

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED ZOOM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, July 14, 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

Don Kirkpatrick, Guest

- The minutes of the June 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were approved by acclamation.
- Treasurers Report – Jeff Mohn reported that there was no income activity since the last meeting. Also, all the Tour of the Shore payments have been refunded, totaling about \$4200. Currently there is \$23,000 in the bank accounts.
  - 50/50 account - Jeff has all the paperwork necessary, including the resolution, to set up the account with Columbia Bank, which has to be signed by Bob and Marty. Jim Mallen made the motion to establish the account for the 50/50 proceeds at Columbia Bank. Motion seconded by Doug Cooper and unanimously approved.
- Christmas Party – We reviewed the report from John Murphy. Dave Voehl indicated that Seasons suggested that we take advantage of the “free the date” offer. This means that that AU gives up the scheduled date and the \$500 deposit would be credited to a future function. Since we already have a deposit for 2021 it would be used in 2022. After lengthy discussion, Bob polled the Board and everyone agreed that the “free the date” option is the correct decision but we will wait until the August meeting to make it final. Bill Mastellon also emailed that we need to contact the DJ to determine if we can get the \$100 deposit returned.

- Joe Pullaro suggested that we could contact other venues, like Indian Trail Club, to have some type of party, for this year only if we 'free the date' with Seasons. Bob suggested that when we cancel the luncheon, we could ask about openings for a Christmas party. Doug suggested that we could also consider Savini's for the luncheon, which would be held on a weekend. It would be limited to 80 people and be held under a tent without a band or dancing. Doug contacted Debbie at Indian Trail Club to ask about openings. Debbie said that they would be happy to work with us given the restrictions. Debbie will check their calendar and get back to Doug.
- WRC update – The church will open the school with restrictions. Only necessary staff and the children will be allowed. This plan precludes the use of any church facilities by AU. Joe Pullaro will check to see if the Ambulance Building might be available for AU meetings.
- Jim Mallen questioned the stipend payment to the Church. He asked if the current circumstances would change our payment. After discussion, Bob polled the members. It was decided to have Jim Mallen informally talk to Brian to try to get a feeling for the Church's position on the subject of the \$8000 annual and overage payments. Doug Cooper stated that we usually add 20 to 30 new members during a year. This largely offsets member losses. We will probably not get any new members in 2020 and the pandemic may result in further losses. We may assume that AU's paying members may decrease by as many as 50 or a shortfall of \$2500. As an offset, Doug suggested that we ask the WRC for retention of our surplus for 2020 but still pay the annual \$8000. Any surplus from 2021 would include any leftover 2020 funds.
- Possible luncheon at Savinis - Doug will check re: minimum number of guests. A date would have to be determined and a non-refundable deposit of \$300 would have to be paid. AU Members will be polled in two separate blasts regarding the Christmas party and the luncheon.
- Wasserstein letter – A long discussion was held regarding utilization of the AU membership list to disseminate religious, racial, jokes, political views or other views deemed biased to the recipient. We basically agreed that if individuals do not want to receive any email or material sent from an AU member to one or more other members, that they contact the sender and express that they do not wish to receive the material that offends them. It should not be the position of the board to decide personal feelings or interactions.
- Walter Widmer canceled the Discussion Group meeting since no one was willing to help host. It was suggested that members with Zoom subscriptions be identified as possibly being willing to help run club meetings.
- August meeting – August 11<sup>th</sup> will be the date for a 10:00am Executive Board meeting and a 1:00 pm General meeting.
- Data Management – Most messages are being sent twice to Optonline subscribers to try ensure that all members see the information. Optonline software blocks what it believes is spam.

- Membership – We have 354 members. Bob reiterated the need to continue recruitment of new members even though we are not physically meeting.
- Insurance – We discussed the need for a hold harmless clause in our liability coverage. Since AU is not a legal entity, we need to rely on the insurance company and the WRC for this. Currently we are covered but the coverage may cease in 2021 if the insurance company changes its coverage. We have to rely on the Church for coverage. Bob will discuss this with Pam .
- Care & Concern – Marty Valerio sent a condolence card to the family of Jack Elwood and a donation to the ALS Foundation,
- Zoom – We again discussed reimbursement of members for their Zoom expenses. We had decided in past meetings that members would be repaid if they requested it.
- Book Club – At the last board meeting some people complained that John Bolton’s book was sent to Book Club members as a PDF. Joe Pullaro asked for a follow up of any discussions held in this regard. Walt and Bob were going to talk to the complaining members. Bob said that he spoke to them.
- Jim Mallen reported that the AU Band is still practicing.
- The meeting was concluded at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted;

David Voehl

Secretary