

LTJBSA MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 8, 2023 | **Time:** 7:30 PM | **Location:** LTJBSA Indoor Facility & Batting Cages

Present Attendees: Andrea Alfieri, Paul Alfieri, John Brogle, Brian Ciuffreda, Lisa Cox, Tom DeFillipo, Ken Dobkin, George Lutz, Gene Maguire, Ken Mitchell, Nicole Mottola, Mike Russo, 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 Approve Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

II. Department Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Dave Shockey presented the financial report, noting steady early collections as registration moved past the initial early-discount window into standard rates. Operating funds were allocated toward purchasing new baseballs for indoor batting cage practice and pitching machine use, alongside upcoming LED lighting upgrades to be installed by Sean Willever in the indoor facility.
- **Little League:** Paul Alfieri reported that overall league enrollment has doubled compared to two years ago. Summer hosting brought strong organizational and financial returns across two tournaments. Association leadership will meet with municipal officials regarding 50/70 diamond field conversions. The Cadet Umpire program launched in coordination with District 12 training courses. The absorption of Ewing Little League territory is projected to drive substantial participation across baseball and softball, including providing access to 50/70 field dimensions at Moody Park. Amendments to the local Little League Constitution and bylaws were distributed to integrate Ewing, Hopewell Township, and potential softball territorial additions in alignment with District 12 triennial review guidelines.
- **Softball:** Jake Zalaznick reported that registration is officially open across divisions, welcoming Ewing players directly into Lawrence softball programs for the spring season.
- **Senior League:** Carly Vichroski reported on a successful Babe Ruth fall season culminating in a championship title, with positive family feedback. Administrative review continues with regional officials regarding a potential Babe Ruth inter-town merger.
- **Competitive Travel:** Ken Dobkin reported strong fall development across divisions, including the 8U team completing their inaugural league schedule, the rising 9U squad competing in Mount Laurel, 10U transitioning to 50/70 diamonds, 12U integrating Lawrence and Ewing players during fall scrimmages, and two 13U rosters comprising 22 players completing their transition to 60/90 field dimensions.

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

- **2024 Board Leadership Elections & Trustee Nominations (Introduced by General Board):**

The board confirmed the approved officer slate and trustee nominations for the 2024 season:

- **Little League Board:** President: Paul Alfieri; Treasurer: Dave Shockey; Safety Officer: Ken Mitchell; Secretary: Nicole Mottola; VP of Softball: Jake Zalaznick; Player Agent: Andrea Alfieri; Volunteer Coordinator: Lisa Cox; Ewing Twp Coordinator: Jim Gummel; Baseball Operations Coordinator: Mike Russo; Umpire Coordinator: George Lutz; Members at Large: Ken Dobkin, Sean Willever.
- **LTJBSA Executive & Trustee Nominations:** Travel President: Ken Dobkin; Babe Ruth President: Carly Vichroski; Trustees / Advisors: Andrea Alfieri, Matt Heady, Gene Maguire, Sean Willever, Zig Zegarski.

- **Volunteer Opportunities (Introduced by General Board):** An open invitation was extended to league families to step forward and fill open coordinator and committee support roles for the 2024 season.

IV. Adjournment

- The next regular meeting will be held on December 13, 2023 at Slackwood Firehouse.
- Meeting adjourned at the conclusion of business.

Motion To Adjourn, Seconded, Approved unanimously.