

LTJBSA MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 8, 2021 | **Time:** 7:30 PM | **Location:** LTJBSA Indoor Facility & Batting Cages

Present Attendees: Paul Alfieri, John Brogle, Ralph Floyd, Bryan Gorczynski, Matt Heady, John Herold, Chris Kmiec, Brian Mauger, Ken Mitchell, Alexandra Oswald, Dave Shockey, Carly Vichroski, Paul Vichroski, Sean Willever, Jake Zalaznick, Jason Zegarski

I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by LTJBSA President, Paul Vichroski.
- Paul Alfieri appointed Alexandra “Sandy” Oswald to serve as Board Administrator.

Motion To Approve Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2021, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

II. Department Reports

- **Little League:** Paul Alfieri reported that early-bird registration is open with steady initial enrollment across baseball, Tee Ball, and softball, supported by promotional partnerships with local school PTOs. Sponsorship recruitment is active, with eight returning sponsors and the introduction of a new Premier Sponsorship package featuring NJ Best 529 (including outfield signage on Hughes Field, uniform sleeve branding, pre- and post-season survey communications, and player water bottles). Offseason development is underway with winter hitting and pitching clinics, alongside an upcoming PPH clinic.
- **Softball:** Jake Zalaznick reported high player enthusiasm for the upcoming season, with projections on track to match prior-year spring participation alongside targeted growth.
- **Babe Ruth League:** Ralph Floyd commended Ken Dobkin and Paul Vichroski for extensive volunteer efforts restoring and rebuilding the pitcher’s mound on the Babe Ruth diamond. Lawrence is evaluating hosting the 14U tournament in July. Regional participation trends across District 12 were discussed, including district restructuring proposals from the State Commissioner, with Lawrence focusing on maintaining independent league operations.
- **Competitive Travel:** Paul Alfieri reported on behalf of Ken Dobkin that the 14U, 11U, 9U, and 7U teams are preparing for winter training workouts. The program plans to field four competitive rosters in the spring participating in USABL league play and tournaments, with opening games scheduled for late March.

Motion To Accept Little League Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

Motion To Accept Softball Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

Motion To Accept Babe Ruth Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

Motion To Accept Travel Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

III. New Business

- **Audio PA System Procurement (Introduced by Ken Mitchell):** All components for the new sound system have been ordered with the amplifier temporarily back-ordered, with installation scheduled for warmer weather.
- **Indoor Facility Operational Protocols (Introduced by General Board):** Health and safety

reopening plans were submitted to Nancy Bergen proposing an opening date of December 13, 2021 for the indoor facility.

- **Board Administrator Appointment Confirmation (Introduced by Paul Vichroski):** The board confirmed the appointment of Alexandra “Sandy” Oswald as Board Administrator.
- **Pezzicola Field Mound Restoration Recognition (Introduced by General Board):** Commendation was extended to Ralph Floyd, Ken Dobkin, and Paul Vichroski for completing extensive restoration work on the Pezzicola Field pitcher’s mound utilizing recycled materials.
- **Meeting Facility Scheduling (Introduced by Ken Mitchell):** Slackwood Firehouse is reserved for regular board meetings in January, February, and March 2022, with alternate venue locations to be explored for subsequent meetings.

IV. Adjournment

- Annual holiday gathering commenced following the conclusion of business.
- Meeting adjourned.

Motion To Adjourn, Seconded, Approved unanimously.