

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

The Executive Board was called to order by President Bob Dauer, at 10:00 AM. 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

Don Kirkpatrick – Guest

- The minutes of the May 12th meeting were approved.
- Nominating Committee – Jim Webb reported that the committee is “off and rolling”. The committee members are; Frank Nusspickel (Chairman), George Lewis, Al Colden, Marty McGonigle and Joe Moriarity.
- WRC Discussions – Jim Mallen has spoken to Brian Clark and Sue Fasano and he has reached out to Pam Bolline. Bob mentioned that he has heard from Pam and she indicated that there has been no change to the insurance coverage. A copy of the 2019 annual audit report will be sent to Jim and he will send it to Brian and Pam. Jim asked if it would be ok to give the website password to the WRC so that they are able to see the posted financial reports. Pam will be the primary contact for anything related to insurance.
- Zoom Updates – Mark Cohen reported that training and usage is going well. The June meeting of the Public Discussion Group, via Zoom is still being planned. Mark is working with Al Connelly to try to have an Investment Study Group Zoom meeting in June or July. Jim Webb said that

Harry Bennet ran the Science Club meeting last week and it went very well. Bob said that the Garden Club may try Zoom for the June meeting.

- Joe Pullaro started a discussion about having a General Meeting via Zoom. A Zoom General Meeting, with a speaker, would be a good way to maintain contact with the membership. Possibly a Fall meeting with the Medicare speaker, Will O'Hara, would be a good time to try Zoom. Since the Luncheon has been rescheduled for September 15th, we could still have Will O'Hara on September 8th. Mark Cohen will make contact to explore if this is viable for Mr. O'Hara. If we were to try a Zoom meeting in June, it would be best not to have a speaker and utilize the time to have a test run and update the membership on what has been happening. June 9th would be the date, at 11:00. The Board meeting will be held just after the General Meeting.
- Clubs covering costs – Bob had a discussion with George Lewis regarding the Duplicate Bridge meeting at the Larkin House. George said he would speak to the club members about picking up a portion of the cost. We would also have to approach the Band, since they will probably not be able, or want, to continue at Brandywine.
 - Bob corrected Dave's comment at the last meeting about each club picking up its own expenses. The By-Laws further state that the board may authorize a subsidy of a club or activity. This might be interpreted as a one-time subsidy rather than continual. We discussed alternative sites. Bob asked Jim Mallen to check with the WRC as to the availability of afternoon hours in Heneveld Hall, for the Band and Duplicate Bridge.
 - Doug mentioned that we also have to consider any increase in insurance costs for 2021. This in conjunction with a possible raise in dues, may force us to look at any subsidies. We may get some information as to status from Pam next week.
- Data Management – Updated rosters have been solicited from the clubs. The rosters include active and inactive members. All emails and the AU Network are now being sent under the Activities Unlimited email address. All activities are now being posted on the website and an updated roster was also published. There was discussion of possible problems in utilizing the website for in depth information and having the newsletter be more concise, so that members will use the website. John Abrahamsen will publish the Excel spreadsheet for the board. Bob will follow up with John. He will also speak with Lou Guarneri and Don Kirkpatrick regarding the newsletter having 'one line' info for the clubs upcoming plans.
- Membership Survey – We discussed the usage of the survey to gain the reaction of the membership as to their thoughts for the future. We need to determine what the possible plans are at this point at each of the upcoming venues, in terms of planning and minimums. Also, we need to determine what types of service may be available, such as buffet and table service. Dave will ask John Murphy and Bill Mastellon to get answers from Seasons earlier than July. Doug will get info from Indian Trails and the Brownstone.
- Christmas Social = Question 4 – After final headcount can more signups be allowed? We were all in agreement that this should be left to the discretion of the event managers.
 - Question 5 – Refunding of checks – In most cases we would be able to make a refund but no refund will be made if the cancellation puts Activities Unlimited in an untenable

financial situation. Any situation requiring review will be asked of the Board President. When we announce the Christmas party, we state that no refunds will be made after a specified date.

- Additional points – If a member cannot make the event and can get a refund, does the refund also apply to that member's invited guest? If it is past the date of no refund then the guest cannot get a refund. The guest would have the opportunity to attend if they choose, possibly with another member.
- Cash Bar? – We decided to leave it as it has been in the past. Dave will ask John and Bill to get some information from Season's regarding a cash bar or using chits then cash.
- Social Distancing – Until things change, this is a moot point.
- Membership – Walt Widmer indicated that the membership is stable. We discussed dropping the over 90 members, who cannot be contacted, from the rolls. We determined that unless we find out that they are deceased or choose to leave, they will be retained on the roster.
- Corona Virus Impact – The WRC has no targeted dates as yet. We cannot plan anything until there are changes.
- Care and Concern – Marty Valerio had nothing new to report. We have not heard of anyone having the virus or having passed because of it. Joe Pullaro will draft a paragraph asking for anyone with the virus to let us know if they need help. Don Kirkpatrick will post it.
- Other – Jeff Mohn reported that we received a check from TD Bank for the Affinity Interest. We budgeted \$500. The check amount was \$1086. The license form from the NJ Attorney General indicates that we must have a separate bank account for any proceeds from a 50/50. Jeff will go to Columbia Bank to open the new account.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:40

Respectfully submitted;

David Voehl, Secretary