

## **Hobbyists General Meeting Minutes**

### **January 2, 2025**

The January Birthday slide is being displayed as members arrived. 37 Hobbyists have birthdays in January including 5 lifetime members (Melvin Flanzman, Chet Greenleaf, Joel Sachs, Lucillo Uliano and Jim Wylie). No Hobbyists are celebrating a birthday today, but there were 4 New Year Day Birthdays.

**Meeting called to order** by President Don Peterfriend at 10:05AM,

Don welcomed all attendees hoping all had a good holiday and wishing all a healthy New Year.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Bob Paoli

**President's Report-** Don Peterfriend

- Unpaid Dues: For those who have not paid 2025 dues, please do so by February 1, 2025, otherwise you will be removed from the Hobbyists.
- Activity Chairs: No activities may begin prior to 12 noon on Meeting Thursdays.
- Driver Volunteers: Please reach out to members who may need rides to meetings or activities.
- Urged members to attend meetings and reach out to others to attend as well.
- Appreciate if members would remain after Meetings for Speaker Presentations which are interesting and informative.

**Hobbyist Concern-** Peter Philip

- Fortunately, nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report** – Gary Engelhardt

- No report.

**Membership** – Bob Mosher

- We currently have 420 members, 72 are Lifetime including those to be added in 2025. There were 70 members present.
- Send Hobbyists pictures to Hobbyists66.com for presentation at monthly Meetings. Pictures shown at 1/2/2025 Meeting, Holiday Dance, Fishing, Bob Paoli Birthday, Bowling, Bocce, Beer Appreciation and Hiking.

**Speaker Program-** Peter Weinstein

- Today's program "History of the Hermitage" presented by Robin Cannata and Susan Smilon.

**Activity Chairman Reports**

- Beer Appreciation – Rick Rosenthal: Next gathering is scheduled for January 9, 2025 6PM at Defiant Brewing Company 6 East Dexter Plaza, Pearl River, NY.
- Bocce - Steve Friedman: Meets every Friday 9:30AM at the Fair Lawn Super Dome. \$15.00 per person. Additional members always welcomed.
- Book Club – Jon Sterling: Next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2025 at 10AM in the FPC Library. Review "Moscow X Novel" by David McCloskey. Discussion will be led by Michael Riff.
- Chess Club – Rick Pascal: Meets Wednesdays at 10AM at the Church, with a refresher at 9:30AM.

- Golf – Paul Fazio: 2025 season will be starting in April. Review Golf webpage for registration details and list of Committee Members. Indoor Golf via simulator is Mondays 9AM at Players Club in Paramus.
- Investments – Mike Flannery: Next meeting on January 22, 2025 1:30PM at FPC and Zoom. Discussion will be 2024 investment outcomes as well as an investment activity for 2025.
- Military History – Tom Heed: Next meeting January 27, 2025 in FPC auditorium at 2PM.
- Movie Lovers- Dick Oswald: The next meeting will be January 14, 2025 at 1:30PM in the senior lounge in the Ridgewood Village Hall. This month's movie will be "The Verdict" starring Paul Newman, Charlotte Rampling and James Mason. (1982-125 mins).
- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown: Next presentation will be January 10, 2025 10AM at FPC auditorium. The program will be "Song Parity" performed by The Hobbyists Rodgers and Hammerstein (AKA Dick Boswell and Steve Friedman). Come and enjoy some laughs as Dick and Steve roast bowlers, hikers golfers, etc with songs written by Steve to 1960's music by Dick.
- Newsletter – Rick Pascal: Next edition will be in March 2025. Activity Chairmen kindly forward notes and photos to Rick or Bill Carbone for the next publication.
- Pickleball – Allen Krauss: 1<sup>st</sup> year of Pickleball. Outdoor play season (spring –fall) at Saddle River County Park in Rochelle Park on Wednesdays from 8:30AM to 10:30AM. During winter, a few guys got together and found indoor courts. Contact Allen at akrauss@gmail for further information.
- ROMEO- Cliff Matthews: Next lunch will be on January 17, 2025 12 Noon at Justin's Ristorante (234 Lafayette Ave, Hawthorne). Advise Cliff no later than 12Noon on January 15<sup>th</sup> to reserve your seat and insure a good head count.
- Tennis – Bob Kozar: Indoor season are Mondays between 12 noon and 1:30PM at Fair Lawn Racquet Club on Saddle River Road in Fair Lawn. New members welcome.
- Wine Appreciation—Bob Stevenson: Nothing in January.
- Other Business – None.

**The business meeting concluded at 10:50AM.**

**Today's program:** "History of the Hermitage" Robin Cannata and Susan Smilon.

Respectfully submitted by,  
 Chuck Woehrle, Executive Secretary