

# LTJBSA MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** March 11, 2026 | **Time:** 7:30 PM | **Location:** Lawrence Central Park

**Present Attendees:** Andrea Alfieri, Paul Alfieri, Daniel Angebrandt, John Brogle, Lisa Cox, Tom DeFillipo, Ken Dobkin, Kristen Dobkin, Matt Heady, Gene Maguire, Dan Perrone, Randy Potter, Erik Raj, Mike Russo, Scott Ryan, Rich Schumacher, Dave Schwartz, Dave Shockey, Carly Vichroski, Paul Vichroski, Jake Zalaznick, Liz Zegarski, Zig Zegarski

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## I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order.

*\*Motion To Approve Meeting Minutes from February 2026 with correction noting no dome was purchased - Paul Alfieri; Seconded - Jake Zalaznick; - Approved.\**

## II. Department Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Preseason financial standing is strong. Recent investments include portable game mounds for Carroll and Hughes fields, alongside new clay bullpen mounds at the Hughes complex. Golf outing planning is progressing with several new sponsorships secured, and apparel sales (specifically hats) are generating a healthy profit margin. The 2025 tax filings have been submitted and paid in full.
- **Little League:** Baseball registration reached its highest level in 25 years, surpassing all 2025 totals, with Tee Ball currently at capacity with an active waitlist. The board discussed a future transition for the Majors division toward 50/70 field dimensions over the next few seasons. Paul Alfieri noted that fields will be utilized nearly every weeknight and all day Saturday this season. While reflective of strong participation, this creates constraints for travel teams accustomed to ad hoc scheduling. Paul communicated this to coaches last month and noted he will work with travel coaches to find available openings, though regular recurring slots are impossible. Best availability will be Friday nights or Saturdays following scheduled games. The primary bottleneck is Wednesday evenings, when most travel teams seek practice time due to weekend play, but which serves as Little League's primary night for all Majors softball and baseball games; a long-term solution will be evaluated this fall. To partner effectively with the travel program, the Little League schedule was designed with alternating "A" and "B" weekends so divisions are off on alternating Saturdays, enabling travel teams to enter weekend tournaments without missing rec games. Details have been communicated to all 12U and under travel coaches. Lisa Cox provided an update on Opening Day preparations, featuring Lawrence Township Police Department motor units and drones, a confirmed performance by the Lawrence High School choir, and active registrations for Photo Day and Trenton Thunder Night on June 2.
  - **Diamond Dave:** Professional field resurfacing across Colavita, Carroll, and Hughes fields is actively underway under the supervision of a grounds specialist with Major League experience.
- **Softball:** Registration numbers reached record-breaking highs, fielding three squads across both Coach Pitch and Minors divisions with strong enrollment in the 6–10 age groups. Regular-season games will rotate onto Carroll Field to improve visibility and program integration alongside baseball.

- **Senior League:** Babe Ruth enrollment stands at 15 players, with the spring season dependent on securing an immediate volunteer manager and assistant coaches before the end of the week. The board discussed broader enrollment trends related to outside travel commitments.
- **Competitive Travel:** The travel program expanded significantly from four to nine teams this season, creating heavy daily field demand. All travel teams must log practices and games through Sports Connect to prevent scheduling conflicts.
- **Snack Shack:** Preseason cleaning is complete in anticipation of the March 27 inventory move-in and the March 28 opening for the municipal Easter Egg Hunt. Breakfast offerings from Caesar's Bagels will be introduced, and team managers will organize parent volunteer shifts for their designated nights.

*\*Motion To Accept Treasurer's Report - John Brogle; Seconded - Andrea Alfieri; - Approved.\**

*\*Motion To Accept Little League Report - Jake Zalaznick; Seconded - Paul Alfieri; - Approved.\**

*\*Motion To Accept Softball Report - Jake Zalaznick; Seconded - Paul Alfieri; - Approved.\**

*\*Motion To Accept Babe Ruth Report - Carly Vichroski; Seconded - Paul Alfieri; - Approved.\**

*\*Motion To Accept Competitive Travel Report - Jake Zalaznick; Seconded - Paul Alfieri; - Approved.\**

*\*Motion To Accept Snack Shack Report - Carly Vichroski; Seconded - Jake Zalaznick; - Approved.\**

### III. New Business

- **Field Maintenance Protocols (Introduced by Zig Zegarski):** Proper maintenance standards were reviewed for the upgraded infields, including strict daily watering, proper dragging techniques, and maintaining the hybrid infield turf cut to 3/4 inch for fast play.
- **Travel Softball Tournament (Introduced by General Board):** An 8U/10U travel softball tournament featuring triple-headers is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, supporting competitive development and Snack Shack concessions.
- **Preseason Practice Locations (Introduced by General Board):** Due to Central Park field work, the board is seeking permission to use fields at Lawrence Intermediate School for preseason practices.
- **Field Rededication Ceremony (Introduced by Paul Alfieri):** Paul Alfieri proposed hosting a rededication ceremony honoring the Colavita, Carroll, Pezzicola, and Hughes families following the completion of park-wide field improvements.

### IV. Adjournment

- The next regular meeting date and location will be announced.
- Meeting adjourned at the conclusion of new business.

*\*Motion To Adjourn - Carly Vichroski; Seconded - Paul Alfieri; - Approved.\**