

LTJBSA MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 11, 2026 | **Time:** 7:30 PM | **Location:** Lawrence Township / Virtual

Present Attendees: Andrea Alfieri, Paul Alfieri, John Brogle, Lisa Cox, Tom DeFillipo, Ken Dobkin, Sarah Holcombe, Gene Maguire, Nicholas Marian, Kristin Michaelson, Jonathan Nemzer, Dan Perrone, Scott Ryan, Christine Savela, Dave Schwartz, Chris Spina, Steve Stromenger, Rory Sullivan, Carly Vichroski, Paul Vichroski, Sean Willever, Jake Zalaznick, Jason Zegarski, Zig Zegarski

I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order.

Motion To Approve Meeting Minutes from January 2026, Seconded, Approved.

II. Department Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Carly Vichroski was introduced as the new Treasurer. The association maintains a strong financial standing to proceed with planned field renovations. Initial deposits for field remediation and upcoming seasonal expenditures for apparel, including hats and socks, were reviewed. Sponsorship recruitment remains a primary operational focus, as team sponsorship commitments are pacing below target numbers.
- **Little League:** Registration numbers are trending upward ahead of the approaching deadline on February 15 to establish player assignments for Assessment Day. Assessment Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 21 at Centercourt Lawrence. The board reviewed rising operational costs per participant alongside increases in umpire fees. An organizational technology platform migration from Sports Connect to PlayMetrics is underway, with discussion focusing on historical data transfer and managing timelines to avoid disruption to early-bird registration cycles.
- **Senior League:** Babe Ruth enrollment is currently pacing below target levels, with additional late registrations anticipated. The division faces a critical shortage of head coaches, and active recruitment for volunteer team managers is ongoing. District coordination is underway regarding potential adjustments to liability certification procedures. The board confirmed that the Babe Ruth charter will be maintained to ensure divisional continuity.
- **Competitive Travel:** For softball, combined training sessions are progressing effectively, and the 10U tournament calendar is nearing final confirmation. Baseball teams are practicing on schedule at Centercourt Lawrence, and the 13U team is coordinating tournament commitments to prevent conflicts with middle school baseball schedules.
- **Snack Shack:** Operational preparations are progressing for the upcoming season opener. Point-of-sale systems through Clover are being reprogrammed for online mobile ordering ahead of a March 1 launch. The facility will open officially on March 28 in conjunction with the municipal Easter Egg Hunt. Promotional outreach for the Diamond Dedication program is underway to generate supplemental funds for field upkeep.

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

III. New Business

- **Equipment Swap Day (Introduced by General Board):** Scheduled for March 21 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, with initial gear drop-offs accepted during Assessment Day on February 21. Volunteers are needed to staff verification stations and inspect equipment against safety standards.
- **Softball Tournament (Introduced by Dan Perrone):** Dan Perrone proposed organizing and hosting an invitational travel softball tournament on June 7 utilizing Colavita and Carroll fields to expand competitive play opportunities and drive concession revenue.
- **Field Conversions (Introduced by General Board):** Updates were reviewed on the conversion of Carroll Field into a multi-use baseball and softball diamond featuring a portable pitching mound and extended outfield fencing.
- **8U Softball Kid-Pitch Transition (Introduced by General Board):** The board held a comprehensive discussion regarding the implementation of player pitching in the 8U softball division to align with updated Little League state tournament regulations. To balance player confidence and skill development, pitching will be phased in gradually during regular-season gameplay, with tournament participation to be evaluated mid-season based on player readiness and interest.
- **Spring Field Schedule and Rec Priority (Introduced by Paul Alfieri):** Paul Alfieri noted that due to the increase in Little League teams, there will be very little room for ad hoc field scheduling this spring. While travel teams typically request occasional practice slots, many have requested consistent weeknight times, which cannot be accommodated under the packed schedule. Furthermore, the Competitive Travel policy has historically been “Sunday only” to ensure travel players actively participate in rec play—raising overall league competition while providing players additional repetitions, particularly at secondary positions. Paul notified the Competitive Travel President, who issued a communication to all travel coaches reminding them that spring field availability is constrained and that rec practices and games remain the LTJBSA priority.
- **Volunteer Background Check Requirements (Introduced by General Board):** Board members and team staff were reminded that all coaches and league volunteers must complete mandatory background checks through the league website. This includes all LTJBSA Divisions – Little League, Competitive Travel, and Babe Ruth.

IV. Adjournment

- The next regular meeting date and location will be announced.
- Meeting adjourned following final business.

Motion To Adjourn, Seconded, Approved.