



**DISTRICT 25
LITTLE LEAGUE
BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL**

**President's Meeting
Minutes
10-15-2014**

Welcome and Introductions – The Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm, Marty welcomed everyone and introduced Alvin Yamashiro from World's Finest Chocolates who made a presentation

New District Staff Members- Marty introduced Carlos Cruz as Assistant District Administrator for Upper Division Baseball and Mario Carr as ADA at-large and Rich Burris, who is returning to Staff.

District Staff List- will be sent out as soon as Marty has completed assigning positions on Staff.

Charters/Insurance- Marty received notice today that Charter and League Information packets are in the mail and they will be passed out and signed for, at the November Meeting, however, if a League wants to charter online with the added cost they may do so. Online Charters are ready and should be in League Data Center if President does not have a password either contact the Past President or contact Little League Int'l. Reminder to Presidents, if the League is short on funds, to pay the Insurance right away and the Charter Fees later. **THERE SHOULD BE NO TRYOUTS OR PRACTICES UNTIL CHARTER IS APPROVED AND INSURANCE PAID**

Constitutions and By Laws- Last year Marty advised some Leagues that their League's Constitutions were OUTDATED and needed to be resubmitted to the Region for approval. 5 Leagues now have the status of Constitution **NOT ON FILE**..Check the League Data Center for status.. If the Constitution has been Revised it must be voted on by General Membership and Marty also spoke briefly re: ByLaws in that, they DO NOT supercede the Constitution. The ByLaws spell out the **Options that Leagues may choose to follow, i.e.; Discipline of Members, NO dropped 3rd strike in minors and Method of selecting All Stars Players and Managers.**

Registration: Registration Data refers to all the Leagues sign-ups, Players, Managers and Coaches. This information needs to be sent to International Headquarters in conjunction with Item 15 of the League Safety Manual. It may be sent from the League Data Center and it could affect Tournament Eligibility this year. **Marty reminded the Presidents that for ONLINE REGISTRATION how important it is to have a time set aside to collect HARDCOPYs of Player Information.**

Interleague Application/Combine Play- An explanation/handout was given of the 2 forms and how they are used.

Clinics- A list of Clinics presented by Little League Western Region was passed out and a Player Agent Seminar was added for November 15th 8am to 5pm at \$40. The Player Agent Seminar is probably the most important Clinic as we all should be protecting the Children.

Urban Initiative Jamboree- District 25 will be hosting this Jamboree in 2015 at a site to be determined April 17-19, 2015

Tournaments- Marty reviewed the 2014 Tournaments and asked those present to think about a possible double elimination TOC this year as Tournament Dates may be later, by 1 week.

Parent Connection- Marty asked how many had received or read the Little League Parent Connection email from LLI. It contains a great article by Dr. James Andrews, relating to overuse of pitching arms in Youth Baseball. District will send a copy out.

STAFF

Jesse Sanchez, Challenger- gave the Presidents an overview of the program and asked them to try to attend a game. Buddies(helpers) are needed. Games will be at Culver City High, Culver City LL and Ladera LL.

Russ Purtell, Softball- Russ spoke on the need for the Leagues to sign up possible Girl Softball Players even if League does not have enough to make a team. Paperwork can be filed for the Girls to play in other Leagues that do offer the program. Marty asked Russ to poll the Softball Representatives as to whether they would attend a Jen Schroder Clinic this year.

Carlos Cruz, Junior, Senior, Big League BB- introduced and gave some background info about his experiences in LL. The President were asked to forward him the names and contact info for the League Commisioner in Junior and Senior BB for their Leagues.

Next Meeting: November, 19th, 2014 7:30pm Windward School, Same Room 210

After the Meeting
(Questions and Info received)

Constitutions- In answer to a question about the need to file a League Constitution with Little League if League is Incorporated under State of California and has Constitution on file with State. The League must still have an approved League Constitution on file with Little League. The reason stated was that NOT having one could affect Corporate and 501©3 status.

Background Checks – If You do NOT do them through the Data Center..Marty advised the Leagues to get proof that they were done.