



MINUTES OF September 13, 2023, LTJBSA GENERAL MEETING

In Attendance: Andrea Alfieri, Paul Alfieri, Aaron Bogad, John Brogle, Lisa Cox, Ken Dobkin, Tom DeFillippo, Fred Ewig, George Lutz, Ken Mitchell, Nicole Mottola, Sandy Oswald, Lance Parsons, Dave Shockey, Rory Sullivan, Carly Vichroski, Paul Vichroski, Sean Willever, Jake Zalaznick, Ziggy Zegarski

Review of Minutes: Meeting called to order by LTJBSA President, Paul Vichroski. Andrea made a motion to amend June's minutes to reflect 2 people in attendance... Lisa Cox and Tom Defillippo. A motion was made to accept the June 14, 2023, meeting minutes – unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dave S gave the Treasurer's Report.

All accounts are doing well. Tournaments were extremely profitable. We were able to transfer 26,000 from concession stand account. We have 150 kids are in clinics.

*A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report – unanimously approved.

Babe Ruth

Carly V. gave the Babe Ruth Report. Last night started Fall season with 18kids. We won 10-0 in the 5th. The kids are having a ton of fun, no pressure. Fall ball is Tuesday and Thursday nights. We will be playing against WW, Hopewell/Ewing, Hamilton NB, Nottingham. Love to see the older kids helping the younger kids on the team.

A motion was made to accept the Babe Ruth Report – unanimously approved.

Little League

Baseball: Paul A gave report

1) Fall clinics underway. No games this year, parents wanted more development. 50 kids, KD leading. Plan is to offer from a variety of softball and baseball coaches throughout the fall and winter.

2) Ewing Little League is ceasing operations, and those players will now be directed to Lawrence. This will net us about 75 baseball players. No change in the way we operate as we had these teams in our

league last year. We will be adding a liaison position to the Lawrence LL Board to assist with Ewing scheduling @ Moody Park. The expanded territory also includes softball, which historically has been directed to us anyway (but not EGSA which is a separate entity). LLI will approve this switch end of Sept. Fasolino Field will be deeded to Ewing Twp, and not an asset we receive.

3) We will open registration for Spring 2024 on October 11. We already had early registration open in June, have about 30-35 families signed up. It's 1 week later than we'd like because we need a little time to communicate to Ewing families. Ewing historically hasn't opened registration until mid-January, so we need to get families on our schedule. Hard close on registration of Feb 4th so we can prepare for the season.

4) Thinking about a Ewing Welcome Mtg and a Volunteer Interest session in early Dec (10th). Wondering if Ken M will let us use the firehouse. Thoughts? What else should we cover?

5) Speaking of help...could use help:

- sponsorships for 2024 - its organized, need someone willing to email.
- Scheduler for 2024 - need help with cadet umpires
- information officer, help with communications, social media
- snack shack coordinator - help with volunteers, inventory

6) Looking ahead - would like to purchase (can we get approval to explore) -

- new batters eyes (LAWRENCE on back) - \$500/ea
- wall of honor + championship plaque - \$300/ea
- new pitching machine for cages hack attack / visual queue of what our tournaments got for the kids

A motion was made to accept the Little League Report – unanimously approved.

Softball:

Jake gave the softball report

Weekly clinics were held throughout the summer to keep the girls in the softball mind. Twice a week the girls were engaged in a coached pitching clinic and a sandlot clinic. We had lots of returnees and some new faces to make these clinics fun.

Rory and Dan have a great handle on the 8u division.

12 girls have signed up so far for Spring with early registration.

No softball plans over Fall yet.

Ewing softball is now able to come and register in Lawrence for the Spring season.

A motion was made to accept the Softball Report – unanimously approved.

***** We would like to thank the high schools' girls that volunteered their time this summer...Danielle, Paige, Ria, Peyton, and Camielle. You were a great help to the younger girls and we can not wait to have you back to help in the future.**

Travel:

Dave gave the Travel Report

8's playing in a Fall league

9's is scrimmaging and playing in tournaments only this Fall
10's rising 11 transitioning to 50/70 field. They are starting to learn the base running changes.
12's Playing in a fall league
13-year-olds were able to create 2 teams.

*** We are starting to integrate Ewing players into our travel program

A motion was made to accept the Travel Report – unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Snack shack had a great spring season! Our tournament season was very profitable. We profited \$4500 just from summer tournaments. We hosted babe ruth, 8's. and 10's tournaments.

***** Thank you to all volunteers who helped make our tournament season successful!**

New Business:

We are looking to get rid of the ice machine. We are hoping to sell it to football and Lacrosse.
Paul thanks Jason and Ryan for the legion season.
Ryan Willever was player of the year.
Absolute pleasure to watch!
Aaron Bogad would like to take over and run Swap Day!!

Closing:

The next meeting will be held October 11, 2023.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting - unanimously approved.

*** Motion to re-open meeting

We received a bill from the township, for a \$5 per kid fee for the use of the fields for our spring season. It was a total of \$1315.00.

Motion made to approve payment.... Motion approved.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting- unanimously approved.