



WASHINGTON STATE LITTLE LEAGUE

Sep 27, 2025 9:00 AM | 📅 2025 Washington State UIC Meeting

Attendees

D1 ✓
D2 ✓
D3
D4 ✓
D5
D6
D7 ✓
D8 ✓
D9 ✓
D10 ✓
D11 ✓
D12 ✓
D13 ✓

Guests

Bob Wolfe(D2), Mike Lechnar, Karl Kuntz(D10), Dan Evans(D12), John Deschenes(D2), Joanne Allen, Tony Gaspich(D2), Russ Paul Jones, Alex Korahais

Notes

- Bill called the meeting to order at 9:11 am, Thanking everyone for attending. And took attendance
- Explained location of the DA meeting in Daily City and why we are having our meeting online this year before the DA meeting.
- Tournament Reports
 - Jason Becker report on the Little League Softball World Series
 - Made some good friends
 - Please with his assignments and performance
 - Enjoyed being able to have time with Stu and Shelly
 - The SB WS was one of the most competitive tournaments in recent history
 - It was the MOST watched Series in SB history.

- Chris Mathis report on Little League Baseball World Series
 - Talked about direction that Stu and Gerry are working on getting the Umpire program
 - Experience of being there.
 - 8 games, 3 plates including the International Championship
- Bill Kosmas report on the Senior Baseball Regional
 - Hotel was really nice on the water
 - College was 3 minutes away from the hotel
 - The only issue that he had was when he forgot his plate gear at the hotel for being back up.
 - A ton of Fun
 - One plate assignment was Hawaii v Washington
 - Wife was able to be recognized by the tournament staff and was able to be the person welcomed to the tournament
- Karl Kuntz report on Senior Softball Regional Tournament
 - Almost like a return to home
 - VERY much a Little League town
 - Knights of Columbus come in and take care of the concession
 - Pool play tournament set up
 - Lots and lots of fun
 - Learned a lot in 5 days of games
 - Darrin and Max were great as evaluators
- Bob Wolfe report on Senior Softball Regional
 - Great time
 - Karl and Bob worked 5 games with Karl
 - 10 games in the tournament
 - Had his first ever ejection of his career in the tournament
 - Darrin and Max were great as evaluators
 - Tough day on the off day when the tournament hosted them in Butte. Only because of the travel and the next day game schedule.
- Darrin Legget report on Senior Softball Regional
 - Was able to fill in and work U2 at the tournament
 - Overall the crew was great and it was awesome to evaluate the tournament
- Bill talked about the selection process
 - ID Camp, Clinics, Academy - cost is a lot and it is tough but the process is working and the results speak for themselves.
 - Talked to Nick Coringi about the selection process and what it takes to get selected.
- Social Media comments, zone being too small now versus how they were too big in the previous years.
- District Reports
 - D1 - Jason Becker & Mike Lechnar
 - Pretty good in the district. Solid crew that is growing

- Keep doing the things that are working for them
- Working on a couple ideas to help get more people involved
- Hosted 9-11 SB, Ran pool play. Tournament was done in 4 days and sounds like everyone liked the format and some good feedback from parents and teams with the format
- Challenge as UIC was staffing 8 games on Saturday and Sunday
- D2 and 8 came up and covered multiple games both days
- Championship game was amazing and “knocked their socks off”
- D2 - Chris Mathis (on behalf of Joe Winniford)
 - Staff is solid and we are growing as well
 - Hosted the JRBB State
 - Tom Lockyear was our UIC for the tournament and he did a great job for us
 - D1,4,8,9,10
 - Every bb state tournament except 9-11 bb
- D4 - Darrin Leggett
 - First time hosting a state tournament as UIC
 - 12 Staff umpires
 - Excited to work towards growing again
 - 8-10, 9-11, Little League, Junior League
 - 810 SB host
 - 6 days Modified double elimination style
 - No SB representation this year
 - There was not a single team that came back had anything to say about the umpires through the tournaments
 - Darrin wants to add a \$100 fee to the leagues for the District Clinic and if they send “x” people they can get their money back
- D7 - David Gearhard
 - Looking for creative ways to recruit new umpires
 - Looking to Improvement on training program
 - 3 umpires in the district with lots of experience
 - Increasing the number of mechanics clinics in the district
 - 2 mechanics clinics already and looking to get to 4 hopefully
 - Focus on building and developing their umpires to be State Qualified
 - Apologies for not being able to send people to other state tournaments
 - Hosted State 8-10 BB
 - All 13 districts represented for teams
 - Great attitudes and participation from all the teams
 - Alex was able to take over the tournament for David when he had to take care of some family and personal time
 - Parking was a little difficult in West Seattle Little League but not many complains about it

- Great participation from the Districts for the umpires as well and there were lots of compliments about the umpires in the tournament. 1,2,3,4,7,9 and 10
- D8 - Joanne Allen Junior League Softball
 - Tapped into the Junior Umpire program
 - 1,2,9 support for umpires
 - Nothing for her to react to with the D9 game (Rob to report on later)
 - Joanne and David Lee both tag teamed the tournaments that were going on
- D9 - Rob Little
 - No State tournament hosted this year.
 - Deferred time to later for discussion of the issues
- D10 - Karl Kuntz
 - Little League Softball State Tournament
 - Worked the semi finals and the championship with Jason Becker and Bob Wolfe to prep for the Regionals and World Series.
 - Federal Way hosted the tournament but feedback was that the expectation on the fields are higher than what they had
 - Potentially taking over the UIC role for D10 next year
 - DA and UIC were the only ones that have, in the past, working to assign and fill the umpires for games, and he is looking to work on that a little more.
- D11 - Bill Kosmas
 - Didn't host a state tournament
 - Was only able to send to 1 state tournament. All the District tournaments ran at the same time of state tournaments.
 - Pulled one crew to Asotin for the SLBB tournament to help prep for the Regional
 - Lost 2 staff umpires this last year
 - Very few Junior umpires working games because of adult issues and "abuse" during the regular season
- D12 - Dan Evans
 - Did not host a state tournament
 - District tournament was in Yakima
 - 6 leagues in Yakima
 - 3 leagues in Tri Cities area
 - Yakima does not have a single volunteer umpire for the regular season
 - Staffing was difficult because of the drive and miles on weeknights
 - Would like to talk more about recruiting and getting more umpires for the regular season as well as the Tournament season
 - Wasn't able to help much with the state tournaments this year but was able to send a few people to some other tournaments.
- D13 - Mark Dixon

- 5,12,13 combined training in March - had 35 people show up for the training. Which is huge for them in their area and shows that they are growing
 - 9-11
 - 12,4,5 helped with coverage with multiple games and multiple days
 - 3 umpires on every game except the championship where they had 4
 - 15 umpires were sent to state tournaments this year. Lots of growth
- State Softball State of the Union
 - 8-10- Pacific D1
 - 9-11- Valley D13
 - LLSB- Mill Creek D1
 - JLSB- Shoreline D8
 - SLSB- RUG D8 AWP
 - Regional Results
 - LLSB- Mill Creek D1, 4-0
 - JLSB- Shoreline D8, 2-2
 - SLSB- RUG D8, 5-4
 - World Series Results
 - LLSB- Mill Creek D1, 1-2
 - JLSB- Kirkland American D9, 0-4

Rob Little - Report of the season capped off with issues

- 9 of 12 leagues pay their umpires through associations
- Staff umpire (one of the best) 4 illegal pitches were called
 - Softball VP of the league called up and said that the umpire is out of control and that they should not be able to be around kids.
 - 4 consecutive illegal pitches while Rob was on the field with them
- Game Changer Feed with comments about the umpire "illegal" and trying to get the umpire "fired"
- Banned Game Changer from all the games within the district unless there is an administrator on the game now
- District 9 also had to post signs at all games.

Action items

- ☐ Bill and Darrin to bring up ID camp ideas to Dennis Williams (funding, hosting bringing it to the NW)
- ☐ Create a UIC mentorship program when we have a new DUIC hosting a state tournament, David Geargard, Chris Mathis, Mark Dixon and Dan Evans, Bill Kosmas all willing to help

- ☐ Bill to bring Tournament scheduling to the DA meeting
 - ☐ Reiterate to them about coming up with a solution to not stretch the umpires like this and to get District tournaments done before the state tournament
- ☐ Proposing a 2nd or 3rd meeting for all UIC's for meeting in January and June.
- ☐ Proposing a 4 umpire system clinic before all stars start pairing with Chris Martin training with D9 for both big and little diamond