

**District 39
President's Meeting
Live Oak Sherriff's Community Room
September 22, 2010**

Item 1.) CALL TO ORDER: TIME: 7:03 PM

Item 2.) ROLL CALL

2-1.) **District Board Staff Present:** Gene Carlisle, Mike Saso, Rick Stubblefield, Brian Evans, Sarah Glommen

2-2.) **League President's present:** Gina Acevedo (SJA), Eric Gifford (LO), Rick Stubblefield (PV), Noella Calderon (CS), Clint McCormick (SC), Greg Koenig (A), Sean Castagna (SLV), Phil Hormel (SV), Art Sigrid (present for WA but not President)

2-3.) **Guests present:** several past President's were present but left after introductions and did not sign in.

Item 3.) MEET AND WELCOME NEW DISTRICT STAFF

3-1.) Gene Carlisle, District Administrator

Gene will be available by phone before 9pm or by email (he checks early in the morning and throughout the day). Gene will be available to attend League meetings on a first come, first serve basis to answer questions and help resolve problems.

3-2.) Rick Stubblefield, Assistant District Administrator

Rick will be available to help when Gene is unavailable or as needed

3-3.) Mike Saso, District UIC and Safety Officer

Mike can answer any questions you have regarding Umpire or Safety programs

3-4.) Ted Gauthier, Information Officer

Gene introduced Ted's function for the year. Ted will continue to develop website and work on posting minutes and agendas. Calendar is current.

3-5.) Brian Evans, District Training Officer

Brian will streamline the training so Leagues don't duplicate efforts. Gene noted that this would be more efficient and save money for the Leagues.

3-6.) Sarah Glommen, Secretary

Item 4.) 2010/2011 PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTIONS

4-1.) Gene asked all incoming President's to sign-in and provide an email address

4-2.) Data Center

- (a) Gene asked all Presidents's to ensure that the Little League International Data Center is updated this month with current President and Board contact information.
- (b) If you don't have the League ID and Password, make sure you get it from the outgoing President as soon as possible.

4-3.) Board Contact Information

- (a) Gene has asked that all Leagues provide him with contact information for all Board members. Gene will use this information to ensure communication about trainings and other important announcements.
- (b) Phil Hormel (SV) asked if this list was for all Board members or just Executive. Gene clarified that it was Executive at a minimum.
- (c) He has already received this information from Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz, Live Oak, Pajaro Valley and San Juan/Aromas.

4-4.) Past President's were excused and thanked for all their hard work last year

Item 5.) 2010/2011 PRESIDENT'S HANDBOOK, HIGHLIGHTING MAJOR CHANGES FOR YEAR

5-1.) Training and Meeting Calendar

- (a) Gene asked Presidents to attend **ALL** trainings with their Board members.
- (b) Mike introduced the Umpire Training Clinic scheduled for Feb 26th and 27th. He will have more information at the next President's meeting. This training will be free to all interested umpires.

5-2.) President's Responsibilities

- (a) Gene read through all of the items in this section of the handbook.
- (b) Mike reminded all Presidents that the rules and guidelines are to save problems. It is important to check all local rules and ensure that changes or differences are acceptable.
- (c) Gene indicated that the ***deadline to file Charters is January 1st***. The can and should be edited after final team decisions are made or the League will be billed incorrectly. It is important to submit right away because Insurance is not in effect until the new Charter has been filed
- (d) All Leagues should make sure that their Constitution, Bylaws and Local Rules have been updated. They should comply with an October 1st season start. Check to ensure that the Board has defined "Voting Members" in a way that makes a quorum possible. Gene suggested that all volunteers is one way of defining "Voting Members."
- (e) Gene has asked all Leagues to ***provide an electronic copy*** of the Constitution, Bylaws and Local Rules this year. He has also asked all Leagues to ensure that parents are aware of local rules.

5-3.) Suggested Annual Calendar Items and Tournament Procedures

Gene reviewed these two sections of the Handbook. There were no questions or significant changes from past years.

5-4.) Disruptive Spectators

- (a) Mike talked about the importance of bringing this issue to the forefront this year. He would like to see all parents help enforce this policy and not leave it to one or two. Umpires and coaches are volunteers and don't deserve abuse.
- (b) All Board Members need to support and enforce. Every game should have a non-involved Board member present to help out.
- (c) Gene asked all Presidents to take this policy back to the Board, expand it if necessary and then post. Leagues can include a Code of Conduct for parents to sign if they want.
- (d) ***THIS IS A YEAR OF NO TOLERANCE FOR DISRUPTIVE SPECTATORS.***

5-5.) League Boundaries

- (a) Gene ***will not approve any new RES unless a severe hardship can be proved.*** Ild and 4H waivers are permanent and don't have to be renewed each year. Mike clarified that a Ild waiver is for a player that resided in a League, moved out and wants to continue to play in their original League. A 4H waiver covers a Board Member or Manager who moves out of League. Under this waiver they can continue to serve and their child can continue to play in the original League.
- (b) Cap-Soquel, Santa Cruz and Live Oak should meet to review conflicts between League and School District boundaries. Many waivers come from families who want their children to play with schoolmates and live in the school district. Any child to was in the League under the old map and is no out because of boundary changes will need to file a Ild waiver if they want to continue to play in their original League.
- (c) Mike pointed out new maps need to be finalized and approved before the first registrations dates. A map should be posted so families know where they should register and play.

5-6.) District Umpires

- (a) It is Mike's goal to have a larger group of volunteer District Umpires. If they are paid, they cannot umpire Regional games and beyond. It is possible to provide equipment, attire, and even donation of items like firewood.
- (b) All Leagues should encourage parents, and coaches to help umpire lower levels.
- (c) It is possible to have trained younger umpires on the field with an older, experienced umpire. Mike needs to approve anyone aged 13-15 before they can attend training.
- (d) Paid umpires are not covered by Liability Insurance policy. Paid umpires may also need to file 1099 forms as an "Independent Contractor."
- (e) Mike is able to rule on Protests if Leagues need a volunteer. Paid umpires can not sit on Protest Committee or serve on the Board.

5-7.) Board of Director Roles

- (a) Elections should have been open to all "Voting Members." Ensure a quorum; elect a minimum number of Board members. These seeded members then vote on specific jobs.
- (b) ***Executive Members should be prepared to serve for 2 YEARS*** to help ensure that Leagues are more efficient. "Learn it the first year and put it in play the next."

5-8.) Bylaws, Local Rules and Ground Rules

- (a) Review and change now to suit your League's needs. Do not duplicate Green Book and make sure that local rules are necessary. Keep it simple wherever possible.
- (b) "Year in the Life of Hometown Little League" is a helpful resource
- (c) Mike will send a link to the online rules index when it is available this year
- (d) Gene will send a digital copy of the rules to reference

5-9.) Check List of Deadlines

- (a) **IF YOU DON'T MEET DEADLINES FOR ASAP, CONSTITUTION AND LOCAL RULES, YOU WON'T PLAY IN TOC!**
- (b) Gene would like hard and electronic copies of all filed documents.

Item 6.) OTHER BUSINESS

6-1.) Must go to Divisional Play (American/National) if you have 10 or more teams

6-2.) Gene would like all Leagues to change to full re-draft. Managers will object.

6-3.) Volunteer forms should be completed for all volunteers with regular contact with players. "Regular contact" should be defined in advance by the Board. All offenses against a minor disqualify a volunteer. Other offenses are discretionary. Western Regional office can help with questionable cases.

6-4.) MOST IMPORTANT - WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING.

Item 7.) MEETING ADJOURNED

TIME: 9:10 PM