

California District 35 Little League

District Meeting Minutes

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

Date: November 20, 2019

Meeting Called To Order: 7:01 PM

Staff in Attendance: Rick Duarte (DA), John Dooley (ADA), Rod Lund (UIC), Dr. Jeff May (Safety Officer).

Staff Absent: Cindy Beth (Treasurer), Mark Brown (Asst. UIC), Dan Hermsmeyer (ADA-Int/Jr/Sr).

Leagues in Attendance: Coast Youth LL, Fort Bragg LL, Healdsburg LL, Laytonville LL, Mark West Youth Club LL, Petaluma American LL, Petaluma National LL, Petaluma Valley LL, Rincon Valley LL, Santa Rosa American LL, Sebastopol LL, Ukiah Youth Baseball LL, West Side LL.

Leagues Absent: Cloverdale LL, El Molino LL, Northbay Challenger LL, Round Valley LL, Willits Redwood LL.

Vendor(s) in Attendance: none.

Review/Approval of Minutes: Minutes of our last meeting (10/16/19) were reviewed and approved unanimously. (Motion-Rincon Valley LL; Second-Mark West Youth Club LL)

Financial Report: Cindy was unable to attend so no financial report to review. Rick announced that going forward D35 will provide “quarterly” financial reports only but report the current balances at each meeting and any significant activity. There is not enough activity most months to warrant full financial reporting at each meeting.

Safety Report: Jeff reported that LL will open the Safety Plan module on the Data Center around 12/01/19. As always, LL will likely add a requirement or two so Jeff requests that leagues hold off completing their Safety Plan until he has a chance to compare the District prototype plan to LL requirements. He will set Safety Plan training for some time in January. He emphasized that Concussion Awareness training will likely be mandatory this upcoming 2020 season.

District Administrator’s Report: Rick reviewed the Northern CA State Meeting (John and Rod also attended) that was held on 10/26/19 at Oracle Park in San Francisco. Rick and John will represent D35 at the West Regional Roundtables January 25-26, 2020 in San Diego. LL should be providing an Agenda of proposed Rules & Regulation changes in early January that we can review.

Rick also reported that Chartering for 2020 and JDP background checks are both OPEN. The online Tournament Umpire Application process is also open until 11/22/19. LL will have a new Rulebook App for a one-time fee of \$1.99 you get all 2020 Rulebooks and all future updates. The first Intermediate/Junior/Senior Interleague Meeting will be held on January 9, 2020 at SCOE. We will be

emphasizing more accountability from league presidents and league reps for our 2020 Intermediate/Junior/Senior Interleague.

District Staff Reports: Rod reported that some of our District 35 umpires have applied for Regional/World Series assignments. Also, he is still compiling dates for leagues to host Rules Clinics and Umpire Field Clinics in 2020. Weekends are filling up fast!

Agenda Items:

- I. **League Constitutions and Bylaws:** Rick reminded the leagues that their Constitution is a separate document than their Bylaws (also known as Local Rules). The Constitution can only be reviewed and approved by the “membership” of the league at a duly noticed General Membership Meeting. He is currently working on a project to determine when each league’s Constitution was last approved by Region. Bylaws (Local Rules) are reviewed/amended/approved by the Board at any duly noticed Board Meeting. D35 must approve each leagues Bylaws (Local Rules) each season before they take affect.
- II. **LL Data Center “To-Do’s”:** Rick reminded the leagues to: #1-update your entire 2020 Board. #2-submit your 2020 Charter and Insurance Application (must be paid by 12/31/19 for insurance to take effect on 01/01/20). #3-do the JDP background checks on your 2020 Board ASAP. (Board first, then prospective managers and coaches BEFORE they are interviewed, then the rest of your league volunteers and anyone who has repetitive contact with the kids).
- III. **2019 League Financial Statements:** Rick would like each league to send him (some have already) their 2019 Year-End Financial Report (Income Statement and Balance Statement) dated 09/30/19. (These are supposed to be sent to Region annually so Rick will make sure that all District 35 leagues are in compliance.).
- IV. **Blue Sombrero Changes:** Most leagues have probably been approached by Sports Engine regarding perceived turmoil with the changes at Blue Sombrero (now known as Sports Connect). LLI has assured us that Sports Connect is still LL’s preferred provider of Website/Online Registration services. One change is they will soon charge \$3.00 per “transaction” which apparently is still low by industry standards.

Open Discussion: None.

Next President’s Advisory Board Meeting: Our next is Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Location is SCOE.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:41 PM