

Activities



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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday April 13, 2026

The Executive Board meeting, held in the Memorial Room at the Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, New Jersey, was called to order by President Gaspar Lesznik at 10:00 AM.

Members in attendance:

Gaspar Lesznik, President
Adolph Galluccio, 1st Vice President
Jack Warner, 2nd Vice President
Doug Cooper, Treasurer
Gabe Carifi, Assistant Treasurer
Winston Lau, Secretary
Tom Donch, 1st Past President
Jim Atieh, 2nd Past President
Jim Webb - Membership Chairman
Jim Mallen, Liaison to WRC

Members Absent:

The Rev. Andy Kadzban, Chaplain

Invited Committee Chairs in attendance:

Harry Bennett, Webmasters
Marty Valerio, Communications

Invited Committee Chairs Absent:

John Toth, Cares and Concerns

President Gaspar Lesznik requested a motion to approve the minutes for the March 9, 2026, Executive Board meeting. Certain Board members questioned whether some of the input from various members towards the Executive Board Meeting draft were incorporated into the final version. Winston Lau confirmed that he would check and make sure that all of the inputs were incorporated into the final version. The Board tentatively approved the final Minutes as submitted, subject to confirmation by Winston Lau.

Treasurer's Report

Doug Cooper was late to the meeting, and the financial report was given by Gabe Carifi, Assistant Treasurer.

- a. Gabe Carifi stated that not much has happened in March. As a result, there are some small variances, but nothing that could not be worked out by year end.
- b. Gabe Carifi reported that of the 19 members whose dues were past due as of last month, 5 of them have paid up, and the remainder have dropped off.

Membership

- a. Jim Webb reported that there are 2 new members in March:
 - Steven Poser
 - Michael SavakisWe currently have 306 members.
- b. Gaspar Lesznik mentioned that Jack Warner told him that Hobbyist has nice cards (like business cards) printed of their club activities which they passed out during their general meetings so that their members can give them out to their friends in an effort to recruit new members. Jim Webb showed us that AU has similar cards available to members for distribution to their friends and family.
- c. Jack Warner said that while Hobbyist has some activities we don't have, and vice versa, our activities are complementary. Hobbyist has more members than AU; however, they have about 120 members who are golfers and they do not participate in other activities. Their remaining membership comes close to what we have at AU.

Cares and Concerns

- a. John Toth was absent. Gaspar Lesznik reported that between March 6 and April 12, Cares and Concerns sent out 2 Get Well cards, 1 Thank You card, and 1 Condolence card (Joe Coyle).

Speaker Program

- a. Gaspar Lesznik mentioned that there is no General Meeting in May. The Calendar for May needs to be corrected.
- b. In June, the speaker in the General Meeting is Rick Pascal on Broadway Blockbusters.
- c. No speaker yet for July.
- d. No General Meeting in August.
- e. Gaspar Lesznik has contacted the Ridgewood Symphony to play in our General Meeting in September. They wanted \$500 for the appearance. Gaspar Lesznik negotiated them down to \$250. The Board thought that that was a good idea and Gaspar Lesznik will confirm the arrangement with the Ridgewood Symphony for our General Meeting in September.

- f. We have \$400 in the speaker budget, \$250 remaining after March spending.
- g. In October, we have the Breakfast at The Brick House. Entertainment will be provided by the Barbershop Quartet, a part of the Blue Chip Chorus. The cost of this appearance is \$150.
- h. Gaspar Lesznik mentioned that we had used AARP in the past for speakers in our General Meetings. However, they have initiated a rather cumbersome and complicated process for us to engage them. Gaspar Lesznik will contact them to further explore future possibilities.
- i. Tom Donch mentioned that some of our members may not be able to stand for an extended period of time during the outdoor drone demonstration in tomorrow's General Meeting. There is no resolution on this issue, depending on how the demonstration will be conducted tomorrow.
- j. Jack Warner mentioned that he has spoken to a woman's group called Connections. They have a complete list of speakers, recommendations and ratings. He could reach out to them and possibly add them as a resource to our speakers program. Doug Cooper mentioned that he believes Jim Atieh's wife was head of the Connections group at one time.

Events

- a. Jack Warner reported that the paid-up participation at the May Luncheon at the Indian Trail Club stands at 86. He has to give an estimated count on April 28 and a final count on May 6. Walk-in's on the day of the event will pay \$59 per person. The venue is charging us \$66 per person. This includes a 22% service charge. No further tipping is necessary. We have given Peter Lieberman a \$100 deposit, with \$200 due to him on the day of the event.
- b. The date for the June BBQ is June 12 to be held at the Red Barn at the Crestwood Park in Allendale, NJ. The cost is \$45 per person. Gaspar Lesznik will follow up with John Murphy.
- c. Gaspar Lesznik mentioned that Wyckoff is having a Centennial event on June 27 on Main Street. He will contact John Murphy to see if the Wyckoff YMCA is having a Wyckoff Day. If not, we should get a booth during the Centennial event since that is our biggest recruiting event of the year.
- d. Gaspar Lesznik inquired about the Fall Social, a T&T event usually handled by John Murphy and Joe Pullaro. Jim Webb placed a call to Joe Pullaro during the Board meeting. Joe Pullaro does not have any details at this time. He would contact George Lewis, an ex-member of the Upper Ridgewood Tennis Club who has arranged the event with the venue in the past.
- e. Jack Warner reported that we are charging \$25 per person at the October Breakfast at The Brick House. Same price for walk-in's. This is the cost of the food. Last year, we subsidized the food and charged \$20 per person. We also incurred a Maître d' charge of \$200 this year and entertainment. Our budgeted subsidy this year is \$530. Assuming we have the same attendance as last year, it would be \$350 versus \$425 last year.

By Laws, Policies, Practices and Procedures

- a. Gaspar Lesznik brought up the issue of proxy voting in the event we do not have a quorum. Marty Valerio had drafted an amendment to the Policies, Practices and Procedures to enable proxy voting. After much discussions, the consensus was to have a simplified version in that if a Board member is not able to attend a Board meeting, he can choose to be represented by someone as a proxy. He would then inform the President and the Secretary of this proxy arrangement. A Board member cannot be given more than one proxy. Marty Valerio will prepare a revised draft for approval by the Board.

Open items

- a. Gaspar Lesznik reported that he and Jack Warner had been meeting with Club Chairs and they got some valuable information from these meetings. One thing he shared was that we had to streamline our General Meetings with limiting the amount of business discussions, one of which was not talking about finance at each meeting, but a quarterly review. Doug Cooper objected and felt it was necessary, especially the promotion of our arrangement with TD Bank. Gaspar Lesznik said that he would work on the General Meeting agenda for tomorrow and try to limit the time spent on finance, various club presentations, as well as Cares and Concerns presentation.
- b. Gaspar Lesznik brought up the issue of color-coded name tags. Jim Webb presented different color schemes for name tags. The Board decided on highlighting the current Board member's role in yellow with black lettering, and the Club Chair's role in blue with white lettering.

New Business

- a. Gaspar Lesznik showed the current version of a Dashboard that would enable us to monitor and memorialize various club events at a glance. This would be a continuous development and will be reviewed periodically, with input from Board members.
- b. Gaspar Lesznik brought up the issue of survivor support in the event our members are survived by their wives. Jim Webb articulated the impact of losing a spouse and the resources that might be helpful to someone transitioning after such a life-changing event. Gabe Carifi talked about his own experience, as an accountant, in providing financial support to someone in that situation. Gaspar Lesznik asked Gabe Carifi to talk to John Toth and get his input, as this falls within Cares and Concerns.

Gaspar Lesznik mentioned that three weeks ago, he was contacted by an active member who, because of failing health, knew that he would pass before his wife. He wished to have assurance that his wife would still be able to come to our events and functions and stay in touch. After much discussion, Gaspar Lesznik declared that we need to develop a plan to handle this situation.

- c. Gaspar Lesznik brought up the need to handle the coffee served at the General Meeting tomorrow in the absence of Howard Vogel. A contingency plan needs to be developed to cover the procurement and service of refreshments at the General Meeting.

The Executive Board meeting concluded at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Winston Lau', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Winston Lau
Secretary