

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

The Executive Board was called to order by President Bob Dauer, at 10:00am. The following members were in attendance:

Bob Dauer, President

Mark Cohen, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Doug Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

- The minutes of the February meeting were accepted by acclamation.
- Jeff Mohn presented the Treasurers Report, indicating the items on the attached reports. On the liability side we gained \$178 as a refund for sales tax from the Valentine Luncheon. This will be allocated back to the respective activity.
  - We still have a shortfall from dues collections. We will also have to pay \$600 +/- (unbudgeted) for the Ambulance Corps building during 2020. Bob indicated that the Larkin House money is a low probability. If we are able to relocate the Band and the Discussion Group, we will cut our usage of the Larkin House in half. This would leave the Bridge Club as the only group that would use it one afternoon each week. Doug indicated that the payment we make in May to Wyckoff is for the balance of 2020 and the September payment is for the first half of 2021. Therefore, if it was possible to relocate our clubs before May, or even September, we would cut our ties to the Larkin House, therefore reducing its cost for AU.
  - Currently there are 357 members, of which there are 39 members over 90 years of age. There are 11 people who have indicated that they will be sending their dues. The budget is predicated on 330 dues paying members. Thus far we have 318 (357-39). Therefore, as of this meeting we have a shortfall of \$600.
  - It was determined that some uncashed checks from the past, in the amount of \$132, would be written back to the reserve account or to the respective activity.

- 2020 Financial Position – Mark Cohen led a discussion of the club’s position. Basically indicating that currently we are about in a break even position from a cash flow perspective. We determined that the club dues should be increased to \$60 per year. A vote on this item should take place at the June meeting, explaining that the loss of the Boiling Springs incentive program, which was earned in prior years, is the basic reason necessitating the increase. This discussion will be continued at the April meeting, when more information is available regarding dues payments.
- Frank Nusspickel has completed the financial audit and it meets all accounting requirements and therefore gave a clean opinion.
- Corona Virus – The Investment Club cancelled this month’s meeting. The WRC questioned our plans regarding this issue. Bob Dauer indicated that at this time we would not be canceling but that we would wait and see what the actions of the WRC or nearby towns and schools might be. Meanwhile, we will leave any determination up to club chairmen and to the individual.
  - A memo will be prepared to be sent to all members, asking that if anyone becomes aware of an infection it should be reported to a club chairman and/or a board member.
- New Club Locations – The Discussion Group, Investment Study Group, Computer Club and the History Club will now be using the ambulance building. The Book Club will still use the Memorial Room for their meetings so as not to conflict with other activities. Jim Mallen reported that the Brandywine location is not ideal for the band practice. John DeSantis will try one more time at Brandywine but would prefer the Larkin House.
  - Jim Webb reinforced the position that at the ambulance building we must adhere to their rules. We must not park in any reserved spots and the clubs must leave the meeting area as it was found.
- Care & Concern – Marty Valeria reported that William Stellenwerf has passed away. A sympathy card was sent to the family and a \$50 donation was sent to the Ramapo College Scholarship Fund. Jeff said that no sympathy card was sent for Ed Skurna since there was no family. Doug suggested that the card be sent to the funeral home, with a request that it be forwarded to the person who made the arrangements.
- 50/50 - Doug Cooper reported that a certification that all participants were over 62 years of age was supplied to the state and he expects the Senior Application to be approved shortly. If not approved, we would have to pay a \$100 fee for a two year license and then \$30-\$40 to each town license for the three events.
- Mark Cohen reviewed the list of future speakers. We discussed possible speakers and utilizing internal speakers if necessary. Mark will approach Murray Perl to ask that he be the speaker for the July 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting. We may also consider having pizza for the July meeting, instead.
- YMCA Meeting – Marty Valeria will act as liaison with the Y. The Wellness Day will be on April 28. Marty indicated that the Y would give AU members a waiver (discount) on membership fees. A list of the programs and fees will be published in the newsletter and will be available as a PDF for emails.
  - Bob indicated that the Wellness Day is also open to the public. We will be allowed to have the opportunity to promote the AU Organization. This can be handled like Wyckoff Day.

- Meeting Location – The dates for the General Meetings have been set. The June meeting will be as usual and the July meeting has been changed to the Tuesday of the third week, July 21, due to the conflict with the WRC Bible School.
- Membership Report – A discussion of use of the website by the members was held. Also, how do we utilize the newsletter. We need the ability to be better able to access the website. Walt will talk to Don Kirkpatrick regarding the reorganization and the ability to access the website. Discussion was put off to a future time. Also, we discussed the possibility of appointing a new board member for the position of Technology. We decided to leave it up to the discretion of the board and the individual meeting invitation of the President.
  - Membership stands at 357.
  - We also discussed the need for a backup for Don's talents.
- Women's Club – Joe Pullaro was contacted by a lady by the name of Donna Singer who has started a women's club similar to AU. If any woman is interested they can go to [NJconnections.com](http://NJconnections.com) for information. A blurb will be published in the newsletter.
- By-Laws – The changes to the by-laws are still being considered. The accepted changes, Election of Officers and changes to the selling of items to the membership have to be published on the website. Dave will firm up the agreed upon verbiage and contact Don Kirkpatrick for inclusion into the website. Doug Cooper suggested that we also do an email blast to the members with a copy of the complete amended bylaws.
- Christmas Party – Dave indicated that he received a message from Bill Mastellon indicating his thoughts on the understandings and rules for the occasion. Dave will forward Bill's email to the board members for consideration and future discussion prior to this year's party.

Respectfully submitted;

Dave Voehl, Secretary