

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 08, 2019

The Executive Board was called to order by President Joe Pullaro at 10:20 am. The following members were in attendance:

Joe Pullaro, President

Bob Dauer, 2nd Vice President

Dave Voehl, Secretary

Doug Cooper, Treasurer/ 1st Vice President

Jeff Mohn, Assistant Treasurer

Walt Widmer, Membership Chairman

Jim Webb, Immediate Past President

Tom Butler, Past President

***Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

*** Absent

The following items were discussed:

- Approval of September's minutes was made and seconded.
- Don Kirkpatrick joined us today to discuss "One Call Phone Service", which is somewhat similar to robo-calls. There is a problem in that some older members and even some young members do not read emails. Don indicated that there are three parts that have to be considered;
 - Someone has to maintain the list so that it is current.
 - Someone has to be responsible for the content of messages
 - Someone has to record the message and activate the distribution by cell phone or PC.Cost can be determined on a flat rate basis or on a per-call basis. The flat rate would be about \$1000/year, whereas a per-call charge would be about \$150 each. We discussed the benefit derived from this type of system and how people, in general, respond to robo type calls. This system might be redundant to the email system currently in place. After good discussion it was determined that we were not really in agreement that the cost did not cover the benefit to the membership attendance. We may look at this again next year or find another type of communication, like a phone tree.
- Walt Widmer said that there was a need to be able to have an emergency contact phone number for members who do not answer their primary phone. It was stated that the ability for

a member to give AU a secondary number exists within the membership lists and had been advertised last year. Another email will be sent to the membership to remind members that they may request that an additional phone number may be added to their listing.

- Joe Pullaro reviewed the slate of nominees for the 2020 board.
 - President Bob Dauer
 - 1st Vice President Mark Cohen
 - 2nd Vice President Douglas Cooper
 - Treasurer Jeff Mohn
 - Asst. Treasurer Marty Valerio
 - Secretary David Voehl
- Past Presidents – How does the board determine what we would like the Past Presidents to do? Possibly ask them to suggest speakers/entertainment.
- General discussion as to how we get entertainment. We need to develop contacts in other groups; ie: Senior clubs, other clubs, YMCA and etc. Don Kirkpatrick mentioned that we tend to get a core group of members at each meeting, no matter the entertainment. What else is missing? Maybe food. Possibly we need to make the meetings more social.
- Treasurers Report – Doug Cooper reported that everything is fine. Currently we are \$440 under budget for this year but that we will probably break even by year-end. Currently we have \$10,000 to \$12,000 in surplus. We discussed that, in the long run, we will no longer be able to pay the WRC additional monies over the contracted \$8,000. Whether this will become a problem is to be seen.
- Care and Concern – Jeff Mohn spoke about the passing of long time member Bill Smith.
- We decided to raise the price of the AU breakfast to \$15 in 2020, thereby reducing the subsidy to \$3 per attendee. Bob Dauer indicated that we have the reservation for 2020 again at the Brick House for the same price.
- Walt Widmer reported that the membership currently is 369 members. We discussed the buddy system and sponsor program. We need to determine what the club chairs do with the information they are given in contacting members with a stated interest in the activity. Chairs have been invited to the November board meeting and this will be discussed.
 - Walt will compile a list of new members and contact board members with names to be called as a follow up to their interest in the Christmas Social.
- Doug Cooper reviewed the future speaker plans.
- 50/50 – We decided that the 50/50 at the Christmas Social will be 2 chances for \$5 and 5 chances for \$10.
- Larkin House – Joe Pullaro said that Terry Smith is working on a letter for submission to the Wyckoff Council to ask for a determination regarding more usage of the house. Can we utilize more days without an additional cost? Joe also spoke about utilization of the Wednesday time we currently have and how to determine a fair usage of that time.
- Glen Rock Club – Joe Pullaro has had talks with officers of the club and they are interested in interacting with us. Trips can be published for both clubs, Speaker lists will be shared, golf

outings can be planned and bowling is available. We need to determine how this interaction will be planned.

- Usage of the AU email system – Walt Widmer stated that we cannot allow the publishing of any item that members are trying to sell something for profit. It was determined that this will no longer be allowed. ***[Secretary's note: By-Laws, Article 1: MEMBERSHIP, Section 4, states "No member is permitted to use the "Organization" or its membership list to solicit for economic gain in any way"]***. Further discussion is needed if this clause should be reviewed.
- Tom Butler, Walt Widmer and Dave Voehl will review the By-Laws and indicate to the board those items that should be considered to be added or changed.
- Walt Widmer asked when do we delete a non-paying members name from the membership list, a member who is 90 years old or someone who has not paid his dues? We determined that calls should be made in the spring of each year to determine eligibility.
- Jim Webb stated that AU should recognize Vince Tortorelli with an award for his years of dedication to AU. The board members agreed to award him a plaque.
- Outstanding Member Award – The board will consider deserving members and choose at the November meeting. The award will be presented at the Christmas Dinner Dance.
- Motion to adjourn made and seconded at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

David Voehl, Secretary