

CAMPS AND CLINICS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, December 11, 2008

Salon J

8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Those in attendance:

Kathryn Gleason—Michigan State Coach & NFCA Camps & Clinics Chairperson

Maggie Calcaterra—IU-PUI

Mary Nutter—National Sports Clinics

Cindy Bristow—Softball Excellence

Mike Christner—William Penn University

Lee Dobbins—Austin Peay State University

Brian Howard—Ohio Valley University

Jack Byerley—Northwest Florida State College

Kent Chambers—Bob Jones High School

Michael Bastian—Affiliate Member

Sharon Drysdale—NFCC Director

Hildred Deese—NFCA Camps & Clinics Liaison

Kathryn Gleason brought the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

1. Laurie Gouthro, Director of Competition for the International Softball Federation attended the Camps & Clinics caucus. She informed the group about clinic and mentoring opportunities internationally through ISF. If interested or if you have suggestions of coaches who may be interested, contact Laurie at 813-864-0100 or email at [lqouthro@internationalsoftball.com](mailto:lqouthro@internationalsoftball.com)
2. Sharon Drysdale, Director of the National Fastpitch Coaches College, reviewed the NFCC class format specifying the following:

Each class begins at noon on Friday and concludes at noon on Sunday with a total of 20 hours spent in the classroom. There are three instructors per class and these instructors utilize a power point presentation with video clips. Each participant leaves with a three-ring binder of resource material and a course completion certificate.

Sharon also mentioned that 401, 406 and 407 have been revised and are now called “The Art of Coaching”, “Winning Strategies for Game-Day Coaching” and “Coaching Dynamic Team Practices”.

Kathryn Gleason asked for suggestions on how to market the class to attract more coaches. Several commented as follows:

Coaches don't attend because many think they already know everything about softball.

Print participant testimonials in Fastpitch Delivery on a regular basis.

Perhaps the NFCA should research the potential of a coaches' certification program whereby coaches must complete course work before they are eligible to coach softball.

If coaching education is an integral part of the NFCA, then all active coaching members should take part in the education process on a yearly basis.

The economic downturn could be a factor in lack of attendance.

The classes held at convention are convenient for coaches. January is an inconvenient month for most coaches to attend NFCC classes.

The NFCA should send letters to athletic directors urging attendance by the head softball coach and staff.

Create a short course (2-hours) offered each year at convention to entice the masses to consider enrolling in a regular 20-hour class. This course should be very inexpensive and offered during convention at a time that most coaches could attend. Maybe some would take the 2-hour course each year for several years as a way to finally earn class credit.

Ms. Gleason thanked the committee members for their comments and adjourned the meeting at 9 a.m.