

MINUTES OF December 13, 2023, LTJBSA GENERAL MEETING

In Attendance: Andrea Alfieri, Paul Alfieri, John Brogle, Brian Ciuffreda Lisa Cox, Ken Dobkin, Matt Heady, Gene McGuire, Ken Mitchell, Nicole Mottola, Mike Russo, Dave Shockey, Carly Vichroski, Paul Vichroski, Sean Willever, Jake Zalaznick

Review of Minutes: Meeting called to order by LTJBSA President, Paul Vichroski. A motion was made to accept the November 8, 2023, meeting minutes – unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave S gave the Treasurer's Report.

We had another quiet month. Registration is open and we are officially out of the discount period. The player rate is now \$185.00.

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

Babe Ruth

Carly V. gave the Babe Ruth Report.

Quiet month here. We look forward to the spring season. We will be opening registration hopefully in January, waiting for the merger to go through.

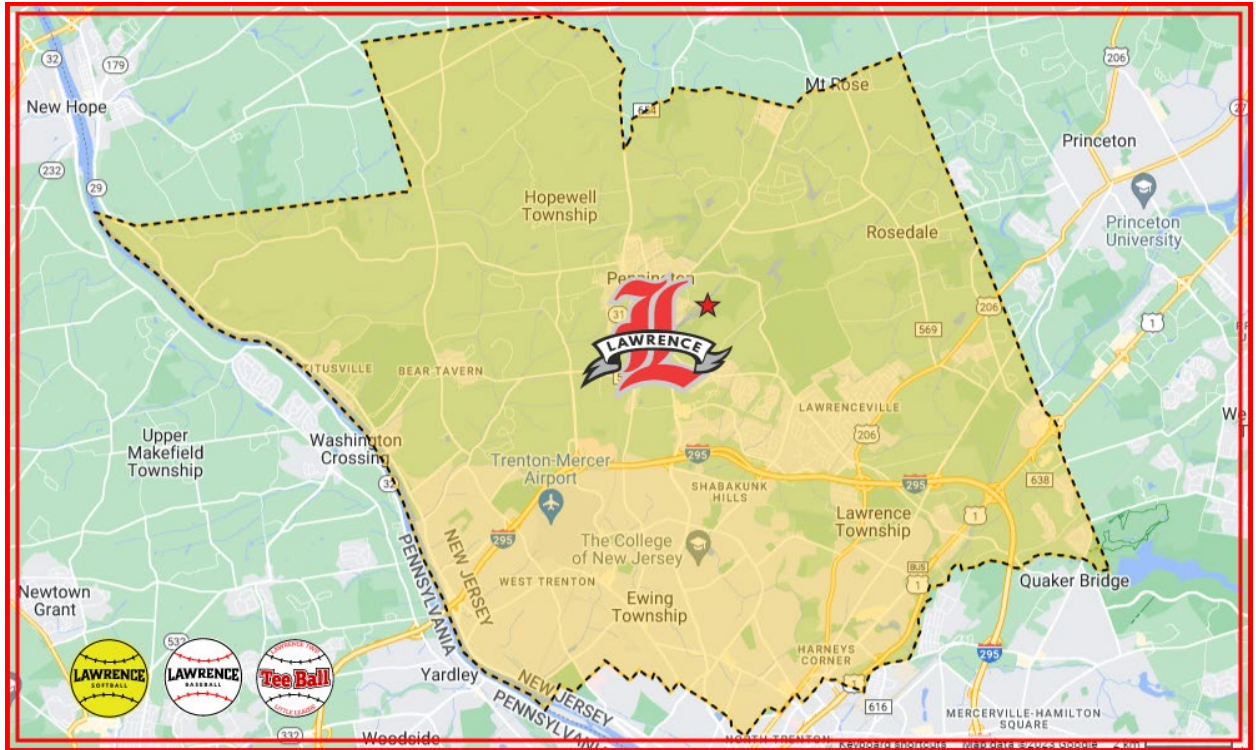
*A motion was made to accept the Babe Ruth Report – unanimously approved.

Little League

Baseball:

Paul A gave report

1. Merger with Ewing was officially approved by LLI on November 16. The official notice is posted on our website. This is our new boundary.



- a. Working on final moveover of Ewing domain, website, email, PO Box.. items will need to stay active throughout their investigation.
1. Starting with the 2025 season, children at the youngest levels of the Little League® Baseball and Softball program (League Age 4-7) throughout the United States will have the ability to register and play for any local Little League program they choose, without respect to any geography- or school-related eligibility requirements . Those players who register under this option will also be fully eligible to participate in all aspects of league play, including International Tournament play, for the duration of their Little League careers provided they have continuous and unbroken participation from the time they are League Age seven within the specific league where initially registered and provided all other participation eligibility requirements have been met.
 - a. Was not mentioned at Nov 1 President's meeting
 - b. Allows for our current 6 year olds to change leagues next year.
 - c. No further details yet supplied from the District. January President's meeting will cover.
 - d. 50/70 and Junior/Senior on Horizon for 2025 in D12
 - e. Small committee to discuss
 - Two-year registration @ discount?
 - Should Tee Ball still be free
 - How do we position ourselves? LTJBSA combined has a lot of assets to offer a family.
2. Ewing Volunteer Issue
 - a. We are not involved, did not know until 10 minutes before the news broke.
 - b. Published statement to good response by parents:
 - c. We were shocked to learn today of the investigation into a former volunteer at Ewing Little League (EWLL). The trust of volunteers is an integral part of any youth sports organization, and so we stand with Ewing as they investigate this alleged crime.
We want our families to know that Lawrence Little League was not, and is not, part of this investigation, and had no knowledge of its existence prior to today. While we did absorb the former EWLL territory earlier this month, the sealed investigation by the Ewing Twp Police Department began months prior to the discussions about the boundary expansion and is being handled by members of the former EWLL Board.

Lawrence Little League and the LTJBSA are committed to transparency in all operational practices, through our monthly public meetings and the highly trackable, cashless payment system we implemented two years ago. We continually review and improve our processes and procedures so that we may build and retain the trust of the many families that participate in our programs annually.

1. Enrollment (12/11):

Division Name	Division Enrollments
	227
Tee Ball (Coed)	80
League Age 6 (Softball)	4
League Age 7 (Softball)	8
League Age 8 (Softball)	5
League Age 9 (Softball)	2
League Age 10 (Softball)	8
League Age 11 (Softball)	5
League Age 12 (Softball)	5
Total	37
League Age 6 (Baseball)	7
League Age 7 (Baseball)	24
League Age 8 (Baseball)	20
League Age 9 (Baseball)	24
League Age 10 (Softball)	8
League Age 11 (Baseball)	12
League Age 12 (Baseball)	9
Total	104

- a. 49 Ewing Families!
- b. Outreach to Lawrence/Ewing PTO organizations in November (thanks Ilsa)
- c. Ran in Latest in Lawrence newsletter.
- d. Lawrence Gazette / centraljersey.com ran and we are on calendar.
- e. Facebook Instagram promotions will continue!

2. Volunteers

- a. Zoom Meeting on 12/8 (Lisa)
 - Signup Genius on Homepage - please volunteer!
 - b. 49 Total on field helpers to date
 - 9 Head Coaches - 3 softball, 6 baseball
 - 24 Assistant Coaches - 5 softball, 19 baseball
 - 8 Tee Ball
 - (Scorekeepers/Parent Team Helpers
 - c. Need more managers!
 3. Umpires (George)
 - a. Umpire meeting, D12 notified that we will be scheduling Cadets
 - b. 13 cadets signed up already including 1 returning.
 - c. George L beginning training on Stack Officials
 4. Winter Clinics
 - a. 2 clinics in November, 2 more in December
 - b. MLK, President's Day, February on horizon
 5. Improvements
 - a. Clean up Day - November 11 - Thank you to everyone who turned out. We were able to winterize the fields in about 2 hours as well as clean up the back shed.
- Indoor Facility: Pitching machine, new practice balls, new buckets, and thanks Sean W - new LED lights installed.

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

Softball:

Jake gave the softball report

- 1) Registration is now open for softball. Ewing softball is now able to come and register in Lawrence for the Spring season.
- 2) Some excitement is building for the Spring Season!

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

Travel:

Ken Dobkin gave the Travel Report

Nothing new to report

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

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

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

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Closing:

The next meeting will be held January 10, 2024, at Slackwood Firehouse.

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