

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

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

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

John Abrahamsen – Guest

Don Kirkpatrick - Guest

- President Bob Dauer called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.
- The minutes of the April 14th meeting were approved by acclimation.
- Don Kirkpatrick reported that he has investigated other teleconference platforms and feels that Zoom best fits our needs. Don had more than 45 people on the Computer Club meeting, using Zoom. He will look into others and report back. Bob questioned if it is worthwhile to use a different service.
 - We discussed about how a service is paid for. Clubs will be looking for the Board to pay for fees. Dave Voehl mentioned that the by-laws state that each individual club should pay for its own costs. How does work with AU paying for the Larkin House? Joe Pullaro asked if it is possible for AU to have one account that can be used by all clubs. Mark Cohen indicated that this would require someone to oversee the usage and schedule all requests, since Zoom will not

allow multiple meetings at the same time. There are other platforms which will allow meetings at the same time. Don will check to see what platforms will allow multiple hosts and the associated costs.

- Bob indicated that we need to establish a method to inform all members about the individual club meetings so that there are no conflicts. Don K. said that he must be notified of all changes so that he can put it on the calendar or utilize a blast to inform members. We all agreed that we should hold off on trying to have a General Meeting until after as many clubs as possible can get used to Zoom. The Discussion Group will try Zoom, with Don K. as tech control. Walt feels that it would be difficult to control the large group. This will be tried out in June. Mark will contact the investment Club chair to see when they will try Zoom. Other clubs will be contacted by Bob to encourage them to utilize Zoom, to keep the clubs active.

- It was decided that a meeting calendar will be published for May. At this time club chairmen will be asked to cover the monthly cost of Zoom, until a payment process is resolved.

- Data Management - John Abrahamsen has identified 3 members who have the ability to handle this work. John has taken over the task of doing the blasts so that he can learn the issues and can determine what strategies can be used to make it better. John has identified many incorrect email addresses and is working to fix them. He is trying Gmass to see how it would work for AU. John also suggested that sending out emails under the organization name is better than using personal names. Bob polled the board and we agreed that using the AU name should continue.

- John discussed the problem with replies to emails. If members do not reply to the person making the request but to the user reply it will create a large problem requiring a person assigned to process each email and forwarding it to the sender. John will continue to investigate. As of now, we will continue to send emails out as 'no reply' and have the individual email address included. John spoke about a problem with Optimum indicating that some emails are spam. He is continuing to look into Gmass. Also, if emails are sent to a list of addresses and one address is incorrect or a service considers it spam, the rest of the list is not sent. This will be brought up again next meeting.

- Bob stated that everyone should forward any changes to the information on the database, so that it is up to date. Changes should be sent to both John and Walt Widmer.

- Message Board – Joe Pullaro stated that we are in a period with a lack of personal contact and he is concerned that this lack will affect the organization. Toward that end, he reviewed how the YMCA uses their web site to communicate. Joe suggested that AU develop something similar to the Y's chat room to allow better interaction among members. Bob said that we should consider any means to maintain contact. Joe will work with Don to consider the establishment of a message board/chat room. Don does not see the benefit. It will take a staff and software to maintain it. It may be easier to use Facebook. How do we get people to sign in to the website. How do we inform members about Facebook. We decided to try the Facebook connection. We decided to make the access to Facebook easier and to advertise it to the members and see how it works.

- Marty reported that the Y's volunteer effort to deliver meals to hospitals was successful. Overall 1302 meals were delivered to Valley, Hackensack and Holy Name Hospitals. Both Marty and Joe drove for the deliveries.
- Dues – To date AU has received \$15,125. One check was received this month. We are budgeted for \$16,500. Jeff will present some ideas to compensate for the shortfall at the next meeting.
- Walt Widmer reported the membership is at 356, with no new applications.
- Speakers Program – Mark indicated that we are at a standstill. Mark is trying to shuffle future programs around the virus and possible AU activities.
- Larkin House – No reply has been received from the Township Committee. We need to wait to hear from them rather than push for an answer.
- Insurance Coverage – Bob reported that there is confusion about our coverage in relation to the WRC. It was finally determined that AU will be covered but the insurance company will not give an insurance certificate to hold municipalities harmless. AU has been asked by the WRC to stand down from considering coverage on our own. The WRC is looking getting separate coverage for AU. The WRC is also investigating other companies. We need to wait for the brokers to figure it out. It was mentioned that Board members have no individual liability coverage. The WRC's policy may be amended to preclude AU from liability coverage.
- Pam of the WRC requested information regarding where AU keeps its money, who 'owns' the accounts and who are the signatories. She also wanted to know the latest update to the By-laws and Procedures. There was some confusion as to how to access them and an incorrect date on the website. Dave will correct the old header date.
- Corona Virus – We determined that we need to just ride it out. We are at the mercy of the governmental rules. Joe again said that we must maintain better communication with the members.
- Bob said that we had 45 members over 90 to be called and that 32 have been heard from. We agreed that we should continue to maintain contact at least once a month. Each board member should determine how often to call. Bob will utilize his communications to ask for members to help us find those individuals whom we could not contact.
- Care and Concern – Vincent Marella has moved to Connecticut. Marty reported that Ed Petersen has died.
- Christmas questions – Due to time pressure, Dave will email board members the items to consider and will try to come up with a consensus to be presented to the board.
- The next meeting will be May 12th.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted;

David Voehl, Secretary