

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

The Executive Board was called to order by President Bob Dauer. The following members were in attendance:

Bob Dauer, President

Mark Cohen, 1st Vice President

Doug Cooper, 2nd Vice President

Dave Voehl, Secretary

Jeff Mohn, Treasurer

Marty Valerio, Assistant Treasurer

Walt Widmer, Membership Chairman

Joe Pullaro, Immediate Past President

Jim Webb, Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

- This meeting was held at the Wyckoff YMCA
- Approval of the January 2020 minutes was moved by Doug Cooper, seconded by Jim Mallen and accepted by acclimation.
- Treasurer's Report – Insurance premium of \$1131 has been paid, which leaves a \$469 surplus in the budget.
 - There is a concern that the dues payments are lagging and needs to be addressed prior to the end of the year so that AU can meet its obligations.
 - The Balance Sheet line item of \$1100, for the Christmas Party, is actually \$500 for 2020, \$500 for 2021 and \$100 for the 2020 DJ.
 - It was decided to split up the list of unpaid dues among the board members. Each board member will try to contact a delinquent member to ascertain whether or not they intend to continue membership. Results will be emailed to Jeff Mohn.
 - The annual audit meeting will be held today after the General Meeting. Attending will be Frank Nusspickel, Doug Cooper, Jeff Mohn, Bob Dauer and Joe Pullaro.
 - 50/50 – 4 to 6 weeks is necessary for the initial state license. With about 2 weeks gone we should hear soon. AU still needs to apply to the individual towns when we have a function with a 50/50. Also we must provide an Operations Report for each raffle to the State of New Jersey.

- Insurance policy – We have increased the accidental coverage from \$10,000 to \$50,000. The liability coverage policy is under the Wyckoff Reformed Church, since AU is not a legal entity. The AU organization is not an actual entity but is a part of the WRC. We decided that the board should hear from a lawyer for clarification. Ernie Barbaris, a member of AU, will be contacted and asked to attend the March meeting.
 - We discussed the need for waivers for individual functions. It was determined that any liability for an incident falls under the policy of the WRC and that waivers do not carry any weight in the courts.
- Care and Concern – Marty Valerio reported of the passing of Ed Skurna. Jim Yu had an accident, a get well card will be sent. Harvey Feldman is ailing. A get well card will also be sent.
 - We discussed how Care and Concern and Walt Widmer are informed of the passing of a member. If someone has information they should notify the Assistant Treasurer and the Membership Chair. After confirmation, Ed Schlachtman should be notified to inform the membership via email.
- Glen Rock – Jim, Marty and Joe attended a Glen Rock history club meeting. It was a good presentation. Frank Gaspar was there and indicated a continued interest in a relationship with AU. This is still a work in process.
 - Marty mentioned that the Glen Rock History Club had a guest speaker on John F. Kennedy. Glen Rock members were impressed and recommended the speaker.
- Speakers – Mark Cohen reported on the upcoming speakers for 2020. Good for March and April. May will be the annual luncheon at the Indian Trail Club. He also mentioned other possibilities for this year. Mark also spoke about the April YMCA wellness day. We need to really advertise this activity since it is not a regular AU meeting.
 - We discussed the possibility of a future mayoral panel discussion and how it would fit into the current political atmosphere. It would be better to have the panel speak to local issues, possibly next year, in February, after the 2020 elections. Mark requested that board members suggest talking points for this panel.
 - There will be conflicts with the WRC for our scheduled meetings in June and July. June has a conflict with the nursery school. July may be a problem for both the second and third week. Mark will coordinate with Sue, regarding these conflicts.
 - Our June 9th meeting may have to be changed to June 16th.
- Bob Dauer suggested that a men's health club might be established in AU. We determined that maybe we should continue to build the relationship with the YMCA by advertising the Y programs in the AU newsletter or through emails. We discussed that a liaison be established with the YMCA. Marty Valerio will chair a liaison committee and contact Ken DeGraw to help establish a connection with the Y.
- Bob Dauer spoke about Robert Feneron, a member of the High Railers, a model railroading club, as a possibility of a speaker event at a General Meeting. Mark Cohen has emailed the information to John Caikowsky about a possible trip to the High Railers, which could include a luncheon, which might be more practical from a logistical perspective.

- Membership – Walt Widmer reported that the membership is now 376 members. Walt has contacted those members who are over 90 years of age. We now have 13 members over the age of 90.
 - Walter now has the ability to deposit, into the AU account, any check that he receives from a new member. Walt will then notify the Treasurer and provide a copy of the check.
- Jim Webb and Joe Pullaro reported on their conversations regarding the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corps (FLAC). The building, which has everything we would need, is available on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, at \$25 per day.
 - The AU band might be able to utilize the Brandywine Assisted Living, in Mahwah for their rehearsals rather than the Larkin House. The band will be polled today to see if they would like the idea.
 - The question was raised that if we decreased our usage of the Larkin House and still needed it for only the afternoon bridge club, would Wyckoff reduce the fee to \$1000. To be determined.
 - We discussed how to utilize the 4 slots at the FLAC (two each Wednesday). We need to contact the Computer, Investment Study, Science and History clubs to see if they would meet in these time frames. The Discussion club would be able to change. We need to be careful in that we need to continue our payment to the Larkin House into 2021. AU has to pay Wyckoff in 2020 for usage of the Larkin House until June 2021. This may result in a payment for a meeting place that is only used for the Bridge Club.
 - The Bridge Club or the Band might be able to use the Franklin Lakes OEM building (the old VFW building) since they do not need audio/visual or have a need for internet connection. The availability and usage of the OEM building has yet to be discussed with the Franklin Lakes Council
- By-Laws – Dave reported that he and Marty Valerio would meet after the General Meeting to begin reviewing any changes necessary, regarding the proposed change to the usage of the club roster to sell items to other members. Dave and Marty will review other items that may be needed to be addressed regarding the past change to the nomination and election of officers. Along with Tom Butler, they will address other changes and present them to the Board for consideration and approval prior to the presentation to the membership..
- By general agreement, the Executive Board meetings will now start at 10:00 AM.
- Walt Widmer asked about awarding the Distinguished Person to a person twice. He feels that the By-Laws and/or procedures be changed to allow a member to receive it twice.
- Meeting was adjourned by motion and seconded. Approved by acclamation at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted;

Dave Voehl, Secretary