

MINUTES OF May 14, 2025, LTJBSA GENERAL MEETING

In Attendance: Andrea Alfieri, Paul Alfieri, John Brogle, Lisa Cox, Tom DeFillipo, Nicole

Mottola, Dave Shockey, Paul Vichroski, Jake Zalaznick, Zig Zagarski

Review of Minutes: Meeting called to order by LTJBSA President, Paul Vichroski. A motion

was made to accept the April 2025 meeting minutes.

*A motion was made to open the meeting minutes of April 2025 – unanimously approved

Treasurer's Report:

Dave S. gave the Treasurer's Report.

Registrations are still trickling in for Babe Ruth.

Sponsorships are slightly down from last year

Drive for the Diamond was a successful event. We had 23 sponsors and 73 golfers. Everyone had a great time!

Umpire expenses are up 40% from last year. We have more teams than last year, which is adding to the expense.

Snack Shack is killing it!!!!

*A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report – unanimously approved.

Babe Ruth:

Paul V. gave the Babe Ruth Report.

The season is moving along. We are interleague again this season, which works out well. We will not be doing babe ruth all-stars this year.

*A motion was made to accept the Babe Ruth Report – unanimously approved.

Little League

Baseball:

Paul A. gave the report.

Our season is underway, and games have been very competitive and kids are having fun. Up until this week, we hadn't cancelled games or practices. We have an enthusiastic bunch of Tee Ball coaches that are really making it fun for the kids, including Mark Leedom, grandson of Betty Leedom.

Snack Shack has been buzzing. It's a lot of work, and so huge kudos to the team for keeping things running (especially Andrea). Thanks too to Lisa for the brilliant idea of assigning teams a slot to help in Snack Shack. This is a great compromise between an open schedule (where we got no participants) and a work bond (which we did not want to implement). Most volunteers have been very positive and once they see the operation they are not daunted by and say they will return. A small minority have said they would prefer an open sign up, and we have reminded them that we had Signup Genius open for 7 months during registration, with links in the confirmation email as well as in reminder emails and on the website. We should think about doing this again next year and explaining the process during registration.

Lindsay Walsh has been amazing with Cadet umpires. The schedule is always full, she's been very communicative, and we have coverage for all games needed. We have 20+ cadets in our database which is a far cry from three years ago when we were hurting for umps.

The tournament Teams opened last week and have 97 boys, and 12 girls registered. Tryouts are this weekend, and we will name teams by Monday morning 5/19. Need to order uniforms ASAP as it will take some time to get them in due to tariffs.

For baseball tournament teams, we will have 50/70, 11s, 10s, 9s, 8s, and potentially 7s. For softball teams, we will have 12s and potentially 10s. I am at the District 12 meeting tonight, where they will announce whether there is a baseball 7s tournament this year. Softball 10s are questionable - we may need to combine with another League.

A reminder we are hosting the District 10s in Late June. I am hopeful to get exact dates tonight.

There's an Ask Me Anything for Tournament Parents tomorrow night @ 7pm.

It's almost time to open 2026 registration! We will open on June 2nd and be open for 26 days. I haven't figured out pricing yet, but it will be close to last year (potentially \$189 instead of \$185 as cost of game balls have gone up A LOT).

I was available on Wed of this week for the President's AMA about interests in Board roles. No one attended. I will host another after the season sends, and then again over the summer. I highly encourage families to attend as we need a succession plan.

\$hockey should talk about how awesome D4D was. Kudos to him for making a bunch of baseball people look like we knew how to produce a gold event.

We are looking at two summer clinics, one for SB and one for baseball. Hoping to have firm dates in place this week and start advertising next.

*A motion was made to accept the Baseball Report – unanimously approved.

Softball:

Jake gave the report.

Our All-Star season has started. The 8U softball special tournament kicked off today (rained out though). Thanks to Paul for ensuring the short turnaround of jerseys for the girls. Lawrence returns many of the same players from last year, and they're hungry for a win. Let's wish them luck in the tournament and hope the rain doesn't wash out the entire tournament."

*A motion was made to accept the softball Report – unanimously approved

Travel:

Dave. gave the report.

14u didn't end up doing a spring league 9's & 11's are in the middle of spring league. 11's are playing 50/70 for the first time. 17u will be doing summer and fall only

*A motion was made to accept the Travel Report – unanimously approved.

Old Business

Snack shack sales has been up daily from last year! Opening day was extremely busy! We need more volunteers to help to make it successful

New Business

Our taxes were filed; we are good until next year.

Great job to Jen Shockey for running a perfect photo night!

Closing:

The next meeting will be held June 10, 2025, at Lawrence Little League.

***A motion was made to adjourn the meeting - unanimously approved.