

LTJBSA MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 14, 2024 | **Time:** 7:30 PM | **Location:** LTJBSA Indoor Facility & Batting Cages

Present Attendees: Meeting cancelled in-person; written and divisional reports submitted electronically.

I. Call to Order

- The in-person meeting was cancelled; departmental updates and coordinator reports were distributed electronically for review, with formal approval of prior meeting minutes deferred to the March meeting.

II. Department Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Dave Shockey submitted a written financial report noting strong seasonal cash collections across Little League and Babe Ruth registrations, alongside robust team sponsorship commitments. The program secured eleven new team sponsors for the 2024 season, including dedicated dugout and wall-ball sponsors, with ongoing outreach focused on outfield banner sales and special events.
- **Little League:** Paul Alfieri reported that registration closed with total participation reaching a 20-year high across Tee Ball, Baseball, and Softball, driven primarily by strong internal growth within Lawrence Township alongside families joining from Ewing and Hopewell. Due to expanded player numbers, Assessment Day is relocated to the Lawrence High School turf field on March 10. Through a partnership with the Ewing Recreation Department, LTJBSA will offer an Intermediate 50/70 baseball division with two teams competing in a 12-game schedule across District 12. Preseason clinics include "Spring Training @ Centercourt" in collaboration with local coaching staff. District 12 clarified new boundary regulations allowing players ages 4–7 a one-time trial in an outside league while retaining return rights to their home league. Heritage memorabilia celebrating past championship teams was installed in the indoor facility conference room. An update was provided on resolving state sales tax exemption records to update the organizational name to LTJBSA on the NJ ST-5 certificate.
- **Softball:** Registration reached a record 74 players (up 30% from 2023), allowing the league to field two teams in each division (Rookies/Coach-Pitch, Minors, and Majors) and host expanded in-house gameplay. Winter catching and hitting clinics are in development, alongside pitching instruction in partnership with Grind, Train, Perform (GTP). Summer camp logistics are being coordinated with municipal departments for August.
- **Senior League:** Carly Vichroski reported that Babe Ruth Headquarters officially approved the cooperative merger with Ewing and Hopewell. Registration opened in late January with enrollment on track to meet preseason targets ahead of the March deadline.
- **Snack Shack:** Andrea Alfieri reported that vendor pricing and ordering procedures have been finalized for the upcoming season. Facility improvements include the installation of a new commercial beverage refrigerator, with a new ice machine and additional equipment scheduled for setup. Routine cleanings, fire inspections, and health permits are being coordinated with vendors and municipal officials, with concession operations scheduled to open for the municipal Easter Egg Hunt.

- **Player Development:** Cadet Umpire Coordinator George Lutz initiated onboarding for youth umpires and scheduled administrative training with Stack Sports to establish scheduling preferences ahead of regular season game assignments.

Motion To Accept Little League Report, Approved unanimously.

III. New Business

- No formal new business motions were introduced due to the cancellation of the in-person meeting.

IV. Adjournment

- The next regular meeting will be held on March 13, 2024 at Slackwood Firehouse.
- Electronic reporting cycle concluded.