



MINUTES OF October 9, 2025, LTJBSA GENERAL MEETING

In Attendance: In person: Andrea Alfieri, Paul Alfieri, Nicole Mottola, Gene Maguire, John Brogle, Jake Zalaznick, Dave Shockey, Fred Ewig, Paul Vichroski

Virtual: Matt Heady, Jennifer Shockey, Brittney Island, Carly Vichroski, Ken Dobkin

Review of Minutes: Meeting called to order by LTJBSA President, Paul Vichroski. A motion was made to accept the September 2025 meeting minutes.

*A motion was made to open the meeting minutes of September 2025 – unanimously approved

Treasurer's Report:

Dave S. gave the Treasurer's Report.

- The league is in a healthy financial position.
- The primary financial activity this month came from fall clinics and camps. Revenue from Little League registrations is expected to begin soon.
- The league has successfully applied for non-profit status with its payment processor, reducing credit card transaction fees to 1.9%.
- New payment capabilities through Venmo and PayPal have been established, primarily for league expenses and select payments, to reduce costs. Venmo will not be used at the Snack Shack

*A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report – unanimously approved.

Babe Ruth:

Paul V. gave the Babe Ruth Report.

- Babe Ruth International is facing a severe decline in player registration numbers across the entire district, not just in Lawrence.
- The viability of the traditional spring recreational league is in serious doubt for 2026. A final determination will be made around December.
- Fall Ball was canceled this year due to a lack of participating teams from other towns.
- A discussion was had to transition the Babe Ruth program to a travel-only format to ensure a more competitive and sustainable model. This would cater to the more committed players and address the wide skill disparities and safety concerns seen in the recreational league.

*A motion was made to accept the Babe Ruth Report – unanimously approved.

Little League

Baseball:

Paul A. gave the report.

- **Registration:** Registration for the 2026 season opens on October 9, 2025. A cap has been set at 96 T-ball players for the initial registration period.
- **Clinics:** The league is running five fall clinics: four at Central Park led by Ken Dobkin and one at Center Court.
- **Off-Season Projects:** A list of winter projects was presented, including purchasing new practice balls, repairing the batting cages, fixing the Hughes clubhouse floor, and cleaning the storage shed.
- **Fall Cleanup:** A fall cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, November 1st. Travel coaches are expected to attend and help close the fields for the season.
- **Call for Volunteers:** A significant portion of the report focused on the urgent need for new volunteers.
 - Paul Alfieri confirmed this will be his final year in the role but will remain active in the LTJBSA.
 - Many long-time board members and volunteers have children aging out of the program, creating a leadership vacuum.
 - It was stressed that if new volunteers do not step up, services like the Snack Shack and certain events may be reduced in the future.

*A motion was made to accept the Baseball Report – unanimously approved.

Softball:

Jake gave the report.

- The 10U team is developing strong team chemistry.
- An 8U team is also in place for the fall season.
- A 12U team has started, with a parent with college pitching experience leading.
- The softball division is actively working to identify and recruit new parents to help coach and volunteer.

*A motion was made to accept the softball Report – unanimously approved

Travel:

No formal report was given

*A motion was made to accept the Travel Report – unanimously approved

New Business

Nominations

The following nominations were put forth for the 2026 season. A formal vote will occur at the next meeting.

- **Little League Board:**
 - **Co-Presidents:** Paul Alfieri and Dave Shockey
 - **Player Agent:** Andrea
 - **VP Softball:** Jake Z.
 - **Secretary:** Nicole M.
- **LTJBSA Board:**
 - **Babe Ruth President:** Carly
 - **Travel President:** Ken Dobkin
 - **Trustee at Large:** Andrea Alfieri, Matt Heady, Gene McGuire, Sean Willever

Closing:

The next meeting will be held November 12, 2025, at Slackwood Firehouse

***A motion was made to adjourn the meeting - unanimously approved.