

Lebanon Ski and Sport Club

Special Board meeting called to plan next years ski trips – Zoom

March 17, 2026

In Attendance: Chris Riegel, Jeff Sterner, Heidi Allison, Linda Billmyer, Tom Jannett, Fred Johnson, Deb Binkley, Deb Bemederfer, Anne Shutter, Jack Billmyer

Called to order by Heidi Allison at 6:33pm.

WESTERN TRIPS

Heidi Allison gave an update on our previously planned Taos, New Mexico trip February 27-March 6, 2027. Taos resort double booked our trip and gave it to another club. After much back and forth with Heidi they have found 18 spots available for that week. You generally need 20 spots to get the one free comp but the general concession of the Board was since it was their mistake we should push to get the free comp even if we only have 18. Taos is an Ikon resort. The cost of this is expected to be around \$2,200-\$2,300. A general discussion around the possible increase in air fares considering the present Iran war and increase in fuel prices. Later in the evening the discussion came back to Taos and it was revealed that looking at the trail map there are very few blue runs. Some greens and a lot of blacks. Not everyone in the club may be comfortable with this for a full week. Chris Riegel volunteered that he may be willing to lead this trip.

The possibility of hosting a second western trip was brought forward by Jeff Sterner. The three resorts mentioned were: Mammoth, California, Sun Valley, Idaho, and Big Sky, Montana. All three are on Ikon. Jeff stated having talked to Doug that considering the late date all the rooms at Big Sky may already be sold out. A general discussion followed considering the following points: 1) Need 10-15 people for airlines to give a group rate. 2) If have less than 20 people should the club consider a ½ comp rate for the trip leader? 3) May not require a ski in/ski out location as long as have a suitable convenience (i.e.: bus to go back and forth from the hotel to the lift at regular intervals).

Jack Billmyer then broached the idea of the club hosting a European trip for 2028. An idea to look into to discover more details and cost analysis.

Further discussion about Sun Valley led to the consensus that if we go there we fly into Ketchum airport which is minutes away from the resort even if this costs more money rather than flying into Boise and having to spend several hours on a bus to get to the resort.

EASTERN TRIPS

- Elk is standard in January and it is just a matter of how early or late in the month depending on the timing of our other trips.
- Loon, New Hampshire is Ikon and is about 8 hours drive time.
- Bretton Woods, New Hampshire is also about 8 hours away but is not an Ikon resort. The feeling was expressed that a bus may be expensive. May need to be a 4 or 5 day trip due to the length of time needed to get there.
- Sunday River, Maine was mentioned as was Killington, Vermont although this seemed to be rapidly dismissed by several members.
- More discussion revolved around a possible 3 day trip to Greek Peak, New York. Only 1 hour beyond Elk and would be a self-drive destination.

Final discussion concerning trips for 2027 concluded with Taos being set for Feb 27-March 6. A motion was made by Jeff Sterner and a 2nd by Jack Billmyer that we try for Sun Valley, Idaho from February 6-13th and Loon, New Hampshire for 4 days the last week of January. This motion was approved by the whole Board.

President Chris Riegel had sent a copy of the club Bylaws to all the Board members with the idea that this should be updated. Several points were lightly discussed but no motion followed.

Deb Bemederfer asked about items for the newsletter with suggestions made.

Chris Riegel brought up possible dates for the club fall picnic and recommended we not interfere with any home Penn State football games. The three potential dates decided on could be August 29, September 12, or October 3rd. Anne Shutter will check with Kevin Yeagley to see which dates might work best for him as the host.

The next Board meeting will be on April 7th.

On a motion by Tom Jannett and a 2nd by Fred Johnson the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Johnson (secretary)