

2007 NFCA Convention
High School Caucus Minutes

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Chair Wade Wilson, high school representative of the NFCA Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.
 - b. Attending coaches were asked to introduce themselves
- II. Announcements
 - a. NFCA Membership
 - i. High school is one of the largest membership groups and has great room to grow
 - ii. Good benefits for student-athletes
 - iii. Contact Sara for membership brochures
 - b. National Fastpitch Coaches College
 - i. Still clinics to attend in 2007-2008
 - ii. Great way to improve your knowledge
 - iii. Promotions that reduce cost
 - c. Score Reporting
 - i. Requirements for submitting scores
 - ii. Gary Walin suggested that NFCA partner with MaxPreps
 - 1. Wouldn't have to submit information twice
 - 2. Determined that Sara would call MaxPreps for information
 - 3. Only a few states have MaxPreps' score reporting
 - d. *Fastpitch Delivery*
 - i. Question of the Month is favorite article
 - ii. Asked coaches to submit articles
 - e. 2008 All-American Process
 - i. Covered all 2008 updates
 - 1. No opposition to eliminating paper nominations
 - f. Committee Openings
- III. New Business/Open Discussion
 - a. Metal vs. Plastic Cleats
 - i. Discussion concerning the advantages and disadvantages of metal cleats
 - 1. Better footing/traction on grass, mud, etc.
 - 2. Encourage coaches to teach proper mechanics
 - 3. Development/injury issues
 - 4. Non-ethical injuries ("cleating" when sliding into a base)
 - 5. Transition to metal cleats
 - 6. NFHS allows boys the same age to wear metal cleats in baseball
 - ii. Which states have adopted the rule
 - 1. State associations decide whether to adopt on state level
 - 2. Some coaches determine by team (JV vs. Varsity), athlete, etc.
 - 3. Concern expressed about non-metal states playing metal states
 - iii. Suggestion made to have articles about strength training and transitional drills in *Fastpitch Delivery*
 - b. Pitchers at 40' vs. 43'
 - i. Discussion concerning the advantages and disadvantages of 43'
 - 1. Advantages
 - a. Prepare pitchers for college
 - b. Create more of a game
 - c. Make the game "more fun" and easier for kids of lower skill level
 - 2. Disadvantages
 - a. Not all high school pitchers will play in college
 - b. Too difficult for many lower level pitchers

- c. Possible injury
 - d. Conflicts with ASA and other travel ball associations
 - 3. Hard to have two distances for JV and Varsity due to sprinkler systems
 - 4. Florida high schools still under trial period for another year at 43'.
Have not had any problems with injuries. This experimental phase was determined at the state level.
 - ii. Motion for Proposal
 - 1. The proposal passed 38-4 and 3 abstained
 - 2. Coaches were asked to stay if they wanted to discuss and help write the 43' proposal
- c. Closing Business Meeting vs. Individual Caucus Meeting Proposal

IV. Adjournment

**2007 NFCA Convention
High School Caucus Attendees**

Name	School	Location
Wes Madrill	Horizon HS	Thorton, CO
Kent Chambers	Bob Jones HS	Madison, AL
Roberta Garcia-Uyemura	Diamond Bay HS	Diamond Bay, CA
Frances Dillard	Granada HS	Livermore, CA
Tony Ellis	Lakeview Ft. Oglethorpe HS	Ft. Oglethorpe, GA
John Keyes	Falmouth HS	Falmouth, ME
Mary Jo Truesdale	Sheldon HS	Sacramento, CA
Jennifer Fritz	Monterey Trail HS	Elk Grove, CA
Gary Walin	Thousand Oaks HS	Thousand Oaks, CA
Robert Hamilton	Thousand Oaks HS	Thousand Oaks, CA
Lynn Baum	Westlake HS	West Lake Village, CA
Dennis Reddick	Sickles HS	Tampa, FL
Lucas Grider	Georgetown-Ridge Farm HS	Georgetown, IL
Mike Delaney	Viallage Christian HS	Sun Valley, CA
David Guild	Dupont Manual HS	Louisville, KY
Joel Day	Northview HS	Bratt, FL
Stephanie Elowsky	Northview HS	Bratt, FL
Christy Foster	Milford HS	Cincinnati, OH
Tim Gregory	Glen Este HS	Cincinnati, OH
Dave Reyes	Edison HS	Stockton, CA
Greg Clark	Loogootee HS	Loogootee, IN
Kerry Simpson	Cinco Ranch HS	Katy, TX
Andrea Gore	Fort Walton Beach HS	Fort Walton Beach, FL
Pete Burr	Westford Academy	Westford, MA
Mike Carlacci	Pearl River HS	Pearl River, NY
Jolene Martin	Sapulpa HS	Sapulpa, OK
Kurt Busby	Woodward Academy	Atlanta, GA
Joe Cavataio	Lutheran HS North	Macomb, MI
Jim Clift	Academy of Our Lady of Peace	San Diego, CA
Michael Teshkoyan	Caldwell HS	Caldwell, NJ
Moe Fritz	Keller HS	Keller, TX
Courtney McClasky	Keller HS	Keller, TX
Dave Clark	Maymount HS	Westwood, CA
Milton Simmons	Essex HS	Richmond, VA
Lori Cooling	Liberty HS	Colorado Springs, CO
Laneigh Clark	Pearland HS	Pearland, TX
Billy Hicks	A&M Consolidated HS	College Station, TX
Paul Moore	Lassen HS	Susanville, CA
Nick Huerta	Rosary HS	Fullerton, CA
Nicola Huerta	Rosary HS	Fullerton, CA
Jimmy Collins	Boaz HS	Boaz, AL
Richard Fidelman	Austin-McCallum HS	Buda, TX
LouAnn Hopson	Chesterton HS	Chesterton, IN
Wade Wilson	Brenham HS	Brenham, TX
Sara Thompson	NFCA	Starkville, MS