

LTJBSA MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 13, 2023 | **Time:** 7:30 PM | **Location:** LTJBSA Indoor Facility & Batting Cages

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

I. Call to Order

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

Motion To Amend June 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes to reflect Lisa Cox and Tom DeFillipo in Attendance - Andrea Alfieri; Seconded; - Approved unanimously.

Motion To Approve Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2023, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

II. Department Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Dave Shockey presented the financial report, noting that all organizational accounts remain in strong standing, summer tournament hosting and instructional clinic enrollments yielded strong proceeds, and surplus funds were transferred from the concession stand account into the general treasury.
- **Little League:** Paul Alfieri reported that fall instructional player development clinics are underway under the direction of Ken Dobkin and volunteer coaches. Following the cessation of operations by Ewing Little League, eligible players are transitioning to Lawrence Little League pending formal approval from Little League International; a liaison position will be added to the Lawrence Little League Board for scheduling at Moody Park, while Fasolino Field will be deeded to Ewing Township. Spring 2024 registration opens October 11 following early enrollment in June, with a hard close set for February 4. An informational welcome meeting and volunteer interest session is planned for early December. Volunteer assistance was requested for 2024 sponsorships, Cadet Umpire scheduling, communications, and Snack Shack operations. The board approved exploring facility enhancements, including custom batter's eyes, an indoor Wall of Honor and championship plaque, and a Hack Attack pitching machine.
- **Softball:** Jake Zalaznick reported that summer clinics featured weekly coached pitching and sandlot sessions with strong attendance. Early registration is active for the spring season, and Ewing softball players are eligible to enroll directly in Lawrence. Gratitude was extended to high school student volunteers Danielle, Paige, Ria, Peyton, and Camille for assisting younger players during summer clinics.
- **Babe Ruth League:** Carly Vichroski reported that the fall season opened with strong player turnout and an opening-night victory, with games scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday evenings against West Windsor, Hopewell/Ewing, Hamilton Northern Burlington, and Nottingham.
- **Competitive Travel:** Dave Shockey reported that the 8U team is active in a fall league, 9U is playing scrimmages and tournaments, 10U is transitioning to 50/70 diamond base-running rules, 12U is competing in league play, and two 13U rosters have formed, with Ewing players integrating across rosters.

- **Snack Shack:** Concession operations concluded a profitable spring and summer season driven by strong tournament traffic across Babe Ruth, 8U, and 10U events, supported by extensive volunteer coverage.

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

- **Concession Ice Machine Divestment (Introduced by General Board):** The board discussed plans to dispose of the existing ice machine, exploring sale opportunities to local youth football or lacrosse organizations.
- **American Legion Season Recognition (Introduced by Paul Vichroski):** Commendation was extended to Jason Zegarski and Ryan Willever for the American Legion season, recognizing Ryan Willever as Player of the Year.
- **Equipment Swap Day Leadership (Introduced by Aaron Bogad):** Aaron Bogad volunteered to lead and coordinate the upcoming seasonal Equipment Swap Day.
- **Bylaws Amendment – Wall of Fame & Lifetime Membership Revision (Introduced by Paul Alfieri):** The Trustees formally voted to remove the “Wall of Fame” and “Lifetime Membership” clauses from the bylaws, replacing them with a new designation tentatively titled “Triple Crown Honorees” to recognize service, volunteerism, and community dedication among all volunteers. This honor will be determined by Trustee vote and will be open to any volunteer at any time, but will no longer carry lifetime voting rights, establishing that active meeting attendance is required for meaningful governance participation.
- **Municipal Field Usage Fee Settlement (Introduced by General Board):** Following a procedural motion to reopen the meeting, the board reviewed and approved the payment of the seasonal municipal field usage fee invoice from Lawrence Township.

Motion To Remove Wall of Fame and Lifetime Membership Clauses from Bylaws and Establish Triple Crown Honorees Designation - Paul Alfieri; Seconded - John Brogle; - Approved (Trustees 7-0).

Motion To Approve Payment of Municipal Field Usage Fee Invoice, Seconded, Approved.

IV. Adjournment

- The next regular meeting will be held on October 11, 2023.
- Meeting adjourned at the conclusion of business.

Motion To Adjourn, Seconded, Approved unanimously.