

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## Conference Call

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020**

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

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

Don Kirkpatrick, Guest

John Abrahamsen, Guest

- Trips & Tours – The Hunterdon Hills show has been canceled. All members who had signed up will be refunded their \$65 per person. Jeff will return the payments.
  - The Jersey shore trip will be canceled according to John Caikowsky. Notification has not been made, as yet, since John is trying to get a new date in September. If John can get a new date, members will be given the option of a refund or having their payment held for the new date. The board was polled for an opinion. Rather than hold checks for another function, Jeff would prefer to return all payments.
  - May luncheon – Doug will hold checks for a few weeks until it is determined what will happen with Indian Trail Club. If the luncheon is postponed, Doug will try to set up an alternate date and give members the option of either a refund or Doug holding the check for the new date. Indian Trails will work with us on rescheduling and also allowing us to have fewer attendees. Mark felt that a summer date would lose a lot of people. Joe Pullaro felt that a September date would be best, since we may be over the virus problem. We decided to hold off on a decision until sometime in April.

- Bob asked the board to consider guidelines to direct a decision as to when to we would be able to return to our normal activities. We agreed to keep all activities on hold indefinitely until there is an all clear from government agencies.
- Speakers – Mark Cohen stated that the speaker for April is an AU member who can be easily rescheduled. No speaker is scheduled for May and the June speaker (Merrill Lynch) can also be easily canceled.
- Bob asked for agreement to cancel the April meeting. We all agreed and notification will be made in the newsletter and in a general email.
- Marty began a discussion about using Zoom for future meetings. Marty indicated that the Book Club would try to use it. Dave said that his family is using it and Mark said that he will be conducting a test this afternoon with the Stock Club. He will let us know the results. Mark has begun to outline the steps for a test with some members of the Stock Club and will make it available to us if it is successful. Mark, Marty and Dave will act as the point group for Zoom.
- Email distribution system – Bob asked John Abrahamsen for his thoughts about sending emails to the membership. He questioned the use of AOL as compared to Gmail and the number of recipients allowed. If the sender includes an incorrect or unstable email address the system will reject the entire message. Don Kirkpatrick said that he had looked into Constant Contact and another company but found that it could cost up to \$1000 per year. John Abrahamsen said that it is necessary to maintain a clean address list. John indicated that the resources that Ed Schlachman is using are not sufficient. John offered to be the point person for mass emails. John will send a new (clean) list of addresses to the board members so that, if necessary, a board member can do a mass mailing. John suggested that we should limit the number of mass emails and combine multiple items in one email on a weekly basis. The board was polled and all agreed to have John be the go-to person for email communications. John can also maintain the continuity of the databases. Bob Dauer will speak to Ed Schlachman regarding utilizing John during this period.
  - Joe mentioned that the Women’s Club of Ridgewood is using Constant Contact as a non-profit organization with an annual cost of \$168. We might be able to do the same as a 501C3 through the WRC. Don said that the cost is based on the number of members. Don Kirkpatrick will take another look at the service and let us know.
- Don Kirkpatrick spoke about website issues. Don will indicate, in 30 day increments, if activities will be suspended. We will leave the club meeting changes, as published, in place until activities resume. Don is concerned that we might lose the ability to use the Franklin Lakes Ambulance building. Joe Pullaro said that once we are back to normal, he believes that it will not be an issue.
- Joe Pullaro brought up the subject of supporting some of our members who do not use the internet. How can we keep them informed? We agreed to have Walt and John develops a list of those members and give it to Bob. Bob will then disseminate it among board members who can contact members on the list to be sure that they are alright

and continue to stay informed about AU activities. Marty will formulate some talking points for the phone calls. Walt offered to oversee the project.

- We discussed the frequency of future meetings during this shutdown period. We agreed that we should meet via conference call or a Zoom type of meeting on a bi-weekly basis or as necessary, as determined by Bob Dauer.
- Happy Saint Patrick's Day!
- AND A SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BOB DAUER

Respectfully submitted;

Dave Voehl, Secretary