

# LTJBSA MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** October 12, 2022 | **Time:** 7:30 PM | **Location:** LTJBSA Indoor Facility & Batting Cages

**Present Attendees:** Andrea Alfieri, Paul Alfieri, John Brogle, Brian Ciuffreda, Mike Crowley, Ken Dobkin, Matt Heady, Gene Maguire, Ken Mitchell, Nicole Mottola, Sandy Oswald, Dave Shockey, Carly Vichroski, Paul Vichroski, Jason Zegarski, Zig Zegarski

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## I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by LTJBSA President, Paul Vichroski.

*\*Motion To Approve Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2022, Seconded, Approved unanimously.\**

## II. Department Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Paul Alfieri presented an interim update in Bob Dalle Pazzi's absence, noting steady financial standing with fall ball registration revenue pacing consistent with the prior year's cycle.
- **Little League:** Paul Alfieri reported that 2023 spring registration is open with early-bird discounts and payment plans available, alongside participation in the T-Mobile Little League Call Up Grant program and free Tee Ball enrollment for eligible ages. Winter clinic registration is open under Ken Dobkin, PPH, and Coach Schneider, with volunteer coach recruitment active. The online apparel store is live through Sunday. A district-wide umpire shortage was highlighted, noting urgent recruitment needs for adult umpires in Majors and youth cadets for younger divisions.
- **Softball:** Paul Alfieri delivered the report for Jake Zalaznick, noting strong fall ball participation supported by high school player volunteers, alongside active outreach to local collegiate programs including Rider University and TCNJ to assist with winter pitching instruction.
- **Babe Ruth League:** Paul Vichroski reported active fall ball play with 21 registered players and back-to-back victories over Hamilton and Ewing. Registration for 2023 is open, and constructive discussions were held regarding potential interleague merger opportunities with Ewing and Hopewell.
- **Competitive Travel:** Ken Mitchell and Paul Alfieri reported strong fall tournament and league action, including 15U tournament competition and travel to Staten Island, 12U play in the Oktoberfest Tournament, a 4-2 record for 10U in USABL play, strong developmental pitching depth for 8U, and four 11U players placed with the Hamilton A's to maintain competitive play.

*\*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.\**

## III. New Business

- **Snack Shack Sublease Agreement (Introduced by Paul Alfieri):** The league executed a formal sublease agreement with the youth football program for limited concession stand usage

during their season, following written authorization from Township Manager Kevin Nerwinski, including required security deposits, insurance certificates, and rental fees.

- **Hughes Field Conversion Update (Introduced by Paul Alfieri):** Confirmation remains pending from Lawrence Township regarding the official start date for diamond conversion work at Hughes Field.
- **Sponsorship Drive & Pat Colavita Commemoration (Introduced by Paul Alfieri):** The 2023 sponsor drive launched with registration incentives for securing new sponsors, while Zig Zegarski clarified that Babe Ruth has no lifetime sponsor. Little League players will wear commemorative uniform armbands in the spring to honor Pat Colavita.
- **2023 Board Leadership Nominations (Introduced by General Board):** Nominations were opened and closed for 2023 executive leadership roles:
  - **LTJBSA Trustees (Two-Year Term):** Brian Ciuffreda, Paul Vichroski.
  - **Competitive Travel President (One-Year Term):** Ken Dobkin.
  - **Babe Ruth President (One-Year Term):** Carly Vichroski.

*\*Motion To Close Trustee Nominations, Seconded, Approved unanimously.\**

*\*Motion To Close Travel President Nomination, Seconded, Approved unanimously.\**

*\*Motion To Close Babe Ruth President Nomination, Seconded, Approved unanimously.\**

#### **IV. Adjournment**

- The next regular meeting will be held on November 9, 2022.
- Meeting adjourned at the conclusion of business.

*\*Motion To Adjourn, Seconded, Approved unanimously.\**