



California 4 Little League



Ted Boet, District Administrator

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Little League - Intermediate League - Junior League - Senior League - Big League - Challenger Division

2013 March Meeting Minutes

Meeting To Order: 8:00pm, 3-19-13, Farm Bureau Office, Concord.

League Attendance: Antioch, Clayton Valley, Concord American, East County, North Oakland, Pinole Hercules, South Oakland

Public Address:

- Mike English spoke about his history in Little League
 - Joined Clayton Valley Little League in 1999, and then D4 Umpires in 2007
- Mike was selected to ump the Softball Big League World Series – Congratulations!

Reports:

Ted Boet - District Administrator

- If you can't make the Cal Baseball date, but would like to go, email Dave Kal of UC Berkeley and he will help you set up a day for you league
 - Geoff – please be aware of parking
- Reminder all IID, and IVH waivers are due
 - At the May meeting, there will be a list of all IID and IVH kids for all of D4.
- Tournament participation forms are due by April 16th
 - Every team added after or dropped 4/16 will cost their league and extra \$100 for next year's dues
 - 10-11 Baseball may not be split East and West as discussed before if split makes it too uneven
- There is a Volunteer form from Little League where you can nominate a volunteer for Volunteer of the year. Please complete the form and send to Williamsport and Ted Boet
 - Example – Concord American has a volunteer that has coached t-ball for 35 years: he would be a great volunteer to nominate
- Summer Baseball Classic – SBC July 12th – 20th – for 11 & 12 year olds, does not have to be a tournament team, but players must have played during regular season and is in the Data Center
 - Top 2 teams will get awards and everyone involved will receive a pin
 - \$100 due asap
 - Locations and volunteers needed to make this successful
 - One league per team, depending on participation
- District 4 is trying to gather the history of D4
 - Please send facts to Ted Boet
- All All-Star teams will have special pins to trade
- Dues are going up to \$30 per team next year
- **2014 Lewis Cup**
 - Beginning in 2014 the Lewis Cup winner will be based not only the previous criteria, but will also take into account how well the league operates and how much the league participates in District 4 activities. It will also include keeping headquarters informed about the individual league.
 - 1. Number of participants

- .1 point for each player in the league
 - Based on 12 players per team and the number of teams reported to headquarters.
 - Example: 40 teams = 48 points
 - Maximum award is 100 points
- 2. Increase in participation
 - 1 point for each added player in the league
 - Based on new teams reported to headquarters
 - Example: 40 teams reported in 2013 and 41 teams in 2014 = 12 points
 - Maximum award is 100 points
- 3. Scholarships offered
 - 5 points for each player who is playing in the league at no charge.
 - Based on names provided to the District Administrator.
 - Example: 10 players = 50 points
 - Maximum award is 100 points
- 4. Volunteers
 - While larger leagues should have a greater number of volunteers one thing remains constant.
 - Background checks
 - 1 point for every percent of volunteers checked based on 6 per team and numbers reported through Nexis Lexis.
 - Example: 180 of 360 volunteers checked = 50
 - Maximum of 100 points
- 5. Tax Return
 - To ensure that leagues are complying with the tax filing requirements the District will ask for the previous years return.
 - Tax returns for charities are PUBLIC RECORD
 - Tax returns from the previous year will be due on October 15.
 - 100 points for tax form turned in to DA.
- 6. Charter Application
 - League that file their charters with headquarters by 12/31 will be awarded 100 points.
- 7. Budget
 - To ensure that leagues are following basic accounting methods and have a basic understanding of fiscal responsibilities.
 - Budgets for the current season are due to the DA by January 15.
 - 100 points
- 8. Bank accounts
 - To ensure that leagues are fiscally strong and viable.
 - Leagues should have 25% of previous years expenditures in reserves.
 - Will be verified by previous years tax return.
 - 100 points
- 9. Constitution and By Laws
 - To ensure that leagues have a current constitution and a set of by laws.
 - Leagues should review these documents each year.
 - These 2 items are due by January 15.
 - 50 points for each.
- 10. League Dues
 - 100 points if league dues are paid by 3/15.
 - 50 points if league dues are paid by 4/15.
- 11. Field Assessment
 - Each year a District staff member will conduct a field assessment.
 - 100 points based on 10 categories
 - 1. Field conditions (properly maintained, striped and in safe condition.

- 2. Dead ball areas (Dugouts and bullpens)
- 3. Spectator Areas (Bleachers, walkways etc)
- 4. Score booths
- 5. Scoreboards
- 6. Snack Bar (Cleanliness, safe procedures etc).
- 7. Restrooms (Cleanliness)
- 8. Parking (Safe and ample)
- 9. Equipment storage.
- 10. Warm up areas (Batting Cages and area for safe playing catch).
- 12. ASAP Plan
 - 100 points if filed with headquarters prior to 12/31
 - 50 points if filed by 1/31
 - 25 points if filed by 2/28
 - Starting in 2014 no league may enter the TOC without a safety plan filed by 2/28.
- 13. Rosters or player information
 - 100 points if filed with headquarters prior to 3/31
 - 50 points if filed by 4/15
 - Beginning in 2014 this is a requirement of the ASAP plan.
- 14. Programs offered
 - There are currently 11 separate programs offered through Little League.
 - Baseball offerings are:
 - 1. Teeball
 - 2. Little League
 - 3. 50/70
 - 4. Junior
 - 5. Senior
 - 6. Big League
 - Softball offerings are:
 - 1. Little League
 - 2. Junior
 - 3. Senior
 - 4. Big League
 - Challengers
 - Leagues will be awarded 10 points for each level of baseball and softball.
 - League will be awarded 25 points for a challenger program.
 - Total available is 125 points.
- 15. Meeting attendance
 - Leagues will be awarded 10 points for each regular season meeting that is attended by a league representative.
 - Leagues will receive 10 points for attending each session of officers training.
 - Leagues will receive 5 points for each manager, coach or tournament director who attends a TOC or All Star meeting. Maximum award for this is 200 points.
- 16. Tournament Hosting (District)
 - Leagues will receive 5 points for each game hosted during TOC and All Star play. 100 points maximum.
- 17. Tournament Hosting (Section and above)
 - Leagues will receive 10 points for each game hosted for section or division play. 100 points maximum.
- 18. Special Events
 - Leagues will receive 100 points for hosting a special approved District event.
 - Coach Clinic
 - Umpire Clinic

- Challenger Jamboree
 - 100 points maximum
- 19. Umpires
 - 10 points for each league attending a D4 umpire meeting.
 - 10 points for each attendee to the C4UA basic clinic. 60 points maximum.
 - 5 points for each game umpired in post season play. Maximum of 100 points.
- 20. TOC and All Star play
 - Points will be awarded to all teams in each tournament. Points awarded will be based on the number of teams in each particular tournament.
 - Example 8 team tournament: Winner will be awarded 8 points, runner up 7 points. Two semi final losers will be awarded 5.5 points. Four quarter final losers will be awarded 2.5 points.
- The Winner :
 - Winning league will be awarded the 2014 Lewis Cup banner and \$1000. Pins for the Board of Directors.
 - 2nd place league will be awarded \$700
 - 3rd place league will be awarded \$500
 - 4th place \$300

Geoffrey Shiu - ADA

- Please take down Cary Dyer's correct cell phone number – 925-584-6693
- There was an extra part of the newsletter passed out
 - Pitch In for Baseball – a program to help Little Leagues involved in the Sandy Hurricane rebuild,
 - Please donate equipment, uniforms, etc, or money if possible
- Data Center – get used to using it, all rosters will need to be submitted next year for ASAPs
- ADAs met, and there are rules that need to be followed
 - Adults may not wear team uniforms in Majors and below.
 - Adults may not warm up pitchers.
 - Adults may not assume the position of a catcher.
 - A team with more than one manager and two coaches may not rotate into the dugout.
 - Bull pen in foul territory must have a spotter with a helmet and glove to protect the pitcher and catcher.
- Dues are due next meeting
- Tournament participation forms are due as well
 - The form is online: D4 website > Forms > TOC > Tournament Teams
- SF giants sold out on both dates
- Oakland A's still have limited tickets from 4/28, and unlimited tickets for 6/2
- Little Leaguers must wear team uniforms with Official Little League Patch properly attached on uniforms.
- Western Region Office-
 - Region Director retiring after the 2013 LLSSWS
 - Region UIC stepping down after the 3013 LBBWS
- Please keep all contact information up to date, especially for interleague play
- Little League day with Stanford is FREE!!! when players wear their uniform with the patch on it

Don Waddell - Chief Umpire

- Thank you to all those who helped with the basic mechanics training
 - About 40 attended, all but 2 leagues participated
- Look at the Newsletter for dates
 - Tournament Rules, Thursday 6/6
- Please provide Rule Books to all volunteers
- A volunteer at PHLL, a wife of Little League, and a young woman from Walnut Creek have all passed away

Cary Dyer - Safety Officer

- Thanks for Safety plans
 - Only one League with problems
 - Rosters are due before ASAPs (April 1st), so having your rosters ready should not be a problem.
- Carla and the rest of the D4 board work hard to put information and rules out to all the leagues, but there have been a lot of calls to D4, please take all information back to your leagues

Don Mayjoffo - Little League Baseball ADA

- Has been going to some games, and has been seeing coaches wearing Uniforms – not allowed
- No coaches may warm pitchers up
- Coaches nor adults can shag balls
- Pitchers and catchers warming up in foul territory need to have a spotter with a glove and a helmet.
- Remember there is a 10 run rule
- Please send a rep if you can't make it to the meeting
- Challenger Jamboree is on 4/28

Ralph Garrow – 50/70 ADA

- 2 Walnut Creek and Pittsburg 50/70 teams of 12 and 13 year olds
 - Will play whole season at 50/70
- Albany and Pinole will try 50/70 for part of the season, no 13 year olds
- Castro Valley may schedule some 50/70 games with D4 if available
- D57 is not interleagueing like Walnut Creek thought, only a Junior team with half a season at 50/70, the other half at Junior
- Ken Avery from Lafayette Little League with ump in the 50/70 World Series, so he will be umping regular season games
- Ted – likes the progress being made in the 50/70 division

Carla Moore - Softball ADA

- The Softball meeting in February didn't go to well
 - Some leagues have not passed the pitching information to their managers (only 15 coaches and managers showed up to the meeting out of a possible 82)
- Has received calls, and messages about softball information, please pass information to all softball members
- Interleague is around for all kids to have teams to play, if no one wants to come and partake in meetings, no more interleagueing
- Scheduling – meeting went very well, all who came, came prepared
 - One league left after only scheduling on division
 - Tough luck if they do not like their schedule
- Some leagues have changed fields, please email changes and directions to Carla asap
- AA & AAA is non-competitive, all players should play ball
- No more than 15 players on a team unless Big League
- Senior Mid Season Classic –form and money must be submitted by March 29th to hold your space
 - If 6 teams are not signed up by 3/29, it will be cancelled
- Antioch apologized for the email Carla received about the pitching rules
- Ted - all rules have been online for over a month, and will be added to the Facebook page
- Ted – Rio Vista Softball has no one to play their Junior team: the team can become a Senior team, they need at least 6 games, Martinez already said they would play

Fred Flint - Challenger ADA

- Fred was unable to make the meeting, but Jim Gann was able to represent the Challenger Division
- A couple additional sponsors for the Jamboree – Togos, Kinders, Old Spaghetti Factory, and Mountain Mikes

- Some of these places will require a flyer
 - Togos fundraiser is for a whole week
- Ted will put all the flyers on the D4 website and their Facebook page
- Jamboree is about 5 weeks away, April 28th, at Heather Farms from 9am to 3pm
 - 25 teams will be participating
 - Trying to get one more team to make it even
 - Antioch provides all the food
- Please donate what you can to the Jamboree
 - Each player receives a shirt, medal, and everyone gets fed
- April 22nd is the Challenger Family day at the Giants vs Diamondbacks
 - Tickets are at reduced rates

Lysa Hale - Special Projects ADA

- Nothing to report

Meeting Adjourned: 9:27pm