



California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –
Senior League – Challenger
November 14, 2023 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 8:05 pm, via Zoom

Staff Attendance: Ted Boet, Geoff Shiu, Don Waddell, Phil Raines, Stephen Mohammed, Candido Anicete, Carla Moore, Grayson Lawrence, Jim Rose

League Attendance: Alameda, Albany, Clayton Valley, Concord American, East County, Lafayette, Martinez, Pinole Hercules, Richmond, Walnut Creek

DA Ted Boet:

- Thank you to the six leagues who had Volunteers of the Year at the Volunteer Thank You Dinner
I encourage all other leagues to keep this in mind for next year.
The dinner will be held end of October/early November
Fun was had by all
Awards presented:
 - a. Volunteer of the Year – four were able to attend
 - b. First ever Ron Matthews President Award – Arnold Lum, Pinole Hercules LL, was unable to attend
 - c. Ernie Lewis Dedicated Volunteer – Phil Davis, East County LL, was unable to attend
 - d. Awards to volunteer umpires

Assistant District Administrator and LL Baseball ADA, Geoff Shiu:

- New season – consider redrafting of teams
 - a. It is no fun when there is a lopsided season: one team is 1-15 and one team is 15-1
 - b. Discuss with your board to rethink how to form teams, make sure teams are balanced, have even amount of pitching
- Oakland A's Little League Days: please read the Newsletter for dates
 - a. I hope league will fit one into their schedule
 - b. Oakland A's have helped many leagues with uniforms; they have sponsored the Nor Cal DA LL meeting

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:

- Nor Cal DA LL meeting Report:
 - a. Jake Gallaway represented West Region headquarters
 1. Big stress on growing softball participation
 2. Leagues who don't have softball but have a group in town should work with them, not take them over; convince them to play Travel Ball and Little League.
 3. Can you build a stand-alone softball program? Yes, not encouraged
 4. Myth: West Region has the largest participation in Little League. East Region has the largest. So Cal is decreasing while Nor Cal is increasing in participation.
 - b. D4 hosting tournaments in 2024
 1. Softball - Jr. Sectional
 2. Baseball - Jr. Sectional
- Umpires:
 - a. Please read the Newsletter for dates of clinics
 - b. We have started meeting with leagues UIC to get organized for the upcoming season
 - c. There is a meeting tomorrow night, November 15th via Zoom with leagues UIC, will be recorded
 - d. I encourage leagues to get a UIC if you do not have one already
 - e. Meeting Topic: Roles & Responsibilities of Chief Umpire, listen to the recording if unable to attend
 - f. Last few months we have held Zoom meetings with volunteers - Fall Ball for Blues
 1. Disappointed in participation by individuals as well as leagues
 2. We had two umpires to speak on their experiences as World Series umpires
 - g. The last meeting for this year will be at 7pm via Zoom; all are recorded on D4 Umpire YouTube channel



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Training Coordinator, Jim Rose

- Please read the Newsletter for Clinic Dates
- Basic Rules Clinics – focus on Minor and Major Rules
- Softball Rules Clinic
- Recordings on D4 YouTube channel
 - a. Recordings have been viewed by 16,000 people in and out of the district
- I will come to leagues to talk to managers and coaches
 - a. Richmond LL would like Jim to come and talk

Assistant UIC Baseball, Candido Anicete:

- UIC meeting tomorrow night
- February 25-2024, 8:30am-3pm: District Umpire Mechanics Clinic, we are in need of a host league

Teenage Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence:

- I'll be reaching out to leagues over the next few weeks to talk about team numbers
- Meeting Dates are in the newsletter
 - a. Rules Meeting via Zoom,
 - b. Scheduling Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2024, 7pm, at UC Extension office
- Please read the Newsletter

DA Ted Boet:

- Calendar on the D4 website: <http://www.californiadistrict4littleleague.org/> is up-to-date with everything mentioned tonight

Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- Meetings in February 2024
 - a. Rules Clinic: Monday, February 12, 6:15pm
 - b. Rules Clinic: Monday, February 26, 6:30pm

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- We are in need of donations for the Jamboree to be held April 2024
- Do you know anyone in your league who has corporate sponsorships please send them my way

DA Ted Boet:

- Charter is open for 2024, complete prior to December 31st, 7 leagues have not chartered
- Insurance: pay by December 31st, if you don't on January 1st you will not have insurance
- ASAP will be available December 4th, upload the old plan make changes then send to headquarters
 - a. West Region had a 99% compliance last year, only 13 leagues in West Region did not submit a plan
 - b. There are 30 districts in Nor Cal, only 3 leagues did not complete ASAP
- Board of Directors Info – please send to Carla, she will send to staff
- Abuse Awareness Training: all volunteers must complete
 - a. Link is on D4 website on LL Forms page, listed under Required Training, click to open
 - b. D4 staff will also complete the training, I will be sending their certificates to West Region headquarters
- New Age Charts are on the the D4 website Home Page
- New Application for Volunteers is on the D4 website LL Forms page
- League Boundaries have been adjusted between East County LL and Pittsburg LL. Area formerly known as Antioch West LL is now a part of Pittsburg LL.
- Pittsburg LL may become a softball only league.
- Round Tables will be held by headquarters in Anaheim for the West Region. D4 staff will be attending. If you have any suggestions or comments about the use of Continuous Batting Order please send them to me. We will use them when we meet and discuss at the tables.



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Open to Presidents for Comments or Announcements:

- Lafayette now has their ORI for Live Scan
- Albany has a 5 year MOU with the University of California for the continued use of their fields, highly likely it will be renewed at the end of the 5 years for another 5 years. Have ten years to figure out where they may need to move if it comes to that.
- Richmond LL: Martell looking for someone who has contact info for a container to house a Snack Bar. Erik Ehlers will send info to Martell.
- Alameda: Ron Matthews is at the Alameda School Board meeting to hear what will become of the field where Alameda LL plays and if the district will provide another area for them.

Adjourned: 8:43 pm

Next meeting: January 16, 2024, Meeting: 8pm, Dinner: 7:30pm, at UC Extension office, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord, conference room