



CALIFORNIA 4 LITTLE LEAGUE

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



February 15th, 2011 District 4 Meeting

Meeting Called To Order: 7:50 pm, Glenbrook Elementary, Concord.

Staff Attendance: Ted Boet, Don Mayjoffo, Ralph Garrow, Geoffrey Shiu, Larry Anderson, Carla Moore, David Preuss and Anna Fox.

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

District 4 Administrator, Ted Boet:

- Introduced Positive Coaching Alliance – Brian – Non-Profit, been around since 1988, local in Mountain View but national.
 - We want to transform the culture of youth sports by teaching life lessons
 - Extension of the classroom
 - Culture – having fun is normal
 - Statistics – 70% of athletes will stop playing sports, reason not having fun
 - Advantages: we started with coaches; content is really good, we have expanded to include the board and parents. We are shaping a culture
 - Teach parents to be parents not sideline coaches
 - Live partnerships 2 hr. seminar
 - Online partnership
 - District wide partnerships drops price to hundreds instead of thousands
 - Founded at Stanford
 - Brian remembers experiences with coaches in little league not so much the jersey he wore
 - See handout passed out with business card – please call so I will stop emailing
- Couple of Things to talk about
 - Something took place in a particular little league – please make sure you are following your constitution and using Roberts Rules of Orders
 - During Super Bowl was looking at websites of all the leagues – make sure board members are easy to find and make sure board meetings are listed and if they are open to everyone
 - Mark was suppose to be here – he is going to review 5 leagues constitutions, rules and regulations and boundaries.
 - Alan unable to be here. He got called to Los Angeles. He wanted to remind everyone that ASAP plan is due at the March meeting. Make sure table of contents lists what page number it covered. Make sure to print supporting documents for the Appendix. Alan is available by phone.
 - For all leagues that turn in ASAP plan by March meeting – Ted to raffle off a \$ 100 gift certificate and Western Region pins
 - Fred – April 10th Jamboree – donations gladly accepted. Thank you to Antioch for the first \$500 donation

Information Officer, Geoffrey Shiu:

- Little League Days with the A's 4/17 A's vs. White Sox and 5/15 A's vs. Tigers, good day, meet the players while walking around the field, 300 tickets will get you a sky box – Walnut Creek already eligible.
- WR outreach umpire clinic – 3 day – Friday, Saturday and half day Sunday in Los Gatos for free – if attended WR cost would be \$55.
- WR Challenger Jamboree – District 57 hosting on memorial day weekend – super event – you can donate to help them offset their cost

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- Non-wood bats – website has info – managers, coaches, umpires and Board of Directors should know what is acceptable, let everyone know that umpires will be checking equipment prior to game unless manager has supporting document bats will be removed from use in game
- Smart and Final – big effort to get involved, \$500 cash card drawing, help league with snack bar, fax in order then just pick up

Softball ADA, Carla Moore:

- SB Meeting was held last Tuesday all leagues were in attendance – thank you
- District 53 inter-leaguering with Majors and Seniors
- Overall went really well

JR/SR Baseball ADA, David Preuss:

- Have heard from all leagues except EC
- Next Tuesday is our meeting in Pinole at the Community Center
- Teams and inter-league play
- SR league during spring – 3 leagues interested and District 57

Little League Baseball ADA, Ralph Garrow:

- Nothing here

Little League Baseball ADA, Don Mayjoffo:

- Email Ralph and I if you are planning on inter-leaguering
- ASAP very important
- Coaching Alliance – good stuff
- If you are suspending a manager/coach make sure it is in your bylaws
- Would like to visit meetings – email un when they are so we can attend

District 4 Umpire-In-Chief ADA, Larry Anderson:

- Copies handed out for March Clinic in Alameda - \$25 per student, good basic clinic esp. for new umpires, 7 per league, extras are on a first come first serve basis, need to know right away who and how many
- EC had clinic – mainly Junior – of 18 only 2 had ever been to a clinic, great clinic for new umpires
- It's going to be a struggle this year with bats – very serious, putting a lot on umpires at higher levels (High school and College) Managers need to know!! This is everyone's responsibility
- Bat manufactures trying to get approval
- Once leagues get info filter it out to managers, coaches, parents and players
- Have bat approval with manager

District 4 Administrator, Ted Boet:

- Little Extra – Leagues complaining – need volunteers – 99% of little league is volunteer 2 leagues to speak on this
- Phil with Martinez – make it a positive experience for players as well as adults
- 32 years with little league – started coaching as a 15 year old when parents wouldn't step up

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- Half of Martinez board members don't have kids in the league
- In person sign ups
- In softball alone league went from 5 teams to 20 teams
- Positive for coaches put them in position to help out

- Lisa with North/South Oakland – new program – make people volunteer
- Actively discourage people from taking on more
- Point system – min goals for teams and family
- Non-competitive Team 100 points - reach goal will receive ice cream party
- Competitive Team 125 points – reach goal will receive ice cream party
- Family Goals – 1 player – 15 points – receive \$25 discount for next season, 2 players - 15 points – receive \$25 discount for next season
- Volunteer jobs – Head coach – 10 points, Assistant Coach – 7 points, Board member – 5 points, Field Coordinator. – 4 points, Team Volunteer Admin – 4 points, Team Safety Officer – 4 points, Umpires, Field setup/takedown, Event Coordinator., and fundraising Coordinator. Solicit \$500 sponsor – 7 points, Solicit \$1000 sponsor – 10 points
- Controversy – scorekeeping – no points because parents are there anyway and usually do it because they enjoy doing it.
- If team doesn't meet their required points they are not eligible for playoffs.

Adjournment: 9:05 pm

Next meeting: March 15th, 2011 – Glenbrook Middle School, Concord Ca

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