



# California 4 Little League



Ted Boet, District Administrator

<http://llcad4.org>

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

## 2015 January Meeting Minutes

**Meeting to Order:** 7:30 January 20th, Farm Bureau Office, Concord.

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

### Public Address:

- Kelly from Wilson Trophy presented his product.
  - Wilson Trophy has been in business for 61 years, and all of their employees are associated with their local little league.
  - Pins need to be ordered soon if leagues want them for opening day
  - Don't forget to use Wilson as a quote reference at trophy time or to discuss about their trophy fundraiser

### Ted Boet - District Administrator

- District 4 has had 4 umpires selected to umpire in post season tournaments – there are 110 Districts in the West, and D4 has 4 umpires chosen
  - Wayne Bonnington – 50'70' Western Region – he has been with Concord American for 16 years
  - Jim Rose – Senior Softball Western Region – he has been with Martinez for 16 years
  - Ed Newbegin – Senior Softball World Series – has been involved with little league for 28 years
  - Don Waddell – Junior Baseball World Series – has been with Walnut Creek for 20 years
- Dues – due by March Meeting
  - Big AI, TOC, and Regular Season all included
- TOC dates are in the Newsletter
- Please complete and turn in Tournament form to D4 as soon as possible (due in March)
- 2015 D4 is hosting Section Tournaments again
- Note from San Bernardino
  - All leagues should have a safety deposit box
    - (1) Recommend keeping ALL old insurance policies in there just in case
  - ASAPs should be published on league's website for all to see
  - The only school officials who can sign the School Enrollment forms are the Principal or Vice Principal
  - Any 75<sup>th</sup> Little League logos need to be removed per Little League
  - There is discussion for all base coaches to wear a helmet – adults included
  - D4 would like to bring the Senior Softball Western Region to D4, but denied this year, D4 will try again next year
  - New Birthdate Rule
    - (1) Baseball and Softball dates will always be different

### Geoffrey Shiu - ADA

- Oakland A's Little League Day
  - 10% deposit to reserve tickets
  - 20+ tickets A's will put league name on the scoreboard
  - 250 + tickets will receive Reserved Seats
  - 300+ tickets will receive Luxury Suite

- SF Giants Little League Days
  - Sunday, 5/3 vs Angels
  - Sunday, 5/10 vs Marlins
- Managers, Coach, umpire Appointments
  - President appoints managers, coaches and umpires
  - Board may not appoint, but may approve appointments
  - Managers/Coaches not a majority of the board
- Non Little League Insurance
  - Make sure volunteers are fully covered (snack bar, umpires, directors, managers, coaches, etc, for the entire season)
- League Charters
  - League Charter Applications are sent to the address Headquarters has on file, make sure you keep info up to date
- District Contact Information
  - District Staff and League President info needs to be kept up to date
  - Only for official Little League business
- Western Region Clinics
  - Umpire Field Mechanics 1/ 23 – 25 /2015
  - Rules Clinic #2, 1 /23 – 24 /2015
  - Score Keeper Clinic 1-31/2015
  - Week Long Umpire Academy 2/ 21 – 27 / 2015
- District Meetings
  - Open to call league members who are in good standings with their local leagues
  - Make sure your league is represented
- Northern California Meeting
  - Helmets for all adult base coaches?? – debating
  - Big league coaches MAY wear conventional team uniforms
  - ESPN Grant Money (900K)
    - 450 League Development
    - 150 Urban League Development
    - 150 Softball Program
    - 150 Challenger Division
  - Honda still has grants available as well
  - Tournament Affidavits use a protective sleeve only on documents that do not have to be pulled out
- Approved local league umpires must inform the local board of attendance at clinics, tournaments, etc. to ensure insurance coverage.

### Don Waddell - Chief Umpire

- Umpire rules books are available – more content about what the rules mean
  - Can order from Western Region
- Trying to collect a complete set of rule books for both baseball and softball
- Please read the newsletter, all the dates for the Umpire clinics are included
  - Rules Clinic - please encourage all to come
    - 02/11 Walnut Creek
    - 02/18 Pinole
  - Field Mechanics – please have participants sign up – link is on the facebook page
    - 02/21 Lafayette – FULL
    - 03/08 Alameda – VERY OPEN
      - Not the best clinic for young brand new umpires, but if leagues contact D4, they will help set up a clinic

- Please encourage all leagues to participate
- Umpires can register with Little League via website, there is cost
- All umpires need to have a background run and be approved by local board
- There is a new patch for Junior Umpires
- For any information, contact Don Waddell

### Cary Dyer - Safety Officer

- ASAP plans are due
- Make sure they are signed
- Must have all ASAPs turned in by 02/17/2015
  - Call Cary if you need help
- If league has not chartered, they don't have insurance (through Little League)
- Data Center needs league membership information, not only rosters (like last season)
  - Sent information as soon as available
- If your league is in operation, you must have an Safety Plan
- Bad News – No electronic ASAPs

### Don Mayjoffo - Little League Baseball ADA

- absent

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

- About 12-13 teams
- Please email league contacts to Ralph asap
- 2/9 interleague meeting at the UC Extension building 7:00 – just for league reps
  - Please bring field times and locations and tentative schedule

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

- Junior baseball GOLD – 3 teams – will play District 57 (only on the weekends – double headers)
- Junior baseball HOUSE – will interleague with all of District 4
- 2/5 Thursday, Berkeley Blue Barn to do scheduling for regular season
  - Email to be sent out about meeting – send league's contact info asap
- Seniors – will come together mid-March to get season together, will start mid-May

### Carla Moore - Softball ADA

- 4 important dates for all Softball reps to attend
- 2/9/2015 Softball Interleague meeting – league reps only
- 2/22/2015 Softball Scheduling meeting bring dates, and field locations ---- meeting will last as long as it takes – lunch on Carla
- 3/3/2015 Mandatory Softball Rules Meeting for all Managers and Coaches and League Reps
- Big League, player must play in High School 14-18, if no High School play 16-18
  - Play starts after high school (Mid April)
- Major Mid-Season tournament – possibly 3 weekend in May – 8 teams needed

### Fred Flint - Challenger ADA

- There have been a few changes to Challengers
  - Alameda to have at least 1 team
    - Leagues interested in starting Challenger division, please let Fred know
  - Senior Challengers

- Allows older players to play
  - 0-22 play Challengers
  - 22+ play Senior Challengers
    - 15, 16, 17 have choice of challengers of senior challengers
  - For those more advanced players, D4 will over the Majors Challengers
- Schedules to be completed by February
- Jamboree April 26thm Heather Farms, Walnut Creek
  - Please have leagues come up with a game, or activity for players and families to participate in
  - The Jamboree is very expensive to put on, please talk to board to see about donating to the Jamboree
    - Please send donation as a separate check to D4
  - Jamboree meetings to start in early February

#### **Alan Hatcher - Special Projects ADA**

- absent

#### **Lysa Hale - Special Projects ADA**

- absent

#### **Valerie Potts - Secretary**

- nothing to report

#### **Comments:**

- Next meeting, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:32 PM