

LTJBSA MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 10, 2024 | **Time:** 7:30 PM | **Location:** LTJBSA Indoor Facility & Batting Cages

Present Attendees: Andrea Alfieri, Paul Alfieri, John Brogle, Lisa Cox, Tom DeFillipo, Ken Dobkin, George Lutz, Gene Maguire, Nicole Mottola, Danielle Nevius, Mike Russo, Rory Sullivan, Carly Vichroski, Paul Vichroski, Stewart Way, Sean Willever, Ebony Witherspoon, 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 Approve Meeting Minutes of February & March 2024, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

II. Department Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Paul Vichroski presented the financial report, noting that the association remains in good financial standing while processing seasonal disbursements for uniforms, player hats, and spring operating supplies, with upcoming Snack Shack concession operations expected to offset expenditures.
- **Little League:** Andrea Alfieri reported that the spring regular season is underway, utilizing the indoor facility to offset early-season weather disruptions. Roster adjustments were completed during initial practices to ensure proper division leveling. Gratitude was extended to the volunteers who assisted with uniform distribution and field setup, as well as the Sheleheda family for coordinating Swap Day. The Opening Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday on Colavita Field, featuring donated pancakes from PJ's Pancake House, ceremonial first pitches thrown jointly by the Mayors of Lawrence and Ewing, attendance from municipal officials, and a full slate of games coordinated by Alli Cento. Cadet umpire scheduling for April and May is fully covered via Google Sheets management under George Lutz. Board leaders will meet to align Tournament Team communications and tryout schedules to clarify Little League age versus travel cutoff rules. Infield lip maintenance at Hughes Field was flagged as an active player safety priority.
- **Softball:** Regular season competition commenced across divisions. Little League Softball (Majors) includes Lawrence, Bordentown, Robbinsville, Florence, and West End, alongside cooperative combined-division arrangements with neighboring leagues and developmental support pledged to East Windsor. New pitching rules allowing leaping motions without replanting the pivot foot were reviewed. Program growth has created operational challenges, including practice scheduling constraints on the single lighted field at Colavita Field, road game travel requirements, and the persistent need for additional coaches and parent volunteers.
- **Senior League:** Carly Vichroski reported that the Babe Ruth spring season is fielding four balanced teams following a formal draft, with 55 registered players and full coaching coverage. Practices are underway with regular season games starting April 16 and uniform delivery scheduled this week. Updates regarding the 2024 All-Star tournament schedule remain pending from the district commissioner.
- **Competitive Travel:** Ken Dobkin reported strong opening weekend performances across all

travel age groups, highlighted by the 8U team securing their first victory and 10 current players from the 13U Thunder roster earning selection to their middle school team.

- **Snack Shack:** Opening week operations experienced strong customer volume. Facility enhancements include a new digital menu display, new ice machine, commercial freezer, interior LED lighting, ticket organization shelving, and two new signature sandwiches introduced to commemorate the interleague partnership with Ewing.

Motion To Accept Treasurer's Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

Motion To Accept Babe Ruth Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

Motion To Accept Baseball Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

Motion To Accept Softball Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

Motion To Accept Travel Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

III. New Business

- **Township Administration Leadership Meeting (Introduced by General Board):** Association executive officers are scheduled to meet with municipal leadership, including Township Manager Kevin Nerwinski, to strengthen departmental coordination and inter-agency relations.

IV. Adjournment

- The next regular meeting will be held on May 8, 2024 at the Lawrence Batting Cages.
- Meeting adjourned at the conclusion of business.

Motion To Adjourn, Seconded, Approved unanimously.