

LTJBSA MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 13, 2025 | **Time:** 7:30 PM | **Location:** Slackwood Firehouse

Present Attendees: Andrea Alfieri, Paul Alfieri, John Brogle, Lisa Cox, Kristen Dobkin, Matt Heady, Sarah Holcombe, Nicole Mottola, Dan Perrone, Mike Russo, Dave Shockey, Rory Sullivan, Carly Vichroski, Paul Vichroski, Jake Zalaznick

I. Call to Order

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

Motion To Approve Meeting Minutes of January 2025, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

II. Department Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Dave Shockey reported that while sponsorship intake is currently pacing light, additional sponsor commitments are expected. Initial inventory purchases for the Snack Shack have commenced alongside ongoing park and facility enhancements.
- **Little League:** Paul Alfieri reported strong overall registration totaling 445 participants with a 60% retention rate. Tee Ball reached 144 registered players across 12 teams, with a waitlist maintained pending parent email responses. The program will field 20 baseball teams and 8 softball teams, including two 50/70 teams, six Rookie baseball teams, and three Rookie softball teams. Post-season tournament play will likely focus on the 50/70 division rather than fielding a traditional 12-year-old All-Star squad. Six team name sponsors are actively needed. Volunteer registration reached 100 participants, with background check initiation emails scheduled for distribution. A volunteer kickoff meeting is scheduled for March 2 to review updated equipment sign-out protocols and Little League rule changes (one-way electronic catcher communication, coach pre-game equipment inspections, permitted jewelry and helmet decals, approved neoprene sleeves, and noisemaker bans at tournaments). Preseason facility preparations include golf cart upgrades, plaque installations, base replacements by Denny Cox and the grounds crew during Cleanup Day, and tournament date coordination with the Township (10s District tournament, Swing into Summer Softball on June 8, and the Lawrence Invitational in July). Eggert Aquatics offered to host a preseason uniform pickup event for Tee Ball families.
- **Softball:** Registration reached 77 total players—the highest mark since 2017—positioning the program to field teams across multiple competitive divisions.
- **Senior League:** Carly Vichroski reported Babe Ruth enrollment at 20 players, with projections targeting 30 to 40 players following outreach to Ewing and Hopewell. The division will participate in the 13/14 All-Star tournament, and volunteer coaching recruitment remains critical following the passing of the district commissioner.
- **Competitive Travel:** Matt Heady and Dave Shockey reported that the 9U and 12U teams will open their season and tournament schedule on March 28, with all travel squads continuing indoor workouts at Centercourt Lawrence.
- **Snack Shack:** Preseason facility improvements are progressing, including the installation of additional storage shelving ahead of the planned season opening for the municipal Easter Egg Hunt.

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

Motion To Accept Baseball Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

Motion To Accept Softball Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

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

Motion To Accept Travel Report, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

III. New Business

- **Spring 2025 Calendar & Key Dates (Introduced by General Board):** Key operational dates were confirmed, including Equipment Swap and Assessment Day on March 23, Spring Cleanup on March 29, Season Opener on April 21, the Opening Day Parade on April 26, the Lawrence High School vs. Hamilton West softball showcase on Colavita Field on April 29, the Annual Golf Outing on May 5, Photo Day on May 12, and Trenton Thunder Night on June 18.
- **Summer Tournament Hosting (Introduced by General Board):** The board approved summer tournament hosting plans, including an 8U round-robin softball tournament on June 8 and a round-robin travel baseball tournament in July.
- **Tee Ball Uniform Distribution Event (Introduced by General Board):** Coordination is underway with Eggert Aquatics to host a dedicated preseason uniform pickup event for Tee Ball participants.

IV. Adjournment

- The next regular meeting will be held on March 12, 2025 at Slackwood Firehouse.
- Meeting adjourned at the conclusion of business.

Motion To Adjourn, Seconded, Approved unanimously.