



# California 4 Little League



Ted Boet, District Administrator

<http://llcad4.org>

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

## 2014 April Meeting Minutes

**Meeting To Order:** 8:11 April 15th, Farm Bureau Office, Concord.

**League Attendance:** Albany, Alameda, Antioch, Clayton Valley, Concord American, East County, Lafayette, Martinez, North/South Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Richmond, and Walnut Creek

### Public Address:

- Nothing to report

### Reports:

#### Ted Boet - District Administrator

- Handed out train sets, and challenger jamboree buttons to league reps.
- no special waiver is stupid, so just send it in
- Challengers - 22 or younger or 22+ in school currently allowed, next year all those over 18 in Senior division (based on age not ability)
- If league wants a to put in a waiver, always send more supporting docs
- Age rule for baseball is effective for all players in 2018, all those in baseball will lose one year of play - this rule is already in effect everywhere except North America
- Would advise leagues to move skip all 8 year of play
- New age limit now allows 3 year olds to play, but leagues can make it a By Law to be a certain age to play
- more teams chartered in California than anywhere else
- No more long chest protectors required (because cups are required)
- Portable mounds are okay to be used
- Volunteers make Little League continue
- Softball - minor league softball can only pitch 12 innings in a week, major softball has no limit of innings pitched in week only 12 in 1 game. Minor and Major Softball can do 1 double header per 7 days of play
- every 4 years elect new member of Board of Director - Bob Toya is new international member
- Absolutely no games over the 4th of July weekend
- Summer Baseball classic to be in July for Baseball 9-10 and 11-12, please sign up next meeting
- Tournament schedules about 75% done, pin pong to be drawn next meeting

#### Geoffrey Shiu - ADA

- Read the Newsletter
- Round Tables at Congress discussed agenda items with volunteers from around the world (agenda items on the back of the newsletter)
- attended the Taylor Hooton meeting - Taylor Hooton was a teen who took steroids, which led to his suicide.
- there is a lot of information on their website which would be beneficial to leagues to look at
- Umpires - the new Director of Umpires wants all regions to be on the same page when it comes to umpires - training, mechanics
- our District 4 Umpires are doing a great job

#### Don Waddell - Chief Umpire

- 1st Congress attended, great to see 1000 volunteers there
- Little League had over 7000 volunteers all run by 100 professional staffers
- Not only was it a Congress year, it is the 75th year of Little League - BIG LEGACY - 40th year for Softball, and the 25th year for Challengers
- Umpire Development - the new Director of Umpire Development is not an umpire, just here to develop a more uniform training, the goal is to make the Umpire position a more natural volunteer position
- Risk Management - Dan Kirby is the director - property loss is not covered by Little League insurance, all non-volunteer staff are not covered by Little League insurance (example: paid umpires)
- Attended Taylor Hooton meeting - very informative. there is an informational flyer on the Little League website. please share with leagues
- Youth baseball as a whole is down 5%
- Key note speaker was a video of the key note speaker from 25 years ago - Bart Giamotti - very inspiring

### **Cary Dyer - Safety Officer**

- # 1 questions: why aren't ASAPs allowed to be done electronically? - no one has an answer, but are willing to work on it
- set aside money at the end of the season allotted for insurance for next season - no matter when you pay insurance (12/1 or 07/01) it costs the same

### **Don Mayjoffo - Little League Baseball ADA**

- Read the Newsletter
- enjoyed the Round Tables at Congress
- District 4 voted the way the agenda items went
- attended Challenger meeting - suggest games be played on Saturdays to make Challengers feel more with the rest of league
- New idea - contact hospitals to tell them about challenger program
- attended League Development - spoke of how to keep Little Leaguers from going to Travel Ball - need strong leadership, and to develop more coach leadership

### **Ralph Garrow-50'70' Baseball ADA**

- attended Urban Initiative - benefits Little Leagues on Urban areas - diversity in players,
- there is a grant from Honda - ranging from \$500- \$5,000

### **David Preuss - Junior / Senior / Big League ADA**

- 1st Congress
- Spoke about all the rule changes at Round Tables
- Attended Taylor Hooton meeting - very informative - about 85% of High School students take some sort of steroid
- for those with Senior baseball email Dave with teams to make schedules

### **Carla Moore - Softball ADA**

- Black eye vendor can custom make eye black for leagues
- attended Softball meeting hosted by Sara - Little League developing a video of a pitcher pitching wrong - soon to be on website
- please encourage leagues to utilize website - there are many informational videos

### **Fred Flint - Challenger ADA**

- Jamboree on 04/27 at Heather Farms in Walnut Creek - 26 teams to attend, 13 games from 9:00 - 3:30 (about)
- This is the largest ever
- Proud to announce Alameda will have a Challenger program next year - maybe 200 kids to join

**Alan Hatcher - Special Projects ADA**

- nothing to report

**Lysa Hale - Special Projects ADA**

- not present

**Valerie Potts - Secretary**

- Spoke of vendors from congress: Bomb Pops, Softball Excellence, and First Advantage

**Comments:**

- Next meeting, Tuesday May 20th 8:00

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:50 PM