

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

The Executive Board was called to order by President Joe Pullaro at 10:25 am. The following members were in attendance:

***Joe Pullaro, President

Vince Tortorelli, 1st Vice President

Bob Dauer, 2nd Vice President

Dave Voehl, Secretary

Doug Cooper, Treasurer

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:

- Treasurers Report – Doug Cooper reported that the basic treasurer’s report is business as usual with current events essentially paying for themselves. Doug reviewed the budget and the forecast. He indicated that since we are not receiving any CAP interest from Boiling Springs Bank, we will have a shortfall in 2019 of \$2500.00. Boiling Springs will only have the program for checking and savings accounts. CD’s are no longer part of the program. We are leaving \$1500 in the budget for speakers, taking out \$1000. Care and Concern has been trimmed by \$150. We picked up \$175 on the May luncheon. With everything considered we will have an annual loss of \$334. This equates to a deficit of about \$3000 for 2020. Doug suggested that we raise the dues to \$60 from the current \$50.
- A discussion was held regarding dues. The \$50 dues amount has been in effect for a number of years. The alternative would be to cut other costs,(eq. Trips & Tours). Surpluses from any activity will go into the annual reserve, (eq. \$140 from wine tasting). Reserves can be used to offset, for example bus cost for the Trips & tours to High Point or costs for the Christmas party,

etc. The general idea was that a dues increase to \$60 was better than a small increase of \$5 now with another increase in 2020. An announcement will be made at the July General Meeting and published in the newsletter of the potential increase, with the reasons for the need.

- \$100 was collected for new member dues in May and an additional \$100 was collected recently.
- The financial reports are attached to this report.
- Care & Concern – Jeff Mohn announced the passing of Bill Ball and that a donation was made to Catholic Relief Services and a letter of condolence was sent to the family.
- Vince Tortorelli reported about the speaker program. July – Tom DeStephano will speak about the history of Paterson. Vince is working to get the New Jersey Attorney General for the November meeting. Mike Saxton of the N.Y. Giants will be the speaker in September and October will be the illusionist at the breakfast.
- Tom Butler indicated that a vote will be called at today's General Meeting for the By-law change regarding the change in timing of officer elections. Jim Webb indicated that with the change of the by-laws, we need to consider a nominating committee for the coming year. We need to know who will be nominated by September.
- Membership Report – Walt Widmer. The current membership is 362.
- Patch and flyers – We cannot really measure the effectiveness. Walt indicated that the recent new members have had sponsors. Bob Dauer stated that the flyers do not stay posted for very long.
- Publicity Committee – Bob Dauer. There is not an organized committee other than Bob and he feels it is not necessary. Bob feels that the best advertisers of the club are the members and plans to send an email to all members about being an ambassador. Also, reminding members to utilize the business cards. Doug suggested that the duties of publicity might be considered as a part of the duties of the 2nd Vice President, whereby, he would be the focal point for publicity.
- Bob Dauer spoke about the May luncheon. Total attendance was 136. 10 people paid at the door and there were 11 no-shows. There were 177 attendees in 2018. There were 41 fewer people this year, even though there was more advertising via emails and the newsletter. Bob will continue to look into a possible different venue for the luncheon for the year 2021. It was suggested that Bob contact some of the people who attended last year and not this year to determine if there was some reason that can be addressed.
- July meeting, July 17 – The meeting will be held in the sanctuary. The doors open at 9:30, the speaker will begin at 10:30 and a social hour will follow in the hall. Tom Butler suggested that our General Meeting should be considered more of a social meeting rather than a business meeting
- George Lewis spoke about the September AU Social, which will be held on the 19th from 6pm to 9pm, at the Upper Ridgewood Tennis Club. The charge will be \$42 per person.
- George indicated that the wine tasting event was a great success. The event had a "profit" of \$140.

- George said that the availability of blue AU shirts will be announced at the General Meeting and if anyone wants a yellow one, it will be noted.
- Wyckoff Day – A few new possible members will be coming today and one will be signing up. Walt suggested that a printed copy of the newsletter should be available for handout to visitors. Doug suggested that since we are a Wyckoff area organization, we should always be at the Day, even if we do not get any new members.
- George also mentioned that the roster needs to be updated and it will be announced at the General Meeting today.
- Doug Cooper reported that the Larkin House is essentially available for use other than our current usage at no additional cost, over the \$2000 per year we currently pay. For some of our clubs Wi-Fi would be necessary, which is not available. Any media would have to be brought by the individual club.
- Walt Widmer said that bocce is working out well and will be offered on both Monday's and Friday's.
- Vince discussed our association with the Glen Rock Club. There is no move for AU to merge with them.
- Jim Mallen said that some people have asked if AU has a chess club or a poker club. The response needs to be, if someone is interested they should try to initiate it.
- Motion to adjourn and seconded at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted:
David Voehl, Secretary