

Lebanon Ski and Sport Club
General Membership Meeting
April 14, 2026 Heisey's Diner

President Chris Riegel called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

There were 29 members present.

TREASURER REPORT

Tom Jannett reported a beginning balance on March 1st of \$8,820.06. Total receipts for the month were \$940.00 with expenses of \$318.87. The bank balance on March 31st was therefore \$9,441.19. On a motion by Fred Johnson and a 2nd by Anne Shutter the report was approved.

SECRETARY REPORT

Minutes of the March 10, 2026 meeting were posted on the website and on a motion by Tom Jannett and a 2nd by Jeff Sterner they were approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Deb Binkley reported we have 40 members as of tonight. Before the guest speaker was introduced we all sang Happy Birthday to Elaine Ludwig.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dean Auchenbach, one of our own members, and a Civil War reenactor gave a presentation on baseball from its early days in the 1840's as a social club game up until the 1870's. In the 1830's it was called Town Ball. It wasn't until the 1840's that it first became known as base ball (2 distinct words- not tied together). By the 1860's baseball was popular enough that cartoons showing the Presidential candidates for that election year could be drawn and everyone would understand the meaning of the cartoon. The balls were softer and made of cloth, no gloves for the fielders, and the bats were made of hickory or ash. Dean presented many other interesting points. Abner Doubleday in folklore is said to have established the rules and invented baseball but this is most probably not true. Alexander Cartwright gets credit as the probable founder of the game.

TRIPS

Taos, New Mexico Feb27-March 6, 2027

Reviewed by Chris Riegel with information on the April Newsletter. Will fly out of Harrisburg with ticket prices and airfare to be established sometime next week.

Sun Valley, Idaho Feb 6 – 13, 2027

Reviewed by Jeff Sterner, trip leader. Again all details can be found in the April Newsletter.

Loon, New Hampshire - Jeff reports he is working with a different organizer and will see how this unfolds.

Elk – will be 3 days in early January. Specific dates to be determined.

UPCOMING EVENTS

-April 18 – United Way Day of Caring Club members can help the Lebanon Valley Rail Trail by meeting at the trailhead behind Boscov's at 8:30 am Saturday. Wayne Wampler is helping run this event.

-June 12 – The Bronx Wanderers are at the Gretna Playhouse. Anne Shutter states she has 9 tickets left for this event.

-August 1- Stock car racing at Pocono Raceway. Contact Fred Schaeffer at 717-964-2100 if interested.

-August 3 – Lords of 52nd Street at the Gretna Playhouse. Anne states these tickets have all been sold.

NEW BUSINESS

Dean Auchenbach announced that the Lebanon Valley Bike Club has 6 rides scheduled this summer to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country. All rides will leave on a Saturday at 12 noon. The rides will be listed in the club Newsletter. There is no fee but the tour given at the Cornwall Furnace will have a fee. Members will need a photo ID to enter Fort Indiantown Gap.

-May 9 – Cornwall Iron Furnace ride

-June 27 – Alexander Schaeffer Farm Cherry Festival ride

-July 18 – Union Canal Tunnel & Fort Lebanon ride

-August 15 – Rausch Gap & Cold Spring Hotel site ride

-Sept 19 – Fort Indiantown Gap & PA National Guard Museum ride

-Oct 10 – Fort Swatara & Monroe Valley Chapel ride

Stephanie Butler mentioned the Swatara Sojourn will be on May 2nd starting at the Swatara Watershed Park and ending in Middletown. Kayaks will be provided as will a lunch. More information can be found at their website.

On a motion by Anne Shutter and a 2nd by Jeff Sterner the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Fred Johnson (secretary)