

Minutes of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association
Tournament & Camp Committee

December 3, 2014

Bally's Las Vegas
Las Vegas, Nevada

Attendees: Kathryn Gleason, NFCA Board Representative
Bill Beckham, Fastpitch Showdowns Travel Ball Tournaments
Betsey Dean, Texas A&M Kingsville
Melissa Gentile, Eastern Michigan University
Benet Higgs, Bradley University
Pat Moyer, Travel Ball
Staci Ramsey, University of Massachusetts
Milton Simmons, Sports Plus
Craig Snider, Florida State University
Michelle Vasquez, NFCA Staff Liaison to this committee

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Ms. Gleason greeted everyone and opened the floor to introductions.

2. Current State of the NFCA Tournaments, Camps, Clinics

- a. Ms. Gleason reiterated the board's decision to pull out of NFCA tournaments, with exception to the NFCA Leadoff Classics.
- b. Ms. Vasquez summarized the summers recruiting camp activity, stating the NFCA was profitable at the Northeast Academic, Pennsbury, and Ohio. Ms. Vasquez informed the committee the NFCA lost Atlanta to PGF.

3. Future/Topics/Ideas/Suggestions

- a. Ms. Vasquez informed the committee of the board's approval of NFCA Collegiate Coaching Clinics and of the NFCA's summer commitments and plans:

- i. Academic Recruiting Camps (old format)

1. Pennsbury – Wednesday, June 17th, 2015
 2. California Academic- Tuesday, July 14th, 2015
 3. Chicago Academic- (tentative) Thursday, July 16th, 2015

- ii. Recruiting Camps (old format)

1. Pennsbury –Thursday, June 18th, 2015
 2. Ohio- Thursday, July 9th, 2015
 3. Houston TX- September 4th, 2015

- iii. Skills Camps (new format- need creative name - “Up Your Game”)

1. Kansas City – Friday, June 5th, 2015
 2. Nashville – Thursday, June 18th, 2015
 3. Dallas- Thursday, June 25th, 2015
 4. California- Monday, July 13th, 2015
 5. Chicago (tentative) Friday, July 17, 2015
 6. Ohio- Thursday, July 23rd, 2015

4. Open discussion

- a. Ms. Vasquez asked the committee their opinions of getting staff to work camps, what a coaches want's and need were:
 - i. Committee agreed travel and hotel was the most important expense to be covered and was in favor of a tiered salary (Head coaches to assistants).
 - ii. Mr. Snider suggested we incorporate video into the NFCA camps as technology might increase participation attendance.
 - iii. Ms. Ramsey suggested we invite staff based on the right intentions; they are there to provide instruction rather than just a paycheck.
 - iv. Mr. Beckham and Mr. Simmons both thought it were important to stress the instruction portion rather than game exposure. They would send their athletes to work with some of the best in the business.
 - v. Ms. Higgs suggested the NFCA not bring in too many big coaching names as she saw they didn't draw as well as expected but suggested a couple along with regional coaches at all levels should be included.

Caucus Meeting adorned at 9:55 a.m.