valley University), Fred Gillum (Belmont)

Introductions: Mr. Stanley introduced himself to the group and asked those in attendance to do so as well.

#### General Discussion

- A. Mr. Stanley opened the proceedings by informing the committee members of the NFCA's new website and where the NFCA is in the process. He explained that the NFCA met with the company over a month ago and is in the beginning stages of a redesign. Also on how it would make it easier to navigate as well as open doors for new content and make it a central hub for all of softball.
- B. Mr. Stanley opened the room for discussion, inquiring about what coaches use the website for, what do you like, what can be improved/added
  1. Among the three coaches, they go to the website obtain scores (especially conference opponents), check on the news in the world of softball, convention information and the coaches polls/rankings.
  2. Mr. Malveaux would like to see a section devoted to the stockpiling of drills and videos (through the NFCC classes)
  3. Ms. Mariano cited she, being a new coach at a new level, would like a page devoted to spring training, especially for Junior College and Division 3. It would help coaches, especially new ones and from colder climates, find a place for their program to go during spring break and the earlier months of the season.
  4. An idea of a coach's forum/blog was discussed
    - i. A central place for coach's to go that have questions (for example, travel, places to eat, practice etc.)
    - ii. It would allow for an open forum (discussion threads). Ms. Mariano used an example of indoor drills for coaches that may not be used to practicing indoors for long periods of time.
  5. Scoreboard
    - i. Mr. Malveaux expressed interest in a scoreboard. Mr. Stanley and Ms. Mariano agreed there is a need for a college scoreboard across all memberships. Ms. Mariano added that she understands that it is tough to find scores, even in her own conference and there needs to be a way to get them. Mr. Stanley explained it would have to be a group effort from coaches and SIDs to make it work and would like to find an easier way for the scores to be reported across the board (xmls). Texting scores was another idea brought to the table.
    - ii. With the availability more scores, more people will be driven to the site and that may increase membership

6. Mr. Malveaux would like to see an update on legislation and rules, which he feels draws a significant amount of traffic. With rule changes right before the season starts, a section devoted to those help keep coaches informed.
7. Other business
  - i. Mr. Malveaux, Mr. Mariano and Ms. Nygaard agreed that videos to promote NFCC classes would get the word out and generate more interest – It's good to see other coaches working with different teams and student-athletes (Ms. Mariano used this year's instruction at UNLV/Southern Nevada as an example).
8. Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.