

District 39
President's Meeting
Live Oak Sherriff's Community Room
March 14, 2012
Called to Order 7:35 p.m.

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1-1. District Board members present: Gene Carlisle, Mike Saso, Sarah Glommen, Rick Stubblefield, Doug Marshall, Brian Evans
- 1-2. League Presidents present: Eric Gifford (LO), Rick Stubblefield (PV), Gina Acevedo (SJA), Brian Peoples (Aptos), Corky Roberson (SV), Clint McCormick (SC), Nathan Arroyo (W), Joe Gianelli (CSLL), Sean Castagna (SLV)

Item 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Corky motioned, Joe seconded. All voted in favor

Item 3. CHANGES TO AGENDA: Add Umpire & Safety Report by Mike

Item 4. OFFICER REPORTS

- 4-1. District Administrator
 - a) Watsonville still needs to turn in their flash drive.
 - b) District Meetings must be attended by the President or a representative. A quorum is needed to make decisions. Discussion is an important part of making decisions so proxies are not an option.
 - c) Final Waivers need to be turned in. Cap Soquel, Santa Cruz, and LO still have outstanding waivers. Send electronically as soon as possible.
 - d) Inter-League Forms need to be turned in BEFORE games are played. LO and Watsonville were in violation.
 - e) ASAP Plans must be received by the last day of March to receive insurance discount. Mail even if it is not complete. Aptos, LO, San Juan, SLV and Santa Cruz are not approved yet.
 - f) Tournaments will likely start Sun 6/10 but may be pushed to 6/11 depending on brackets. Pool play and then double-elimination just like last year.
 - g) Set Hosts for Tournaments – added to end
 - h) Santa Clara District 44 would like to add an 8/9 non-sanctioned Sectional Tournament. Email Gene by March 21 if your League wants to participate.**
 - i) 7/8 and 8/9 Tournaments cannot be called "All Stars". This is a term reserved for sanctioned Tournaments.
 - j) Aptos and Cap Soquel do not have Constitutions on file in San Bernardino.
 - k) Make sure core positions are updated on the Data Center. Not all Board members need to be listed.
 - l) Gene asked for a motion to approve an iPad purchase for the District. SLV motioned, Clint seconded. All voted in favor
 - m) 5 Run Limit versus Open Last Inning was again discussed. This will

only impact TOC and All Star Tournaments. Time limits will end regular season games before there is an issue. A motion was introduced to eliminate the Minors level TOC. This level is designed for learning and some felt that the level of competition is too much. Most Leagues felt that more notice would be required and want to see this re-introduced in the fall with the new Presidents. This would allow adequate notification for parents and coaches. Motion failed. Pajaro re-motined to remove open inning and keep a 5 run limit across all innings. There was some concern that this would not allow teams to close a gap. Watsonville seconded motion. Aptos abstained from vote. LO and Scotts Valley were opposed. Motion passed with 6 Leagues voting in favor. Open Last Inning is eliminated from Inter-League and TOC games. All Managers and Coaches need to be notified. Some Leagues may change their regular season rules to match up with Inter-League/Tournament rules.

4-2. Training

- a) Big Al clinic was a success again this year. There was strong attendance. Brian distributed attendance lists so Boards can verify Manager training requirements.
- b) Dr. Smoll clinic was very helpful. Unfortunately, only 6 people attended at an amphitheater that holds 600. Dr. Smoll waived his speaking fee and only charged travel fees. SLV did attend and found it very valuable. Gene suggested that we hold it earlier next year so it does not conflict with picture days and fundraising events.
- c) Pajaro recommended other Leagues consider the PCA parent talk in addition to the Board and Coach trainings.
- d) Brian encouraged Leagues to survey coaches and find out what support they need. Some Leagues hold monthly meetings with coaches to communicate and learn from each other.

4-3. Treasurer Report

- a) Expenses may exceed income this year. There are reserves to cover this overage.
- b) It is important to retain tax exempt status. Gene distributed a flier to share with Treasurers. Most Leagues are aware of this issue.

4-4. Umpire and Safety Report

- a) Mike suggested using a Batting Order Card. This is an easier way for Managers and Umpires to track substitutions. Mike will suggest this to UICs. If D39 makes a group order the cost will only be about 50 cents per card.
- b) Bat Stickers can be placed on any aluminum or wood bat that is in good condition with a legal and visible BPF rating. Composites need to be checked against the waived lists. "Removed" only indicates that the licensing fees were not renewed with LLI. They are still legal to use. Emails will go out if a bat is truly de-certified.
- c) Concussion law says that parents must sign a waiver form if games are played at a school facility. Consequences for non-compliance are not

stated. Aptos suggested contacting insurance company to find out potential liabilities. It is recommended to refer coaches and Safety officers to take online informational course. Send out a read-receipt email to all parents and ask them to complete form and read information. This will likely show that the Board has done due diligence.

- d) Many Leagues are already using Arbiter. Anyone who hosts a Tournament must be on the system. It is the only way to assign Officials for Tournaments. Mike is willing to train and provide support.
- e) Mike is able to provide rank/ability ratings for umpires but he can't set pricing. He recommends \$30 max, \$25 average. \$20 is set max for post-season. Cap Soquel was concerned that some Leagues might raise prices and make it difficult for other Leagues to retain/schedule adequate umpires. Mike pointed out that even if D39 agrees, there is still competition from higher level baseball.

Item 5. OTHER BUSINESS – NONE

Gina motioned to adjourn. Doug seconded. All in favor.

2012 Tournament Hosts

June 10-20

Minor TOC San Juan / Pajaro Valley

Major TOC Santa Cruz

7/8 Tournament Capitola Soquel

8/9 Tournament Watsonville / Live Oak

9/10 All Stars Aptos

10/11 All Stars Pajaro Valley

11/12 All Stars Scotts Valley

July 7th and 8th (If Day) Championship Weekend

Scotts Valley

10/11 Divisional

Pajaro Valley