



# California 4 Little League

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## September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 District 4 Meeting

**Meeting Called To Order:** 7:44 pm, Glenbrook Elementary, Concord.

**Staff Attendance:** Ted Boet, Don Mayjoffo, Ralph Garrow, Ed Newbegin, Geoffrey Shiu, Larry Anderson, Fred Flint and Anna Fox.

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

### District 4 Administrator, Ted Boet:

- Introduction of new President for Concord American, only 3 new presidents this season – introductions of district staff
- 2010 Review Overall Good things
  - All Star Certification – challenging for district staff – 600-700 players certified - this year will be a Saturday in June
  - Thanks to Lafayette, Continental and Martinez.
    - Lafayette went above and beyond with having a shuttle between fields for extra parking.
    - Continental/Martinez stepped up to host Softball Divisional Tournament – nothing but great things to say
    - 30 games played in 3 days.
  - Thanks to Ed for reviewing 14 teams paperwork, Geoff for reviewing 15 teams paperwork and Larry for scheduling umpires for 30 games in 2 days.
  - Thanks to Karen Brajkovich and Phil Raines
  - Congrats to PHLL Big League Softball advanced to Western Region Tournament
  - Congrats to NOLL/SOLL Senior Baseball Division Sectional Tournament
  - Congrats to WCLL for taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Western Region with their ASAP
  - 85% of time scores for tournaments were reported electronically, much better than 500 phone calls
  - Spectators even reported scores via Facebook
  - Tournament meeting was given in Power Point Presentation thanks to Geoff...realized we need to ask for emails and not phone numbers
  - Found money for 6 leagues – Continental \$123, Albany \$72, Antioch \$136, Martinez \$141 NO/SOLL \$140 PHLL \$880 for mileage and \$250 for going to Western Region
- 2010 Bad things
  - All Star Cert once D4 leaves District – PHLL Big League Softball had to forfeit a game because of date on one piece of paperwork. There is a meeting in March in Seattle were this will be brought up, Operating Manuel states player must live in boundaries for ½ of season, Mar – Jun or from when they signed up in Sept. – Why is 6 yr old Drivers license ok.
  - 2 managers ejected – 2 to many
  - 6 Leagues owe dues
- 2010 Ugly things
  - Tournament Season – manager not playing kids in game, 14 players on rosters – 3 kids were told that they could come to the game but not dressed in uniform
  - Received anonymous phones calls because people didn't want to be labeled the bad guy when actually they are the hero.
  - This team lost their first game, now they were in the losers bracket and beating the competition 35-2 and this manager was still not playing the same 3 kids but now is using the 10 run rule as an excuse
  - Same league – volunteer umpire was verbally abused and possibly physically threatened, this went all the way to Western Region
  - Current president is not allowing this manager to return
- 2011

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- District dues will increase
- Treasurer report starting in Nov.
- All Star Certification – zero tolerance, one piece of paperwork not right player will not be certified
- End District Tournament play earlier for pitchers to be eligible for next level of play
- Binder possibly be online
- New Promotion with A's and All Star Players – will take place possibly the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July so that players can meet with the A's player that played in the All Star game
- Don and Ralph will be split – East/West – more to come regarding which leagues each will cover

### Information Officer, Geoffrey Shiu:

- Big League Baseball
  - Not too early to get started recruiting for Big League Baseball, contact local leagues high school coach, mention program, maybe registration fee can be in lieu of players umpiring
  - Local leagues can absorb cost not like with travel teams and tournament fees
  - Tell them about being on TV
  - **Albany – American Legion should not interfere with Big League since their season starts after Big League tournaments.**
- Managers, Coaches and Umpires are appointed by **the league president and** the board only approves.
  - Fall Ball managers still need to be appointed and approved
  - There is no tenure

### Hosting Meetings

- October - PNLL
  - November – Antioch LL and ECLL
  - January –
  - February
  - March
  - April
  - **May – PHLL**
  - June
- Online Registrations
    - Works well
    - Use vendor
    - Many leagues with online registrations
  - Fundraising
    - Be careful – read the fine print. Sometimes sounds too good to be true
  - **Training and Development**
    - **A league hosting an outside organization to operate a clinic must receive approval from Headquarters for the league to have proper insurance coverage.**
  - **Operating Manual**
    - Annual Audit/Budget to Ted at October meeting and copy to headquarters
    - 2 signatures on checks – best interest to have paper trail...no cash

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- Misc.

- Leagues can't support candidates running for office – it is ok to support a measure affecting the fields in which you play/practice on.
- Composite Bats article in newsletter
- Softball Regional Tournaments to be played at the 5 US Regions – players will bunk and be feed as well
- Division check of binders – found one team to have errors with each player...found 2005 residency verification and expired Drivers License-called Western Region – not much help was told let go unless someone complains. Team had to fix all problems...good thing they did because them ended up playing in the championship game

### Little League Baseball ADA, Don Mayjoffo:

- Thanks to all leagues for hosting TOC and All Star games – great job, well done
- Any issues you want help with contact any of us on the staff to help out
- Managers that get ejected from tournament games shouldn't return to be a manager/coach
- Travel Ball players are returning to Little League because of the high cost of Travel Ball

### Little League Baseball ADA, Ralph Garrow:

- Nothing to add

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

- Clinic dates on Newsletter
- March clinic will cover actual things that occurred this past season
- Outreach Clinics again this yr – please do not schedule field clean up/opening day on the same day, also no back to back clinics (Sat/Sun) – Outreach clinics will cover different things then the March clinic
- Will look into changing March clinic date do to 3 leagues having opening day that day
- 2 umpires (1 D4 and 1 D57) went to JR Softball World Series 1 umpire (D4) went to SR Softball World Series
- Crazy things happen...especially from people that don't come to clinics – no excuse for not attending
- 90% of things that happen in the game are basic
- Antioch – Divisional tournament umpires were terrible in Sac
- Ted – JR Softball Divisional game had one man crew – winner goes on from this game to Western Region

### Challenger ADA, Fred Flint:

- Glad to be back
- Manager of WC Challenger team for 10 yrs.
- 9 leagues with Challenger teams – 6 without – each league should have at least 2-3 teams
- Goal – to have each league with a team
- Jamboree at some point in the season
- Lysa – NO/SOLL – Mentoring for Majors and above

### Softball ADA, Ed Newbegin:

- Thanks to everyone
- Enjoyed organizing SR softball tournament
- Best part of season was Hosting 9-10 tournament at Continental
- Have a conflict with umpiring higher level in Hayward – still will be umpiring in D4

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### Final Thoughts:

- Will probably host Divisional tournaments again this yr – Martinez and PHLL all ready asking, only baseball would be Big League anyone interested let Ted know soon
- Vendors night Nov.16 email Ted with vendors you would like to see there
- Moving Boundaries
- Congrats to Martinez – grant form Wal-Mart
- Congrats to Antioch – OC Jones and Sons and KNBR
- October – Officer Training – President/VP, Player Agent, and Chief Umpire – Training will be split up into different times for each officer.

**Adjournment: 9:00 pm**

**Next meeting: October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010 – Environmental Center, Pittsburg (Behind Small World Park) absolutely no children allowed – please inform your officers.**

**Breakfast/Lunch Host: Pittsburg National Little League**

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