



## **LTJBSA E-BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 7, 2022**

**In Attendance:** Paul Alfieri, Robert Dalle Pазze, Matt Heady, Lisa Nevius (by phone), Alexandra Oswald, Carly Vichroski, Paul Vichroski, Jake Zalaznick

A motion was made to open the meeting – unanimously approved.

### **Discussions:**

#### **Township Field Improvements**

- The Township has fixed the sprinkler systems on the LL fields.
- Greg has gotten his hands on a machine that will cut the lip on the fields and will take care of that soon.
- The blue storage shed is getting moved to Village Park, along with a lawn mower/dragger.
- Paul V. will be donating a lawn tractor to the organization.
- Grant & Carroll fields need pitching mounds refreshed/rebuilt.
- An order will be placed for 1 palette of clay and 1 palette of conditioner.
- Paul V. will reach out to Nancy at the Rec. Dept. for an update on the dirt order, bathroom floor renovations, and to request lime.

#### **Fundraising**

We have raised over \$14k in sponsorships this year and waiting for checks to come in from Limitless Behavioral Health, Captain Pauls (May), Carroll's Christmas Tree Farm, the Community Center, and PNC.

Because of the overwhelming demand we've had from sponsors, we will open up 2023 sponsorship opportunities earlier (late Fall). Our Campus Clothes online store is now open. We have Trenton Thunder and Somerset Patriot nights scheduled (50/50's and ticket sales will generate funds). The bank balance is approximately \$30k as of the end of February 2022.

### **Batting Cage Scheduling**

As soon as teams are drafted, Paul V. will start scheduling batting cage times.

### **Little League 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

We have a lot in the works for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration & Opening Day ceremonies. The Carroll Family will throw out the first pitch. We have most of the 2018 District Team walking in the parade carrying their banner. The '62 and '76 team banners will be carried by the younger kids. Mr. Freeman the LMS baseball coach is scheduled to DJ. PJ's Pancake House is providing a pancake breakfast for all the players. The Lawrence Gazette and Lawrence Ledger are lined up to provide press coverage. We need to find someone to sing the National Anthem. We also need to reach out to the Township to see if we can line up some VIPs to attend the event (the mayor, town council, police, fire, first aid squad, etc) and to make the proclamation for "Lawrence Little League Day". We need to line up a photographer, but also will be asking parents to take pictures and tag our Instagram account/Facebook pages.

#### Tentative Schedule:

8:15 AM – Pancake Breakfast

9 AM – Move all the teams to Colavita to ready them for the parade

9:15 AM – Parade starts

9:30 AM – Ceremony starts (approx. ½ hr)

10:30 AM – Games start

### **Code of Conduct**

Paul V. discussed the importance of all LTJBSA members displaying proper behavior/etiquette. We require players/parents/volunteers sign off on a Code of Conduct when they register. As members of the Board, we represent the organization in the community and must conduct ourselves in a professional manner.

### **Wall of Fame/Lifetime Memberships**

Due to the absence of minutes for the October 2021 E-Board Meeting, it is to be clarified that nominations were made strictly for the Wall of Fame, not Lifetime Membership. Those nominations were: Bob Dalle Pазze, John Herold, Zig Zegarski and Ken Kiernan (contested).

### **50/70 Field Conversion**

This is something we absolutely must do. By the 2023 season, LL will be asking for all 12's to be on 50/70 fields.

We have had discussions with the Township who has agreed to begin working on changing two of the fields to conversion fields. The work will have to be done in August. Both Greg and Nancy are on board with helping us get this accomplished.

### **Grant Writing**

We need someone who can be a point-person to answer the questions the grant writers are asking. Matt H. and Carly V. volunteered to coordinate the effort and begin gathering the required information in order to get this up and running.

### **Miscellaneous Topics**

Drafts are beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>. Only managers will be named. If a manager wants a specific person to be their assistant coach, they need to draft that person's child to their team in the typical fashion.

A motion was made to adjourn this meeting – unanimously approved.