

LTJBSA MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 9, 2025 | **Time:** 7:30 PM | **Location:** Slackwood Firehouse

Present Attendees: Andrea Alfieri, Paul Alfieri, John Brogle, Ken Dobkin, Fred Ewig, Matt Heady, Brittney Idland, Gene Maguire, Nicole Mottola, Dave Shockey, Jennifer Shockey, Carly Vichroski, Paul Vichroski, Jake Zalaznick

I. Call to Order

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

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

II. Department Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Dave Shockey reported that the league maintains a healthy financial position, with recent activity driven primarily by fall instructional camps and clinics as registration collections for the upcoming season approach. The organization secured approved non-profit processing rates, lowering payment transaction fees. Expanded payment methods via Venmo and PayPal have been established to streamline select organizational expenses and administrative payments, with Venmo remaining excluded from Snack Shack operations.
- **Little League:** Paul Alfieri announced that registration for the 2026 season officially opens on October 9, 2025, featuring an initial enrollment cap of 96 players across eight teams for Tee Ball. Fall instructional programming includes four outdoor clinics at Lawrence Central Park led by Ken Dobkin and an indoor session hosted at Centercourt Lawrence. Off-season winter maintenance projects include restocking practice baseballs, repairing batting cages, resurfacing the Hughes clubhouse floor, and cleaning out the equipment storage shed. Fall Cleanup Day is set for Saturday, November 1, with travel program coaches expected to participate in winterizing the fields. An urgent call for volunteer recruitment was emphasized as several long-tenured board members have players aging out of the program; Paul Alfieri confirmed that 2026 will be his final term as Little League President while remaining active within LTJBSA, noting that broader volunteer engagement is essential to sustain league operations and full Snack Shack services.
- **Softball:** Jake Zalaznick reported that the 10U squad is building strong team chemistry, an 8U team is active for the fall schedule, and a 12U team has commenced workouts under the leadership of a parent coach with collegiate pitching experience. The division is actively engaging and recruiting new parents for volunteer and coaching positions.
- **Senior League:** Paul Vichroski reported on divisional trends within Babe Ruth International, noting widespread enrollment declines across District 12. Fall play was canceled due to a lack of participating opponent leagues, placing the viability of the traditional 2026 recreational spring season in doubt pending a final evaluation in December. The board discussed transitioning Babe Ruth exclusively to a competitive travel framework to ensure sustainability and address skill disparities.

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.

III. New Business

- **2026 Board Leadership Nominations (Introduced by General Board):** The slate of board nominees for the 2026 season was presented ahead of a formal vote at the November general meeting:
 - **Little League Board Nominees:** Co-Presidents: Paul Alfieri and Dave Shockey; Player Agent: Andrea Alfieri; VP of Softball: Jake Zalaznick; Secretary: Nicole Mottola.
 - **LTJBSA Executive & Trustee Nominees:** Babe Ruth President: Carly Vichroski; Travel President: Ken Dobkin; Trustees at Large: Andrea Alfieri, Matt Heady, Gene Maguire, Sean Willever.

IV. Adjournment

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

Motion To Adjourn, Seconded, Approved unanimously.