

Hobbyists General Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2025

The June Birthday slide is being displayed as Members arrived. 39 Hobbyists have birthdays in May, including 6 lifetime members (Richard Range, David Shaw, Dick Oswald, John Cansclosi, Elie Bordowitz and Walter Fitzgerald). One Hobbyist, Donald Randolph, is celebrating his birthday today.

Meeting called to order by President Don Peterfriend at 10:02AM.

Don welcomed all attendees with a thanks for attending. There are no meetings in July and August, so all have a free Thursday in the first week of these months. The next meeting will be September 4th.

Check with Activity Chairmen for activities during July and August. To quote John Woodward "Failure to Prepare is Preparing to Fail". Also be careful of too much sun given the inherent risks.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Paoli. Bob said thanks to all Members for their Fellowship during his hip replacement surgery. Stating he received many cards, calls and some visits all wishing him well which were much appreciated. Also Flag Day is June 14th so be sure to put out your American Flag.

President's Report - Don Peterfriend

- Upcoming Event- Trip to Paterson, NJ Great Falls, Museum and Lunch June 18th. Contact Bob Sayegh.
- Encouraged all Members to participate in as many activities which the Club has to offer. Also urged all to take a Leadership Role by assisting/supporting our Activity Chairmen. This will also provide Bench Strength for our Activities. Review the website for a complete listing of our Activities.
- Need to keep our New Membership moving forward. We are having great success with New Members joining the Club thanks to Bob Mosher's efforts. Please get a friend, relative or neighbor to join the Hobbyists.
- Urged Members to attend meetings and reach out to others to attend.
- Appreciate if members would remain after Meetings for Speaker Presentations which are interesting and informative.

Hobbyist Concerned - Peter Philip

- Steve Basch, a Hobbyists since 2017, passed in May. Also, Peter is seeking a Back-Up for his Chairmen Position. Please contact him if you are interested.

Treasurer's Report - Gary Engelhardt

- No Report.

Membership - Bob Mosher

- We currently have 434 members, 70 are Lifetime including those to be added during 2025. There are 75 members present today. The average age of the Hobbyists has declined from 81 to 80. Since the beginning of the year 20 new Applications have been received with two new applicants today and two on hold pending Admin Fee/Dues payment. A reminder, per the Hobbyists Constitution New Members may introduce prospective Applicants, however, the New Member must be a Member for one year prior to Sponsoring an Applicant.
- Activity Chairs send Hobbyists pictures to Hobbyists66.com for presentation at monthly Meetings.

- New Inductees: Saeed Manii (Rick Pascal) and Phil Moscarello (Rick Rosenthal) Membership is open during July and August so keep those Apps coming!

Speaker Program- Peter Weinstein

- Today's program "Baseball an Historical Journey"
Presented by: Evan Weiner

Activity Chairman Reports:

- Beer Appreciation – Rick Rosenthal: "June Brides, Grads and Dads but why don't you Mother Truckers Drink Beer". Next gathering is scheduled for June 12, 2025 6:30PM at Seven Lakes Saloon, Sloatsburg, NY.
- Bocce - Steve Friedman: Meets every Friday 9:30AM. During June, July and August at Waldwick Boro Park. All members always welcome, show up, no talent required just bring a rake and lawn chair.
- Book Club – Jon Sterling: Jon will read and analyze two Poems by Ernest Hemingway, "The Doctor and the Doctor's Wife" and "Soldier Home" from Hemingway's book "in Our Time" Meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2025 at 10AM in the FPC Library.
- Chess Club – Rick Pascal: Meets Wednesdays at 10AM at the Church, with a refresher at 9:30AM contact Rich for a refresher. July starts outdoor and the RW Duck Pond in picnic area with roofing.
- Camera Club- Still seeking an Activity Chair
- Fishing- Peter Weinstein: Trip to Lake George departed on Friday Night (5/30/25) with fishing on a Charter Boat with "Lines in the Water" on 5/31 and 6/1. Peter, Ron Reedy, Steve Weinstein, Dave Smilon and Steve Miezeieski enjoyed the two days of fishing catching bass, pickerel and a few perch. Contact Peter Weinstein (201-663-3536 or rodnreel44@aol.com) for details of future fishing adventures as website is in process of updating.
- Golf- Commissioners: Gary Don Tuesday Golf, Giancarlo Bisone Friday Golf and Mike Doherty Handicap Program. See website for all details. REMINDER: If you cancel be sure to notify the Golf Club so you don't get charged as well as Captain.
- Hiking- Ed Lundell: Hiking is doing well with all three programs (Tuesday Regular and Flex as well as Fridays at the Trail Head). June 24th will be the Picnic at noon with the three-day trip in October. Details to follow.
- Investment Club-Mike Flannery and Ron Reedy: Future meetings will be Wednesday July 23rd 1:30PM Zoom only and Wednesday October 22nd FPC and Zoom. Constant Contact email will be forthcoming with specifics.
- Military History – Tom Heed: Nothing scheduled for June.
- Movie Lovers- Dick Oswald: Ridgewood Village Hall Senior Lounge Tuesday June 10th at 1:30PM. The Movie will be "It Happened One Night" starring Roscoe Karns, Clark Gable, Clare McDowell and Claudette Colbert. Directed by Frank Capra (1934 105 minutes). Review website for details.
- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown: No presentation in June with programs to resume in September. Review the website in early Sept for the future programs.
- Newsletter – Rick Pascal: Next edition will be mid-June/Father's Day Activity Chairman kindly forward information and photos to Rick Pascal and Bill Carbone by early June (June 9th).
- Pickleball – Allen Krauss: Outdoor pickleball started April 2nd and will continue through October. Outdoor is played at Saddle River County Park in Rochelle Park on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30AM to 11:00AM. If you initially signed up but do wish to play contact Allen to remove your name. Contact Allen at akrauss@gmail.com for further information or see website for further details.

- ROMEO- Cliff Matthews: Next lunch will be June 20,2025 Noon at Fiona's Restaurant (118 Godwin Ave., Midland Park, NJ.) Kindly advise Cliff no later than Noon on June 17th to reserve your seat and allow him to have a good headcount for the reservation.
- Trip and Tours- Bob Sayegh and Bob Paoli: Upcoming Trips:1) Wednesday June 18th bus departs Graydon North Parking Lot at 9:00AM for trip to the Paterson Great Falls and the Paterson Museum followed by lunch at Limoncello Restaurant in Waldwick and 2) Wednesday September 10th to September 12th the Fall Trip to Woodloch Pines Resort, Hawley, PA. Bus departs Graydon North Parking Lot at 9:30AM on Sept 10th arriving for lunch. Contact Bob Sayegh (201-670-6010) for further details.
- Volunteer Services- George Millington and Dave Smilon: Program is active with 14 regulars going 2 Tuesdays per month (June 3rd and June 17th 2025) to Eva's Village in Paterson. The group meets at 10AM at Graydon North Parking Lot and departs to Eva's Village to set up tables and serve lunches at noon as well as 1PM to homeless and working poor. Generally, the group finishes around 1:30PM and is back in Ridgewood by 2PM.
- Wine Appreciation-Bob Stevenson: Luncheon will be Friday June 27th noon at Andrea's Restaurant (20 East Prospect St., Waldwick). Contact Bob at 201-615-1202 to sign up.
- Wine Making- Paul Richert: The Group will next be bottling on July 30th our Cabernet Barbera at the Wine Experience in Tinton Falls. Cars leave Graydon Pool North Parking Lot at 9AM sharp generally returning around 1PM.
- World Affairs- Don Togneri (Interim Chair): Next Meeting is scheduled for June 18th at 2PM Zoom only.

Chairs still needed for Camera Club and World Affairs. Someone needs to step up to Chair either one or both Activities (see President Don Peterfriend) and Peter Philip is seeking a backup for his Chair.

Other Business: None

Business Meeting Concluded at 10:35AM

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Respectfully submitted by,
Chuck Woehrle, Executive Secretary