

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

The Executive Board was called to order by President Joe Pullaro at 10:00 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

Mark Cohen, Guest

Marty Valerio, Guest

The following items were discussed:

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.
- The minutes of the October meeting were approved as submitted and seconded.
- Treasurers Report – Doug Cooper reported that the income from the Affinity Program at TD Bank paid \$707 to AU on any type of account assigned to the program. This income item along with some cost reductions gives AU a positive \$971 in discretionary funds. Doug recommended that we again set aside \$750 as a reserve for the 2020 Christmas party. We should discuss this further at the December meeting. Jim Mallen offered accolades to Doug for the outstanding job he has done as Treasurer. Treasurer's report was approved and seconded as reported. Currently there are 122 members who have paid the 2020 dues. This is the same number as last year at this time. The October Balance Sheet, the YTD Budget Status Report and the 2019 Forecast are attached.
- Care and Concern – Jeff Mohn reported that a Get-well card was sent to Don Fairburn, who was hospitalized. Sympathy cards were sent to Ron Miller on the passing of his wife and to the daughter of Arnold Barsten.

- Speaker Program – Doug Cooper reported that today’s speaker is Susan Widmer. December’s speaker will be James Calaski who will speak about WWII Nazis in Glenrock. Brian Clark will speak in January about 911. He is a survivor and helped to save other victims. In February, Joe Lenox will speak about the NASA program.
- Membership – Walt Widmer reported that there are currently 371 members with 2 possible new members.
- Distinguished Service Award – The board considered possible candidates and made a choice to be announced at the Christmas party. Bod Dauer will take care of the plaques. Jim Mallen made the motion which was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Larkin House – Terry Smith spoke with Mayor Madigan of Wyckoff. Specific information will be presented to the Mayor by Terry. Joe Pullaro offered to continue the discussion in 2020. Discussions will be continued. Jim Mallen knows Mayor Madigan and will talk with Terry on how best to proceed. AU has 96 Wyckoff residents as members.
- We discussed the utilization of the Midland Park Senior Center as a backup to the Larkin House. Further discussion will be held depending on the outcome of the conversations with Wyckoff.
- Glen Rock Club – Joe has given our list of speakers to the President of the club. Joint golf play was discussed and Jim Webb was asked to contact them and try to plan something. Glen Rock has a bowling club but there seems to be little interest by AU members.
- A discussion was held regarding Article I, section 4 of the by-laws to allow members to sell items to other members through the AU Network. Jim Webb will lead a committee to modify this section and a new section of the AU Policies, Practices and Procedures. The committee will be comprised of Jim Webb, Dave Voehl, Marty Valerio, Walt Widmer and Fred Thiele. The new wording will be presented to the board and possibly to the General Meeting in December. A member will be chosen to review and determine if a member's ad meets the criteria for publication. Dave Voehl suggested that this responsibility be given to the First Past President.
- By-Laws revisions – The finalized accepted revisions to the nomination and election of officers will be written by Dave Voehl for inclusion into the published by-laws on the web site.
- Christmas Party – A list of new members was given to the board members to call specific new members to inquire if they are planning to attend. The question of allowing non-members to attend AU functions was brought up. This must be decided next year. As of today only 202 people are attending the Christmas party. We discussed the different reasons that people do not attend., The 50/50 will be 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10.
- YMCA Wellness Day – Joe Pullaro discussed the Wellness program for men. Probably in April. This will be finalized next year. The Y is looking to establish a connection with AU, which will also be discussed in the future.
- Patch Update – Bob Dauer said that members should check if Patch announcements have expired. If so, they should be reposted.

- Memos to club chairs – Bob Dauer emails each club chair the contact info of any new member who is interested in a club. There is a good response rate to the contacts.
- Club Chairs Discussion – All club chairmen were invited to this meeting to review progress and discuss positives, problems and concerns. (Please see last page for list of attendees – I apologize if I missed anyone.)
 - Joe Pullaro read a synopsis of past discussions.
 - Pablo Catangay (History) indicated that he has contacted new members with good results and that they publish a list of upcoming topics.
 - John DeSantis (AU Band) said that the band has lost some members and is looking for anyone who would like to join. John will make an announcement at today's General Meeting.
 - Fred Theile (Short Hike) said that they draw 8 – 12 people for a 3 to 4 mile flat hike. Then they go to lunch.
 - Jack Yurasek (Science) said that they draw about 15 to 20 per meeting. The club has 80 on the mailing list. The club utilizes DVD's, movies and some trips in conjunction with their presentations.
 - Vince Tortorelli discussed the possible utilization of the Midland Park facility.
 - General discussion included utilization of the Larkin House. Some felt that it would be a good venue for those members unable to climb stairs. Some clubs require internet access and WiFi which is not available at the Larkin House.
 - Someone mentioned the possible usage of St. Elizabeth's.
 - Some clubs ask for preparation prior to the meeting but not everyone does it, which is ok, they are able to attend anyway.
 - Everyone indicated that there has been no net decrease in club membership.
 - It was agreed that having clubs highlighted at the General Meeting was a good idea.
 - John Abrahamsen (Stock Market) suggested that an explanation of the activities of the individual clubs would be good to have available on the web and also hard copy for distribution to new members. Dave Voehl indicated that he will receive the summaries from the club chairs and publish for members and give to Don Kirkpatrick.
- Joe Pullaro thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 12:05, pm.

Respectfully submitted:

David Voehl, Secretary

CLUB CHAIR ATTENDEES

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| - Don Kirkpatrick | Computer/Long Hiking |
| - Fred Theile | Computer/Short Hiking |
| - Murray Perl | Photography |
| - Frank Nusspickel | Transportation |
| - Don Wasson | Trips & Tours |
| - John Caikowski | Trips & Tours |
| - Harry Bennett | Science |
| - Pablo Catangay | History |
| - Tony Mastandrea | History |
| - Vince Tortorelli | Book Club |
| - Jack Yurasek | Science/Skiing |
| - John DeSantis | AU Band |
| - Lou Guaneri | Newsletter |
| - Bill Byrne | Golf |
| - Mark Cohen | Stock Market |
| - Walt Widmer | Public Discussion |