

District 39
President's Meeting
Live Oak Sherriff's Community Room
March 9, 2011
7:30 p.m.

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1-1. District Board members present: Gene Carlisle, Rick Stubblefield, Sarah Glommen, Brian Evans, Christina Wise, Mike Saso, Doug Marshall
- 1-2. League Presidents present: Eric Gifford (LO), Rick Stubblefield (PV), Sarah Glommen (CS VP), Sean Castagna (SLV), Nathan Arroyo (W), Gina Acevedo (SJA), Phil Hormel (SV), Bart Meltzer (A VP), Clint McCormick (SC) – arrived late
- 1-3. Guests present: None

Item 2. CHANGES TO AGENDA

5-1 d-g Tournament Calendar, Format and Hosts moved to 5-5. Added Constitutions, New President's Meeting in September, Minimum age for Coaches and Umpires, Questions about Rule Changes, Closing Registration, and Lexis Nexis to 5-1. 5-3 Treasurer's Report Deleted. Added Minimum Play Time Rule Change, Local Rules Clarification, Protest Committee and Tournament Managers Meeting to 5-4.

Item 3. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR - NONE

Item 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Sean Castagna motioned, Christina Wise seconded. Approved unanimously.

Item 5. OFFICER REPORTS

- 5-1. District Administrator Gene Carlisle
 - a) **Inter-League Forms** were turned in. Gene will sign these by March 10 so that games can begin.
 - b) **Waivers** were collected by Gene
 - c) **League Maps** need to be updated by several Leagues and sent to Regional. Gene confirmed the dates of maps currently on file for all Leagues. The maps used for Tournament play must match the map on file with Regional and show all streets. The map must be dated and signed by the President and DA. It was suggested that the County offices can provide maps if all streets along the perimeter are listed.
 - d) Live Oak, Aptos, Cap Soquel and San Lorenzo Valley still need to file **Constitutions and Local Rules** with Regional. These need to be filed as soon as possible. These must be changed and approved at a membership meeting. Boards can collect notes and recommended changes during the season but they can't be approved at a regular Board meeting.
 - e) **New President's Meeting** will be moved up to 2nd Wednesday in

September to give old and new President's a chance to go through training and information before the October 1st start of the new season. Gene recommended that elections happen earlier in the year (June or July) when parents are still around for Tournaments. Postcards should be mailed out at least 10 days in advance to ensure quorum. Email notification can be used if it is sent "read-receipt" and postcards are mailed to anyone who doesn't "read" or have email. It is important to document how your League tried to meet the requirements in case someone asks Regional. Little League International recommends current Board form an interest committee to recruit new Board Members. Regardless of when elections are held, Board Members will not assume new roles until October 1.

- f) Gene clarified that the Official Rule book states that a **coach must be a minimum of 16 years old** (Page 56). Game Coordinator allows Leagues to use younger umpires (older than 12).
- g) **Rule questions should be directed to Mike Saso.** Volunteers in San Bernardino might not provide the most accurate information. Mike will make sure all questions are answered accurately.
- h) **Leagues cannot close registration EVER.** Late registrants can be put on a wait list. The family can refuse the wait list but the League can't turn them away. As long as they play 60% of the games after they were selected, they are eligible for post-season if the Board waives the try-out requirement. If they are 12, they must obtain a waiver to play in Minors LLI encourages Leagues to find slots on teams that are not drafted, regardless of when the player is registered. This is why it is important to keep the rosters light.
- i) No Leagues are reporting current problems with **Lexis Nexis**. Gene reminded Leagues that if a person has a match, it is important to quietly contact them and let them know there was a "problem." They will receive a letter with more information.

5-2. Western Region DA/ADA Conference Mike, Christine and Gene

- a) Christina reminded Leagues how **important it was to clarify who checks the person checking the League for Lexis Nexis**. She shared a story of a League that recently found out their Safety Manager had multiple offenses but never checked himself.
- b) **After March 17 there will be no more waivers on current model bats provided by LLI.** Some companies made a better effort to get their bats waived which is why they may be more represented on the list. LLI can't recall these bats because that is a decision the manufacturer must make. LLI did make an effort to have a decision on composite bats earlier but were delayed. They are apologetic. A new term "ABI" or Accelerated Break-In will likely be added to all approved bats in the future. Leagues can ban composite bats completely only if teams are provided acceptable bats. Bans would not extend to Inter-League games because District rules apply in those games.
- c) **Mike asked leagues to consider selling peanuts in the Snack Shack to support District fundraising.** Bags cost \$2.50 and Leagues could sell them for \$3.50 or \$4. This would allow D39 to provide pins/medallions, etc without raising fees to Leagues. Nathan (W)

pointed out that peanut shells are difficult to clean up after. Other Leagues agreed.

5-3. Treasurer's Report

Gene Carlisle (for Linda)

5-4. Head Umpire

Mike Saso

- a) **Arbiter** is an easy system for Leagues to use. It automatically sends reminders to umpires. \$25 lets a League be an "Assignor" plus a cost of \$6 per official registered to work in your League. This is the system that will be use for Tournaments. Leagues can add officials and Assignors for just post season play.
- b) **Important Rule Change** was missed in the front of the Rule Book. **Regulation 4, I Note 2 page 36** states that in a shortened game (daylight or 10 run rule, etc) if a player did not receive their full minimum play time of 6 defensive outs and 1 at bat, then that player **MUST START** the next game. They will complete their missed play time and then stay in to complete that game's minimum play time. After that they can be substituted out of the game.
- c) If you don't state in your **local rules** that you are waving the 10 run rule, it is implied that you will follow the rule and end the game after 4 innings if there is more than a 10 run difference in scores. The 5 Run Rule is also in the book so unless you state that you are playing an open final inning, it is assumed that you follow the 5 run rule. During Inter-League play, District rules apply. During Minors TOC, there will not be a 5 run limit.
- d) It is important to name your **Protest Committee** (page 71, Rule 419F) now. Have alternates ready in case someone has to recuse themselves. Mike is willing to serve on League Protest Committees. Protests must be made in writing after the game has been completed. They should not stop the game .
- e) Mike will host a **meeting with all Tournament Managers** prior to All Stars. This is a mandatory meeting. Failure to attend means they sit their first game. Mike will clarify rules and ensure decorum during games. This meeting will probably be **Saturday, June 11**.

5-5 Tournament

Gene Carlisle and Mike Saso

- a) The District is recommending a **double elimination** to help ensure the best team moves on and reduce fluke advancements. In order to win, the team must have a deep pitching staff and strong overall performance. Nathan (W) objected because it favors larger Leagues and doesn't allow the smaller Leagues a chance to pull off an upset and advance. Phil (SV) motioned, Clint (SC) motioned to adopt a Pool Play with Double Elimination Finals. All in favor except Nathan (W).
- b) Tentative **Tournament Calendars** were distributed. Mike informed the Leagues that games would have to be scheduled on June 26. If that date was eliminated, it would restrict hosts to those with lights and 4 fields available. This is not possible so we have to agree to games on that day. This means that 1 team in each pool will have back to back games. This will be determined by random draw at a future

President's meeting. Gina (SJA) motioned to accept this calendar. Sean (SLV) seconded. Motion passed unanimously to have games on Sunday, June 26th.

- c) Gene brought forth a request from the Host League to have the **9/10 Sectional tournament begin on Friday, July 15**. This allows them to not have games on Sunday. Even with this earlier start time, our teams will have adequate rest time. Sarah (CS VP) motioned, Nathan (W) seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- d) Phil (SV) motioned and Sean (SLV) seconded to have the Tournament Host selection tabled to the next meeting. Motioned passed unanimously.

5-6. Training Officer

Brian Evans

- a) Brian thanked everyone for making Big Al clinic a success. Gene will email attendance lists to all Leagues.
- b) Feedback from Cabrillo clinic was also very positive.
- c) Urban Initiative is a program sponsored by LLI to keep kids playing baseball. Brian encouraged all Leagues to fill out a grant application. There is lots of money provided by companies and Urban Initiative will help connect your League with that money. Demiko Urban is the Director. He can give more information if contacted by a League President. The worse they can say is "no" so fill out an application and try.

Item 6.) OTHER BUSINESS

Brian encouraged Leagues to attend the weekend tournament at AT&T park hosted by Cal Baseball. Top colleges will be represented. This is the last year of Cal baseball.