



# CALIFORNIA 4 LITTLE LEAGUE

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



## September 20, 2011 District 4 Meeting

**Meeting Called To Order:** 7:35 pm, Sequoia Middle School, Pleasant Hill

**Staff Attendance:** Ted Boet, Don Mayjoffo, Geoffrey Shiu, Carla Moore, David Preuss, Fred Flint, Don Waddell

**League Attendance:** Alameda, Albany, Antioch, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental, Lafayette, Martinez, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Richmond and Walnut Creek

### District 4 Administrator, Ted Boet:

- Power Point presentation that included the following: the History of District 4 that was established in 1958; the results of post season tournaments – TOC and All Stars concluding with the World Series for each Division
- Introduced the Board of Assistant District Administrators – see reports from the rest below
- Absent – LL Baseball ADA Ralph Garrow; Safety ADA Alan Hatcher; ADA Mark; Secretary Anna Fox
- Possible Hosts to 3 Softball Tournaments; 9-10 and Senior Baseball Tournaments
- Much appreciated receiving texts of scores of the post season games
- Changes for 2012 Post Season play
  - AA Baseball – NO 11year olds Pitch
  - If a league has a single Minor team they will be a AAA entry
  - Dress Code – Adults not meeting the guidelines will be restricted to the dugout; except for the one the Tournament Director deems can be on the field.
  - Mileage paperwork was submitted by Ted
  - Keep in mind who you select as Manager and Coach – they represent District 4 as well as your league
  - Ted ONLY hears from Western Region when something goes wrong
  - Fall Ball or Travel Team CANNOT use Little League funds or use equipment unless playing against another LL team; These teams are not covered by LL Insurance. They must be approved by LL to have insurance coverage.
  - Waivers – These are needed for the youth to have insurance coverage
    - 2D – Family must prove they used to live in the league's boundaries
    - 4H – Parent is a Dedicated Volunteer
    - Special – Youth lives outside league boundary. Caveat – Will be approved to play the regular season but cannot play All Stars
  - Presidents can submit new boundary map to include areas not previously covered by their league or another league
  - Western Region has a District Travel Fund – funded by a \$100 fee paid by each District every year.
    - Ted would like to establish a D4 Travel Fund; each league would contribute \$TBD to the fund to help leagues who travel past District other than Western Region
  - Stockton leagues all pay \$100 to play TOC so that all of the youth get a participation pin
  - Ted's proposal is for all of the youth, manager and coaches to get pins; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place teams to also receive trophies
  - District 4 Shirts – looking into shirts to be sold that have the same Log as the DA and ADA shirts; there has been inquiries by people to purchase the shirts
  - Would like to establish a B 9-10 All Star Tournament ; This tournament would probably start a week after the A 9-10 All Star tournament started; The B tournament would these teams to play more than 2 and done; the winner would go no farther than this tournament; It would also ease the Umpire schedule.
  - Background Checks – ANYONE with regular contact with the youth MUST have a check made; destroy the documents at the end of the year. If you use Game Changer have the parents sign a release

### Information Officer, Geoffrey Shiu:

- Thanked the League Presidents for all their help this past Post Season due to the rainouts. Chief Umpires were awesome. E-mail really helped - Umpires checked and responded during work hours and all of the games were covered. Presidents – Please thank your Chief Umpires.

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- Contact Information – I need information for the NEW Presidents
- Safety Plan is due February to ADA Alan Hatcher – reason is that leagues are holding tryouts and some have probably started practicing; we want you covered

### Challenger ADA, Fred Flint:

- Challenger Jamboree will be in Walnut Creek this year
- 2/3 of the leagues in D4 have at least 1 team; Clayton Valley has 6
- I encourage leagues who don't have a team to please start one; there is the potential for law suits for not offering the team
- Call me I will help you form a team
- Fred – please call ted with the information for the 1<sup>st</sup> planning meeting for the Jamboree

### JR/SR Baseball ADA, David Preuss:

- Props to Pittsburg Little League who was the only league to have Junior, Senior and Big League teams
- The high school coach had said it is expensive to go with the other leagues and thought the kids still wanted to play so he came to Little League
- We had a successful Juniors program this year although there were communication problems. I will on correcting this confusion. Some leagues wanted to play 80' and two wanted 90' so some leagues did not get their teams formed.
- By February I want to know what leagues want to play 80' or 90'.

### Little League Baseball ADA, Don Mayjoffo:

- I was in an auto accident but I'm now 100% raring to go
- 5 years ago I started visiting all leagues. I will do this again and will cover more games now.
- I would like to visit more League Board meetings. I want to observe and then give recommendations on improvements if any; also get some ideas for other leagues.
- At games when noticed infractions, I spoke with umpires between innings to correct
- Thank you all for cards, notes, calls while I was recovering

### Softball ADA, Carla Moore:

- Handed out the Softball Reps Contact Information form  
I would like THIS form returned to me no later than the November meeting; you may mail it (address on the form), FAX – (925) 646-6708 or e-mail it to me. PLEASE complete all sections. USE the form do not just send me information. Last year I did not receive all of the information for all leagues and throughout the season I learned there were other people in leagues that dealt with softball – such as a VP of Softball or a Player Agent, I was one or the other so they were not getting any info from me
- When I send info out the Softball Reps I cc the League President so that you will be in the loop
- The Softball meeting will take place February 7t, 2012 at UCCE – Presidents are welcome to attend but I want the VP, Player Agent and any other Softball rep at the meeting so we will ALL be on the same page this year.
- I **WANT** to be able to help you, your reps and teams but cannot do this unless you and the reps from your league give me the information to do so
  - Last season I asked for leagues to review the Directions to their fields, after several times asking for responses I sent to each league the list of fields with directions to each league for their Interleague teams
  - I received a phone call from a manager at the supposed field according to my paperwork. He was not at where the game was to be played. I could not help him because I had the same info he had. This could have been any of your managers.
- Rosters will be required this year – these have been required in the past but no one seems to turn them in

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- They will be turned in this year
- Interleague Schedules – I never did receive all of them. We will do things differently this year.
- Interleague Rules – Leagues may ask permission to play by different rules during the season; but will have to play by the Interleague Rules for TOC. There were leagues playing by their own rules without notifying me, I also had leagues notify me. I will give permission as long as they follow LL rules. Again if I don't know the changes and I get phone calls I will give the wrong information.
- PLEASE help me to help you and your teams. Provide me the information I ask for and I will be able to help any that ask for it.

### District 4 Umpire-In-Chief ADA, Don Waddell

- I kept on what was happening here while I was in Poland
- I will need to know the Umpire-in-Chief for each league; Please have them contact me – they can call, e-mail or fax
- There are some changes to be made
- I want to recognize the different levels of umpires
- ALL need to be trained and I want to support this need
- Umpires will be asked to join the CA4UA and training will be met
- I am looking to have a new training model
- Leagues will host Field Mechanics; there will be two Rules Clinics – one each for the leagues in East and West county
- There is a suggestion to compress the Rules Clinic from 8 hours to 4 – 6 hours
- If each league has 6 people join the CA4UA we will be able to cover most of the Post Season games

### District 4 Administrator, Ted Boet:

- Past and New Presidents please come and share your experiences
- League Budgets are DUE no later than the November meeting
- November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Vendors Night at Sequoia Middle School

**Adjournment: 9:30 pm**

**Next meeting: Officer's Training -Saturday, October 15, 2011 – UC Cooperative Extension, Pleasant Hill**

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