

LTJBSA MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 12, 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, Rory Sullivan, Carly Vichroski, Paul Vichroski, Jake Zalaznick

I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by LTJBSA President, Paul Vichroski.

Motion To Postpone Approval of February 2025 Meeting Minutes due to technical issues, Seconded, Approved unanimously.

II. Department Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Paul Alfieri reported that while seasonal player registration funds have been collected, operational expenditures for player uniforms, equipment, general liability insurance, and Little League charter fees are actively being disbursed. Account balances across general operating, concession, and travel funds are projected to contract normally over the next month to cover standard preseason startup costs. All 26 team sponsorships have been successfully finalized following outreach by Lisa Cox and board members. Current fundraising focus shifts to selling outfield banner placements and sponsorships for the May golf outing. Potential uniform cost fluctuations stemming from proposed tariffs are being monitored for their potential impact on All-Star apparel orders.
- **Little League:** Paul Alfieri reported overall league registration at 461 participants, showing a healthy 55% retention rate in Tee Ball alongside steady enrollment across divisions. Three players received direct league scholarships due to hardship circumstances, with an additional 17 players supported through the T-Mobile Little League Call Up Grant program. That Shop is sponsoring six teams, with initial sponsorship contributions directly offsetting baseball and softball supply costs. Uniform orders are finalized and slated for delivery ahead of Opening Day. Tryouts for the two 50/70 division teams are complete, with Ewing fields projected for readiness by March 23. Player Assessment Day is scheduled for March 23 followed immediately by team drafts, and the league will field five 46/60 Majors teams. Preseason indoor training sessions were held at Centercourt Lawrence.
- **Softball:** Jake Zalaznick reported that the program will host a varsity showcase game under the lights on Tuesday, April 29 on Colavita Field featuring Lawrence High School against Hamilton West. All Little League softball games and practices are suspended for that evening to ensure league families can attend and support alumni athletes.
- **Senior League:** Carly Vichroski reported Babe Ruth registration at 27 players, with additional sign-ups anticipated following middle school tryouts. Two teams are planned under the coaching leadership of AJ and Paul. A formal co-op charter agreement was finalized with West Windsor, and divisional charter fees and insurance coverage have been settled in full.
- **Competitive Travel:** Paul Alfieri reported that travel baseball rosters conducted regular winter workouts at Centercourt Lawrence and are registered for spring competitive leagues, excluding

older brackets competing on school rosters. The developmental travel softball program continues to expand, with younger age groups competing as tournament squads. Hitting instruction is being provided to travel teams by Rider University Head Coach Lee Lipinski.

Motion To Accept Treasurer's 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

- **Snack Shack Preseason Operations & Setup (Introduced by General Board):** Concession operations will open for the Tee Ball kickoff on April 5 and the municipal Easter Egg Hunt on April 12, achieving full daily operations by April 21. Rita and Joe are returning to assist with management. Facility preparations—including required municipal health inspections, commercial hood cleanings, window screen installations, and the scheduled fire inspection—are underway, with general pricing remaining consistent with the prior season.
- **Equipment Swap Day & Spring Cleanup (Introduced by General Board):** Equipment Swap collection will occur during Assessment Day on March 23, followed by staging on March 28 and the swap event alongside Field Setup Day on March 29.
- **Facility Enhancements & Protection (Introduced by General Board):** Historical championship wall plaques dating back to 1952 have been mounted in the indoor facility, with protective plexiglass scheduled for installation to prevent ball impact damage.
- **Cadet Umpire Coordination (Introduced by General Board):** Volunteer assistance is urgently needed to manage weekly cadet umpire scheduling assignments.

IV. Adjournment

- The next regular meeting will be held on April 16, 2025 at the Little League facility.
- Meeting adjourned at the conclusion of business.

Motion To Adjourn, Seconded, Approved unanimously.