

# California District 35 Little League

## District Meeting Minutes

**Location:** SCOE 5340 Skylane Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Date:** April 16, 2019

**Meeting Called To Order:** 7:05 PM

**Staff in Attendance:** Rick Duarte (DA), John Dooley (ADA), Rod Lund (UIC), Dr. Jeff May (Safety Officer), Dan Hermsmeyer (ADA-Int/Jr/Sr), Mark Brown (Asst. UIC).

**Staff Absent:** Cindy Beth (Secretary/Treasurer).

**Leagues in Attendance:** Healdsburg LL, Laytonville LL, Mark West LL, Petaluma American LL, Petaluma Valley LL, Rincon Valley LL, Sebastopol LL, Ukiah LL, Willits-Redwood LL.

**Leagues Absent:** Cloverdale LL, Coast Youth LL, Fort Bragg LL, El Molino LL, Northbay Challenger LL, Petaluma National LL, Round Valley LL, Santa Rosa American LL, West Side LL.

**Vendor(s) in Attendance:** none.

**Review/Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of our last meeting (03/21/19) were reviewed and approved unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The District 35 Financial Report (dated 03/31/19) was reviewed and will be posted on the website. There was revenue (league dues) and some expenses (umpire training) during the month. The March ending balance at Exchange Bank is \$12,565.64.

**Safety Report:** Jeff (Safety Officer) reported that he's NOT seeing very many Incident Reports from leagues in our District. That either means we are running extremely safe leagues OR we're not reporting incidents. League Safety Officers need to remind teams to complete Incident Reports and they should also be sent to Dr. May. No LL Accident Insurance claims can be processed without an Incident Report. He will be performing random safety checks of league facilities this regular season.

## Agenda Items:

- I. **District Administrator's Report:** Rick (DA) reported that he attended some Opening Days since last meeting ... all were very well done (Northbay Challenger, West Side, Petaluma American, Petaluma Valley). He will be doing league visitations as time warrants ... goal is to visit each league at least once this regular season. Issues starting to arise ... please make sure that league spending is within your budget and/or approved by your Board AND make sure all spending is for the good of your league and the players. Also, make sure "extra benefits" accrue to the league as a whole NOT just individuals or individual teams.
- II. **District Staff Reports:** John (ADA) reported that he's working on Tournament Documentation presentation and also Tournament Director/Hosting presentation. Rod (UIC) reported that the District Rules Clinics/Umpire Training Clinics were successful. Numbers are trending up especially for Junior umpires. Considering a dedicated district-wide Junior Umpire clinic next season. Training is still open, any leagues interested should contact Rod or Mark. Dan (Int/Jr/Sr ADA) reported that

the reporting of scores is not consistently happening. He asked the Presidents to lean on their managers to get this done within 24 hours of the finish of a game. He also reported that we need the number of teams participating in Seniors ASAP. They will start playing by mid-May.

- III. **SafeSport Law Implementation:** Distributed some handouts (will be posted to the website) regarding SafeSport. This Federal law enacted in 2017 affects all Little Leagues by making ALL volunteers “mandatory reporters” of child abuse to the proper authorities within 24 hours. USA Baseball and SafeSport are providing free online Abuse Awareness Training that all of our volunteers are encouraged to complete.
- IV. **Regular Season Status for Leagues:** All leagues have begun their regular seasons at this point. Sebastopol LL is recovering nicely from the February floods ... the fields are in great shape and the Snack Shack building is being re-constructed.
- V. **Tournament Dates and Potential Sites:** Rick will send an email to all leagues requesting host sites for post-season tournaments. 1<sup>st</sup> Round ToC sites will be by draw at the May meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Round ToC will be determined after the draw. ToC Semifinals and Championship will be by request and will be known before the draw. All-Stars (8-10, 9-11, LL) will be hosted by request with the probability that a league could host games at each of those levels. We want the fields used to be in great shape, with a snack shack, scoreboard, announcing, lots of league support, and umpires available for early round games.
- VI. **LL Data Center Items:** For most of our leagues, the number of Background Checks completed through JDP are lagging. Each league MUST complete background checks on ALL volunteers that have repetitive contact with the kids. GET THIS DONE ASAP. Make sure all Interleague and Combined forms are completed by now. Update your team roster/registration data in the LL Data Center (not necessary if you use Blue Sombrero ... as long as you allocate teams). Reg II(d) and School Enrollment forms must be completed properly before June 1 ... don't wait! Go to Data Center and update your number of Chartered Teams ... and pay all balances before June 1.

**Open Discussion:** Rick indicated that participation in the LL ToC this June will be based on a couple of factors ... completion of Background Checks and Attendance at District Meetings. Leagues that haven't completed ALL background checks AND don't attend enough meetings (you know who you are) will not have a team in this year's ToC.

**Next President's Advisory Board Meeting:** Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Location is TBA.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:50 PM