

LTJBSA MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 11, 2023 | **Time:** 7:30 PM | **Location:** LTJBSA Indoor Facility & Batting Cages

Present Attendees: Andrea Alfieri, Paul Alfieri, John Brogle, Lisa Cox, Tom DeFillipo, Phil Dember, Ken Dobkin, Fred Ewig, Matt Heady, George Lutz, Gene Maguire, Ken Mitchell, Nicole Mottola, Mike Russo, Dave Shockey, Rory Sullivan, Paul Vichroski, Sean Willever, Jake Zalaznick, Jason Zegarski, Zig Zegarski

I. Call to Order

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

Motion To Amend September 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes to include Jason Zegarski in Attendance, Seconded, Approved.

Motion To Approve Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2023, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

II. Department Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Dave Shockey presented the financial report, noting a quiet month with all routine municipal obligations settled, including the payment of seasonal field usage fees to Lawrence Township.
- **Little League:** Paul Alfieri reported that fall instructional clinics led by Ken Dobkin are actively running, with winter clinics being organized for January and February. Spring 2024 registration opened with strong opening-day enrollments across Baseball, Softball, and Tee Ball. The league is coordinating with Lawrence Township regarding the conversion and timeline for 50/70 diamond configurations ahead of upcoming Little League mandate horizons. The merger with Ewing is finalized, enabling Ewing residents to register directly under Lawrence Little League. Volunteer assistance is actively needed for 2024 sponsorships, Cadet Umpire scheduling, communications and social media, and Snack Shack coordination.
- **Softball:** Jake Zalaznick reported that spring registration is open across divisions, welcoming Ewing players directly into Lawrence softball programs with growing seasonal enthusiasm.
- **Senior League:** Paul Vichroski reported that the Babe Ruth fall season is underway with 17 registered players, standing at 6-1 in competitive play with strong player engagement.
- **Competitive Travel:** Matt Heady reported on fall travel progress, including the 8U team concluding league play, the rising 9U squad advancing to playoffs at the Fall Brawl tournament ahead of an upcoming tournament in Mount Laurel, 10U transitioning to 50/70 diamonds, 12U competing in fall league action, and 13U completing scrimmages despite weather cancellations. Ewing players are actively beginning integration across travel rosters.

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

- **Parent Work Bond Policy Discussion (Introduced by General Board):** The board discussed reinstating a mandatory parent volunteer work bond policy for the 2024 season to address critical volunteer shortages, evaluating structure and scale while considering program adjustments until volunteer participation increases.
- **2024 Board Leadership Nominations (Introduced by General Board):** The slate of board nominees for the 2024 season was presented:
 - **Little League Board Nominees:** Treasurer: Dave Shockey; Safety Officer: Ken Mitchell; Secretary: Nicole Mottola; VP of Softball: Jake Zalaznick; Player Agent: Andrea Alfieri; Volunteer Coordinator: Lisa Cox; Baseball Operations Coordinator: Mike Russo; Umpire Coordinator: George Lutz; Members at Large: Ken Dobkin, Sean Willever. Paul Alfieri announced plans to step down as Little League President at the conclusion of the 2024 season.
 - **LTJBSA Executive & Trustee Nominees:** Travel President: Ken Dobkin (unopposed); Babe Ruth President: Carly Vichroski (unopposed); Trustees: Andrea Alfieri, Matt Heady, Gene Maguire, Sean Willever, Zig Zegarski.

IV. Adjournment

- The next regular meeting will be held on November 8, 2023 at Slackwood Firehouse.
- Meeting adjourned at the conclusion of business.

Motion To Adjourn, Seconded, Approved unanimously.