

LTJBSA MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 9, 2022 | **Time:** 7:30 PM | **Location:** LTJBSA Indoor Facility & Batting Cages

Present Attendees: Andrea Alfieri, Paul Alfieri, John Brogle, Brian Ciuffreda, Bob Dalle Pазze, Tom DeFillipo, Kevin Donohue, Ralph Floyd, Matt Heady, John Herold, Chris Kmiec, Gene Maguire, Ken Mitchell, Danielle Nevius, Lisa Nevius, Sandy Oswald, Dave Shockey, Carly Vichroski, Paul Vichroski, Jake Zalaznick, Jason Zegarski, Zig Zegarski

I. Call to Order

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

Motion To Approve Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2022, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

II. Department Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Bob Dalle Pазze presented the financial report, noting strong account balances bolstered by active fundraising and sponsorship collections. Major operating expenditures were settled including uniform vendor balances, charter fees, insurance premiums, facility renovations, and equipment orders, with outstanding payables primarily limited to backordered baseball shipments.
- **Little League:** Kevin Donohue reported that registration closed with solid enrollment across baseball and Tee Ball. The draft concluded for Majors divisions across four balanced rosters, with Minors division drafts scheduled for the weekend. Interleague game scheduling discussions are underway with neighboring programs, and preseason field practices are targeted to begin March 21.
- **Softball:** Jake Zalaznick reported that registration fielded three balanced division rosters under confirmed managerial leadership, with interleague schedules coordinating with Robbinsville and Bordentown, including dedicated Friday Night Lights matchups. The program is actively promoting summer development programs, recruiting middle and high school student volunteers, and coordinating promotional school outreach approved by Nancy Bergen.
- **Babe Ruth League:** Ralph Floyd reported 26 registered players forming two balanced teams, with interleague schedules coordinating across Ewing, Nottingham, West Windsor, and Trenton to avoid middle school conflicts. Registration remains open for late registrants following school team selections. Lawrence will host the 14U tournament from July 5–17 without weekend scheduling conflicts for travel players, while state-level discussions regarding regional mergers continue.
- **Competitive Travel:** Matt Heady reported that the 9U team has commenced outdoor practices ahead of the USABL season opener on April 3, with scrimmages planned against the Central Jersey Rebels and Millstone. Jake Zalaznick announced the formation of a new 14U travel softball team, Lawrence Storm, providing continuing competitive opportunities for aged-out Little League players.
- **Snack Shack & Preseason Operations:** Paul Vichroski presented an Executive Board clarification formally recording the October 2021 Wall of Fame inductions for John Herold, Zig Zegarski, Bob

Dalle Pazzo, and Ken Kiernan, affirming that Wall of Fame honors and Lifetime Memberships constitute distinct recognitions. Comprehensive park improvements completed with Nancy Bergen and the Recreation Department were detailed, including restroom repairs, grease trap maintenance, sprinkler fixes on Grant Field, dugout painting, field cutting, and transferring storage sheds and mowing equipment to Village Park overseen by Greg Whitehead. Facility renovations to the batting cages, net repairs, and trophy case installations were completed through volunteer support. Equipment Swap Day concluded successfully with excess gear donated to Trenton youth leagues. Preseason field cleanup is set for March 26, and Opening Day plans for April 16 feature a pancake breakfast by PJ's Pancake House, mascot appearances, emergency services representation, and ceremonial parades.

Motion To Accept Treasurer's Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

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

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

Motion To Accept Softball Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

Motion To Accept Travel Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

Motion To Accept Report on Old Business, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

III. New Business

- **Grant Application Opportunities (Introduced by Jason Zegarski):** The board discussed pursuing Scotts and MLB community athletic field grants for future infrastructure enhancements at Village Park, coordinating efforts with municipal grant writers through Nancy Bergen.
- **Community Inclusion and Financial Accessibility (Introduced by Matt Heady):** Recommendations were presented to expand outreach to underserved and Spanish-speaking families through school networks, offering fee assistance to broaden youth baseball and softball participation across the township.
- **Concession Stand Menu and Pricing Review (Introduced by Carly Vichroski):** Coordination is scheduled with Rita to review concession operations, standardized schedules, menu offerings, equipment repairs, and price adjustments to offset rising wholesale food costs and payment processing fees, while maintaining standard redemption for existing concession script.
- **Trenton Thunder Night Volunteer Coordination (Introduced by Paul Vichroski):** Volunteer staffing was organized for the June 7 Trenton Thunder community event to coordinate ticket sales and manage 50/50 raffle fundraising donated directly to LTJBSA.

IV. Adjournment

- The next regular meeting will be held on April 13, 2022.
- Meeting adjourned at the conclusion of business.

Motion To Adjourn, Seconded, Approved unanimously.