



California 4 Little League

Little League - Junior League - Senior League - Challenger Division



September 20, 2016 District 4 Meeting

Meeting Called To Order: 7:16 pm, Contra Costa Farm Bureau Hall, 5554 Clayton Road, Concord.

Staff Attendance: Ted Boet, Don Mayjoffo, David Preuss, Carla Moore, Liz Berg, Fred Flint, Geoff Shiu

League Attendance: Alameda, Albany, Antioch, Concord American, Continental, East County, Martinez, North/South Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Walnut Creek

District 4 Administrator: Ted Boet: Had leagues introduce themselves - 2 new presidents (Antioch and Pittsburg); 7 meetings per Year, October at the Diablo Valley Boys & Girls Club, Martinez – Vendors; November at UCCE Hill – All in Pleasant Presidents, Vice Presidents and Chief Umpires

Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu:

Tournament Directors did a great job, there were a few bumps. I was impressed by Alameda's Team of three ladies in the scorebooth during a game I was umpiring. They were on top of every play, pitch count and all of the changes.

Presidents – Please enter your league's info into the Data Center – headquarters will send info to you and your staff.

Appointment of Managers and Coaches is the President's job – the Board will approve or deny. Think hard about who you appoint, if you had problems during the previous season.

League Board is not to be more than 50% of managers/coaches

Appoint Safety Officer now – league needs the Safety Plan submitted prior to holding Tryouts or any events

Please provide your Chief Umpire info to D4 UIC Don Waddell ASAP – Your Chief Umpire is the communicator between you and D4 UIC Don Waddell

League Audit/Budget: Show your membership how money is spent, can be shown as a pie chart in %s not actual figures, put it on your website

LL Insurance – if you have an insurance company other than Little League make sure they meet the requirements of Little League, make sure your volunteers are covered, some only cover the teams.

Fall Ball – 6 leagues are offering; the 2015-2016 Board, Managers/Coaches, players are covered; NEW players and NEW Coaches info must be submitted to Williamsport to be covered; Background checks on the NEW Coaches must be completed.

Board Position – consider having a Tournament Administrator to oversee All Star affidavits and required paperwork to make things run smoothly. This can be a job in addition to that of the Registrar due to their job being mostly completed by the beginning of the season.

Little League is a Volunteer Program serving the community. Ask people to help you. They will better understand what it takes to run the league, make special events happen. LOOK for people you think can help you to make your league better.

Little League Baseball ADA, Don Mayjoffo

- Will visit all leagues/complexes, meetings, games; Will wear his D4 shirt so that he is identified with the District; I will speak up if I see things out of order during games. Rules need to be followed for the safety of the players/game. I won't stop play
- Recommends leagues send (managers, coaches, parents) to Umpire Clinics and Rules Clinics
- Pitching Records – would like to see everyone using them – want to protect the players - can find on the D4 website
- NO Bat Boys or Girls – Insurance will not cover if they are hurt by a batted or thrown ball or bat
- Please invite us (District Board Members) to your meetings – we welcome helping you
- Lower Divisions – 5 run rule in effect through the 5th inning
- Presidents – If you cannot attend a District meeting please send someone to take notes

Intermediate/JR/SR Baseball ADA, David Preuss:

- No more Big League – Little League Headquarters has eliminated the division
- 50/70 – there were problems that I want to eliminate this year (teams dropped, scheduling)

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- JR/SR – Good solid program last year, would like to continue this year
- 50/70 – although the program is for 11-13 year old players most leagues have only 13 year old players; an antidote to Travel teams can possibly be have an 11-12 year old players division and the 13 year old players division.

Meeting – at the Blue Barn in Berkeley on February 2nd

Last year there was a problem with leagues not attending this meeting; please send your league's representative's contact info to me

What I would like to accomplish for the JR league is for all teams in the District play with a 30 game schedule – play weekends with other leagues to extend your schedules – Double Headers on the weekend, 3-4 games per week

Softball ADA, Carla Moore:

- Managers and League reps have complained about the ages of players on teams
- Softball in District 4 is league – NO league can stand on its own
- Meeting – Wednesday, September 28th, 7pm at UCCE 2nd Floor in Pleasant Hill; will discuss NEW Levels of Play for Softball that ALL leagues need to follow.
- Will discuss dates for the Interleague, Game Scheduling and Rules Meetings

Challenger ADA, Fred Flint:

- This will be my last year – I am moving to Santa Cruz with my son Dylan
- The Jamboree was GREAT!
- Division is strong with 26 teams
- My phone number has changed – 925.705.3806 cell
- Any league that does not currently have a Challenger team please let me know and I will help with resources, identify youth

Ron Matthews announced - Alameda Little League with the City of Alameda have built a \$1 million dollar Challenger Field – 100% wheelchair accessible, All Turf, NO Dirt – this is a part of a Multi-purpose complex for football, soccer, baseball and open park

At this time Alameda Little League is the ONLY league with Lights on Little League fields

The Challenger Jamboree costs approximately \$12,000 – PLEASE add a line item to your budget to donate funds; this covers feeding 1000 people (players, coaches, umpires, families and volunteers); magician, gifts for the kids (t-shirts, medals)

Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- ASAP plan MUST be in place prior to Tryouts
- Problem this year for some leagues was not having the LogIn info to access the Data Center where you get the ASAP plan
- District 4 was 100% compliant, and has been for 16 years
- I will have the ASAP plan ready in 35-40 days for the leagues to then access to update
- Leagues have asked that the addendums be added in to the plan
- Nor Cal has 31 districts with 331 leagues – 291 leagues submitted ASAP plans (88%), this is above the national average

Concord American Little League's ASAP plan placed 2nd in the Western Region

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell – submitted by Geoff Shiu:

- Please read the newsletter under the heading Third Team
- Thank you leagues who provided umpires for all of the tournaments – TOC, All Stars, Queen of the Diamond, Senior Mid Season Classic, Junior Mania, Summer Baseball Classic, etc.

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- Leagues provided over 100 umpires; Oakland had 18 umpires; Albany has a strong Youth Umpire program
- League Chief Umpire Training in November – should be on your Board as a voting member
- If you review potential Managers/Coaches please have your Chief Umpire on the panel
- Please send the contact info for your league's Chief Umpire to Don Waddell
- Dates for the Western Region Umpire Training is in the newsletter
- October 1st you can go online to register for the training, fills up fast
- December 9-11th is the Train the Trainer Clinic
- Your league Chief Umpire does not have to be the BEST – send him/her to the Western Region Training to learn
- Our DA, Ted Boet offers an Umpire Academy Scholarship to pay to attend the training – approx. \$365
- When your league is checking your equipment – PLEASE donate the following:
 - Catcher's Mitts (need 10 for the clinics)
 - Fielder's Gloves (need 5 for the clinics)
 - Golf Clubs and/or shafts (need 12....)
 - Small electric Pitching Machine for the Clinics
- I am looking for younger (30-40 year olds) to fill in the District 4 Umpire Staff – please pass names to Don Waddell

District 4 Administrator, Ted Boet:

- I made a list of the Good, Bad and Ugly things that happened this past year in our District
- The Good: Challenger Jamboree, ASAP plans submitted, Rosters – enter them as the players are registered no need to wait till you have teams formed – Little League ONLY wants the names and the youths info; Dress Code – the form helped, managers and coaches could not argue; Affidavits – May have a Post-It attached saying it has been rejected- School forms cut down on paperwork to be checked

Teams – KUDOS to Antioch Senior Softball and Walnut Creek Junior Baseball for making it to the Western Region Tournaments

The Travel Fund helped both teams to defray their expenses

- The Bad: Too many teams dropping from tournaments especially the Summer Baseball Classic; Managers and Coaches harassing Youth Umpire at a 10-11 All Star game; One league not in compliance with paperwork to Little League

• **DUES – are based on the number of teams in your program LAST season**

• **Forms – Dues and Tournaments will be ready for you next month**

- Charter – can ONLY be submitted online
- ASAP – thank Williamsport that you can do it online
- Forms for the new season – I will let you know when they are online
- The Volunteer form should be ready first
- California is unique in that we play Fall Ball where Williamsport is in snow and in the spring when our leagues start

Lewis Cup – attending these district meetings helped make a difference in the points earned (I increased the amount of points for attendance this year); it cost the 4th place league 1st place by missing two meetings; there were 294 points between 1st & 6th place; Not having Softball costs your league 40 points

6th Place – 2858 points North Oakland

5th Place – 2862 points Antioch

4th Place – 2995 points Walnut Creek

3rd Place – 3006 points East County received \$250

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2nd Place – 3114 points Martinez received \$500

1st Place – 3152 ½ points Concord American received \$1000 and banner; umped more games post season

- There will Banners for All tournaments this season
- Antioch Little League will celebrating 60th Anniversary this season

Huge Thanks to Walnut Creek (50/70 Section) and Martinez (10/11) for hosting last minute tournaments

Jack Miller, Albany Little League – Baseball 4 All, a national tournament for girls; District 4 had girls on U8 and U10 teams that played in San Francisco; the U* team won the National Championship and the U10 placed 2nd; the tournament may be played in Chicago next year

Next District Meeting – Vendors Night, BRING more Board members – earn more Lewis Cup points

Adjournment: 8:48 pm

Next meeting: October 18th, 2016 – Diablo Valley Boys & Girls Club, Alhambra Avenue, Martinez

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