

**Little League Baseball & Softball, Inc.**

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# Washington District 9

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## Leagues:

Bellevue West - Mercer Island - Bellevue East - Falls - Bellevue Thunderbird - Snoqualmie Valley - Kirkland American - Kirkland National  
Sammamish - Issaquah - Redmond North - Sno-Valley North - Eastlake - Redmond West

## District 9 Meeting Minutes

Oct 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed.

### Hand outs:

District 9 items due District matrix  
Meeting agenda  
District 9 tournament rotation schedule.  
Washington State Little League tournament rotation  
District 1 Vendor's Fair flier  
District 9 Meeting schedule for 2012/ 2013

### Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

The emergency fund is \$9,210.15

The checking fund is \$29,091.16

Umpire fund is \$10,320.22

The DA noted, that in the future, the District checking fund will include the Umpire fund for reporting purposes.

The treasurer's report was approved.

### New Business:

The DA went over the items due District , and urged all presidents to work on submitting all items in a timely manner. Constitutions should be reviewed by the league boards every year. The DA requests that leagues send him a copy of their board meeting minutes every month. Also, this is a great time to take out safety plans for review, and field surveys can be done now.

The DA explained the tournament rotation matrix, emphasizing the responsibilities of tournament hosting.

The DA discussed the problem with scheduling some of our tournaments too late in the season. We will be reassessing the tournament schedule to provide some time for teams to clear their pitching rosters, and provide for more travel time.

Unfortunately, the AAA tournament, run by the District 9 leagues, was poorly run, and will not be held this year.

We will be holding a Memorial Day tournament this year. It will be for Major baseball regular season teams. There will be a limit of 16 teams, and the tournament site is to be determined.

John Chadwick talked about the Jr, 50/70, Sr, and Big League baseball programs. The move by Little League to install a 50/70 program, with a world series, may replace the 80' Jr program we have in place. While our 80' baseball program was successful, it would be possible to embrace the 50/70 program as a 13 year old program. The Little League rules would allow leagues to let 11 and 12 year old players into the 50/70 program, however, leagues could place restrictions on the younger players by changing their local league rules to require board approval for the younger players to play up. Presidents were advised to think about this program, and discuss what they would like to do, with their boards.

John will be holding a meeting for league VP's on January 14, 2013 to discuss all of these programs.

John also spoke about the Junior Softball World Series, thanking the leagues who donated to last year's event.

Tonya Henry, District 9 scheduler, will be contacting leagues about field availability. She is also taking on the job of Mariner Day representative for the District.

The DA spoke about the high number of waivers requested in our district. Presidents were advised that they do not have to approve every waiver requested. If you think kids should play where they live, you do not have to sign a waiver for them to play in your league, if they live outside your boundaries.

Leagues are reminded to be sure to do background checks on anyone in their league who has frequent and repetitive contact with children. This would include team volunteers, such as practice assistants.

District 1 is hosting a Vendor's fair on Oct. 27, 10am-3pm at Heatherwood Middle School. Please try to attend and support this effort.

#### **Softball:**

Debbie Lee reported that we are planning on holding a mid-season softball tournament again, probably in May. Please let her or Janice Christensen know if you have fields available.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Thursday, Nov. 8, 7pm

**Attendees:**

League Presidents / Representatives

Redmond North	JD Klein
Snoqualmie Valley	Roy Baunsgard
Issaquah	Tom Chan
Sammamish	Chuck Studabaker
Redmond West	Dan Holmen
Eastlake	Dan Bickford
Bellevue Thunderbird	Larry Holden
Mercer Island	Chad Rowe
Bellevue West	Carl Hellings
SnoValley North	Josh Polacek
Kirkland American	John Rudolf
Bellevue East	Ryan Stier
Falls	Thomas Madani
Kirkland National	Kristin Adams

District Staff

Bob Toigo  
Sunday Stray  
Debbie Lee  
John Chadwick  
Jim Portugal  
Jim Stromberg  
Mel Kottenbrock  
Steve Allen  
Tonya Henry  
Steve Mitchell

Visitor

Joanne Allen

