

Little League District 39

President's Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Rio Sands Hotel

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **7:53 p.m.**

2. District Board Members Present

- Brian Evans
- Gene Carlisle
- Ed Hansen
- Rachel Marion-Tsukamaki

3. League Presidents Present

- Live Oak
- Scotts Valley
- Capitola-Soquel
- San Lorenzo Valley
- Pajaro Valley
- Aptos
- Santa Cruz

4. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the previous meeting minutes was deferred to the February meeting.

5. Changes to Agenda

Brian Evans added league scholarship handling as an agenda item.

6. Guest Presentations

None.

7. Officer Reports

District Administrator – Brian Evans

a. Tryouts / Evaluations

- Many leagues have already begun evaluations.
- Players must be updated in the Little League Data Center to ensure insurance coverage.
- Abuse Awareness Training and volunteer background checks must be completed before evaluations begin.

b. Websites / Social Media

- District requests league websites remain current, including board members and meeting times.

c. Rules & Waivers

- Leagues must submit waivers for any local rules deviating from the Little League Rule Book.
- Brian can coordinate a conference call with Kit Golden (Regional) if needed.
- Local rule waivers do not apply to interleague play.
- Interleague games must follow District 39 rules, available on the District 39 website.

d. Background Checks

- Boards should understand procedures when a volunteer background check is flagged by JDP.
- Background check records should be stored in a cloud service for future board access and potential litigation needs.
- Background checks should already be in process.
- Little League International expects six background checks per team.

e. Data Center

- All players and volunteers must be uploaded to the Data Center.

f. Insurance

- Leagues with insurance questions should contact Brian, who will connect them with Brent at Little League International.

g. Enrollment Numbers

Current registration numbers:

- Aptos: 265
- Capitola-Soquel: 316
- Live Oak: 162
- Pajaro Valley: 113
- San Lorenzo Valley: 255
- Santa Cruz: 369
- Scotts Valley: 297

h. Scholarships

- The district has received 116 scholarship requests, representing approximately 5% of league totals.

8. Safety Report – Gene Carlisle

Little League SAFE to Play Program

- SAFE to Play replaces the ASAP process to simplify safety compliance.
- Leagues must complete:
 - SAFE Summary Builder
 - Annual Facility Survey
- If completed by May 1, leagues receive a credit toward future chartering fees as an incentive.

9. Treasurer’s Report

Brian Evans will distribute the Treasurer’s Report to district staff and league presidents.

10. Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) Report – Ed Hansen

a. Clinics

Four clinics are scheduled; league support with volunteers is requested due to high attendance expectations.

Scheduled clinics:

- **January 31** – Scotts Valley, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- **February 1** – B40, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- **February 7** – Harvey West, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- **February 8** – B40, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

b. Rules Clinics

- **In-person rules clinic** for coaches and managers:
 - February 26, 5:00–6:30 p.m.
 - Harvey West / Santa Cruz (Field One bleachers)
 - Santa Cruz President welcomes participation from other leagues
- **Online Zoom rules clinic** for all leagues:
 - March 4 and March 5
 - Zoom links to be sent by Ed Hansen

11. Other Business

None.

Adjournment

Live Oak motioned to adjourn; Pajaro Valley seconded.

Motion approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.
