

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 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

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:

- Welcoming Doug Cooper as temporary 1st Vice President.
- The booked speakers are: November - Susan Widmer and December – James Calaski, “Suspected Nazi Spy in Glen Rock”. Doug will plan for January and February.
- July and August minutes approved and seconded.
- The Past Presidents in attendance, in addition to Jim Webb and Tom Butler, were: Herb Umland, George Lewis, Frank Nusspickle, Don Martin and Bill Byrne.
- Discussion with Past Presidents regarding the decline in attendance. Jim Webb mentioned that attendance is falling off in other organizations, also. Doug indicated that Kiwanis attendance is also declining. The overall age of members in A.U. is increasing with an average age of 80. Recently we are averaging 75 members at a meeting, whereas in the past the average was 80-100.
 - What is the importance of having a robust turnout at the General Meeting or is it just individual clubs?

- Bill Byrne and Frank Nusspickle stated that this problem was agonized over 13 years ago. People join for the activities. The business meeting is basically boring and is probably determined by the speaker or entertainment.
 - George Lewis stated that more outreach to other AU members by members of the board and active members is necessary. He suggested Uncle Floyd again. We need younger people to participate in meetings and as board members.
 - Tom Butler suggested that we encourage board participation by having people serve for one- year terms rather than being locked into a 3-5 year commitment. There is nothing in the By-Laws that states the necessity of moving through the chairs.
 - Also suggested was to make the meetings more social with lunch (food).
 - A primary force for participation should be to have the individual club chairs try to have their members get involved in the general activities.
 - General suggestion is to have more “name” speakers and interesting subjects. Music does not seem to draw. Politicians seem to draw but are difficult to get.
 - A general consensus was to have more trips within established tour companies rather than trying to plan any internally, which usually adds an additional cost for a bus.
- Treasurers Report – Doug Cooper reported that one new member has paid his dues recently and that it will be reflected in payment for 2020. Few transactions for the month. The golf outing had about a \$100 surplus. The current forecast still shows a deficit of \$390 in discretionary funds, which means that we will not have any surplus sharing with the WRC. Also, there is no necessity for registration with the town or state for an AU 50/50. Doug will continue to assist Jeff Mohn for the balance of the year.
 - Care and Concern – We only collected \$15 for the food pantry at the July meeting in the sanctuary. A donation was made to the American Cancer Society in the name of Charles Romano. Joe Pullaro spoke about the passing of Jerry Berlinger and that he will be reading a note from his wife at the General meeting.
 - Speakers – October breakfast meeting – Scott Magic, November – Susan Widmer, December – James Calaski. Joe indicated that he has a list of possible speakers which he will review with Doug.
 - Dues will remain at \$50 annually.
 - Membership Report – currently we have 368 members with 2 new people coming today. If a person does not have a sponsor, someone will be asked to help a new member as his sponsor.
 - October breakfast – Currently there are 55 members signed up. Last year we had 110.
 - 50/50 – We decided that the cost will be 1 ticket for \$3 and 2 tickets for \$5. One winner will receive the 50%. The winner must be there to win. It was agreed that we will decide if it will be run at the Christmas Party.
 - Pickleball and Project Outreach will be represented at today’s General Meeting.
 - It was determined that we will continue to hold our meetings in the afternoon.

- Larkin House – Terry Smith has yet to contact the Wyckoff board to have them consider AU usage at a reduced price or for no-charge. Joe Pullaro discussed the current usage of our allotted time. Do we need to ask The Bridge Club to share their time for usage by other clubs?
- Glen Rock Club – Joe Pullaro contacted the new president who said that he would call. Joe feels that this should be the last try.
- Nominating Committee – The members are: George Lewis, Chairman, Frank Nusspickle, Al Colden, Marty McGonigle and Joe Moriarity. We discussed how names of possible nominees are put forward and how nominees are chosen. Joe Pullaro will discuss nominees with George Lewis and the selection process. A nominee also needs to be made for the Asst. Treasurer. If anyone knows of a possible candidate with a financial background, please contact George Lewis.
- Bulletin Board – Jim Webb and Ed Schlachman have communicated about what is acceptable for publishing.
- Christmas/Holiday Party – We determined that the name will remain “Christmas Party”. Any raffle will be decided at next month’s meeting.
- Spousal Invitations – Should spouses of deceased members be invited to functions? We agreed that spouses should be included in any function. We did not determine if spouses should be able to attend individual club functions.
- It was moved and seconded that the meeting be closed at 11:50am.

Respectfully Submitted:
David Voehl, Secretary