



LTJBSA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 13, 2024

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Lawrence Township

Attendees

- Paul Alfieri
- Andrea Alfieri
- John Brogle
- Rory Sullivan
- Kristin Michaelson
- Christine Savela
- Lisa Cox
- Tom DeFillipo
- Zig Zegarski
- Randy Potter
- Nicole Burke

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Paul Alfieri.

Financial Report

Paul Alfieri provided the financial update, reporting that despite higher expenses, the association is in a positive position. The recent golf outing was successful with 92 golfers participating, all holes sponsored, and a significant amount of raffle prizes.

Higher expenses this month due to uniform costs and umpire fees. Paul also noted an increase in insurance costs. It was clarified that insurance coverage is limited to those on the field, including coaches and players.

Old Business

Enrollment and Registration

Paul Alfieri noted that overall enrollment is at 513 participants, which is considered a strong start. Senior League is now part of our programs. All-Star registration was opened by Dave on Sunday.

Travel Report: Diamond Nation Tournament

Lisa Cox provided a report on the Thunder 11u's first tournament at Diamond Nation. The team finished with a record of two wins, one tie, and one loss. The tournament director expressed surprise at the team's competitiveness and numbers, given that the team is from a local "town" program. Additionally, the Storm 8u/10u Tournament will be at Central Park on June 7th.

Field Safety and Parent Interaction

The board discussed a new rationale for safety: parents are being asked not to talk to players during the game. The goal is to ensure players are focused on coaching and game situations to avoid potential injury or distraction. Paul noted some resistance to this rule but emphasized its importance for player safety.

Scheduling and End of Season

The schedule for the remainder of the season was reviewed. The current schedule has extra regular-season games which will be converted to playoff games, to keep the schedule on track to finish by June 13. Specific tournament dates were noted for June 7th and July 18-19.

New Business

District and Sectional Hosting

The board discussed that the association will be hosting both the **Section 3** and **District 11** tournaments simultaneously. This will require a significant mobilization of volunteers to manage both events effectively.

Maidenhead Classic 1864 Baseball Game

A special mention was made regarding the Maidenhead Classic 1864 Baseball game taking place at Colavita Field this Friday night (5/15). This event is co-sponsored by the Lawrence Historical Society. The Snack Shack will be featuring historically accurate 1864 park fare, including sliced roast beef sandwiches and pickles.

Governance and Board Transition

Paul Alfieri detailed the upcoming transition of the board. Per the association's 1963 LLC bylaws, the outgoing president appoints the next board, which then elects the new president. Paul noted that current leadership roles for the LL Treasurer and LL President role are settled, but the LTJBSA is looking for new volunteers to step up into other roles (Softball lead) as several members' terms conclude.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.