

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

# **2014 September Meeting Minutes**

Meeting to Order: 7:05 September 16th, Farm Bureau Office, Concord.

League Attendance: Albany, Antioch, Clayton Valley, Concord American, East County, Martinez, Pinole Hercules, and Walnut Creek

# **Public Address:**

Nothing to report

# **Reports:**

# Ted Boet - District Administrator

- 2014 A year in review (see attached PowerPoint)
- Across the board in Baseball, Softball, and Challengers District 4's numbers are up compared to 2013
- District 4 did very well in post season All-Star play with 4 teams winning the 2014 Northern California title
- District 4 had 4 special tournaments in 2014 and they were very successful
- District 4 Umpires did an amazing job in post season covering games, including sending an umpire to Western Region
- 14th year District 4 had 100% completion with ASAP
- Went over the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of 2014
- Lewis Cup Winners 1st East County, 2nd Martinez, 3rd Alameda
- For 2015 new categories have been added to the Lewis Cup (see attached document)
- Changes for 2015 -New umpire clinics, Renewed effort to increase Teen Age Baseball, Meeting to determine the benefits of last season for 50/70 and Junior BB, Schedules posted online, Renewed effort to keep Big League Softball, Encourage more leagues to use high school player for Big League teams, Combining more leagues for play in LL Baseball, Send a copy of the D4 newsletter to all local board members and all other interested parents or volunteers, Any manager or coach ejected from a post season game twice in a lifetime will be banned for life in the D4 TOC, Any manager or coach caught in a lewd act will be banned for life in the D4 TOC, Any player verification form presenting an internet document as a proof MUST present a valid CDL for one of the other proofs, TOC entry will rise to \$125 per team, Travel fund donation to rise to \$200, A web based donation site
- may be added to raise funds for the Challenger Jamboree, and New Age Structure
- With the new age guidelines from Williamsport, 3 year olds can play, League By Laws can dictate the minimum age
- A better explanation of the new age guidelines to come possibly in December
- No 6 year olds are allowed to play in player pitch
- Utilize the Operations Manual not just for President use
- The District Staff is very informative: use them
- Election for the District Administrator position will be in May 2015

## **Geoffrey Shiu - ADA**

- Read the Newsletter
- Big thank you to all of those who were involved in the 2014 TOC, All-Star, and Special Tournaments, Umpires did an outstanding job
- With new boards, president appoints managers, coaches and umpires, the board approve the appointments
- Managers and Coaches cannot make up the majority of board

- If your league decides to go with non-little league insurance, make sure volunteers are fully covered
- Leagues should have an audit committee, it can be in-house
- Be sure to show the membership a budget for operating the league
- New coaches for Fall Ball must be appointed by the president, and approved by the board, along with a complete background check
- New league directors and officers should attend League Officer Seminars (dates to follow)
- Veteran directors and officers are encouraged to attend and share experiences
- Western Region Clinic Registration October 1st, 2014 (will probably only be the only clinic...February 21-26, 2015)
- Please keep all District Staff and League President information up to date (contact information for Little League use only)
- Vendors night 10/21/2014 please invite league board to attend
- District meetings are open to all league members who are in good standing with their local leagues
- Make sure you league is represented

## Don Waddell - Chief Umpire

- Please send Umpire in Chief information to Don
- Is in need of locations for Umpire meetings

## Cary Dyer - Safety Officer

nothing to report

#### Don Mayjoffo - Little League Baseball ADA

Read the Newsletter

## Ralph Garrow-50'70' Baseball ADA

not present

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

10/14/2014 first Teenage Baseball meeting, please join to discuss 2015 season

#### Carla Moore - Softball ADA

- 4 important dates for all Softball reps to attend
- Date TBD (October/November) will go over rules
- 2/3/2015 Softball Interleague meeting
- 2/22/2015 Softball Scheduling meeting bring dates, and field locations ---- meeting will last as long as it takes
- 3/3/2015 Mandatory Softball Rules Meeting for all Mangers and Coaches

## Fred Flint - Challenger ADA

not present

#### Alan Hatcher - Special Projects ADA

not present

## Lysa Hale - Special Projects ADA

nothing to report

#### Valerie Potts - Secretary

nothing to report

# **Comments:**

• Next meeting, Vendors Night, in Martinez, 10/21/2014 - please let Ted know how many people from your League will be in attendance.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:50 PM