

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

The Executive Board was called to order by President Mark Cohen, at 9:30 am. at the VFW Hall. The following members were in attendance:

Mark Cohen, President

Doug Cooper, 1st Vice President

Harry Bennett, 2nd Vice President

Dave Voehl, Secretary

Marty Valerio, Assistant Treasurer

Walt Widmer, Membership Chairman

Bob Dauer, Immediate Past President

Joe Pullaro, Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

Richard Bernarde - Secretary-elect

James Atieh – 2nd Vice President – elect

Don Kirkpatrick – Guest

John Caikowsky - Guest

- The minutes of the November meeting were accepted unanimously by the Board.
- Treasurer's Report - Marty Valerio reported that the Budget Status Report and the Balance Sheet for November has been sent to the Board and that Don Kirkpatrick had been copied. Marty indicated that about 55% of the members have paid their dues.
 - Doug Cooper explained the payment of fees to the towns for our 50 – 50's.
 - There was a discussion regarding the proposed 2022 budget in regards to amount of dues and that payments are recorded as 2022 income.
 - Marty indicated that the signatures on the Sales Tax Exemptions Certificates need to be updated now that Sue Fasano is no longer with the WRC. He will contact the WRC for an updated copy.
 - Marty reminded us that the banking signatures need to be changed for 2022.
 - Marty reported that the Ad Hoc committee, for the Treasurers position, met for the first time and identified 6 candidates. One candidate has refused.

- Doug Cooper reviewed the proposed budget. The amount of \$5000 for liability insurance will be less. Combined with the umbrella policy the cost will be about \$3300, including “Directors and Officers” coverage. Doug also received the accident policy which will cost \$1131 not the estimated \$1500. Doug will contact the insurance company to change the contact name and address on the policy to prevent any confusion. These policies cover AU as an association. Therefore, at this juncture, we no longer need to become an LLC. Reverend Andy has been notified that the need for an LLC is no longer necessary. Doug explained all of the steps that were taken to find an underwriter. This policy now appears to cover AU for the “hold harmless” coverage required by some of the venues we may use.
 - Jim Mallen raised some questions regarding the budget which Doug Cooper and Mark Cohen explained along with the probable payments to the WRC. Jim also asked about the effect of pickleball players on the membership. Walt Widmer indicated that he was aware of 6 people who joined as pickleball players.
 - Harry Bennett mentioned that the cost of the May luncheon is going from \$29 to \$34 and how that may affect the budget. There is no current subsidy for the luncheon.
 - Payment to WRC – The payment for the year ending will be \$2000 plus \$5000 carryover from 2020. The specific amount will be finalized by the end of December. Our contribution to the food pantry is about \$700 for 2021 from the 50/50’s.
 - There was a general discussion regarding reserves.
 - The motion was made by Harry Bennett and seconded by Bob Dauer to accept the 2022 proposed budget. Motion passed. All members voted in the affirmative.
 - A motion was made by Harry Bennett and seconded by Bob Dauer to pay the WRC \$7000, when finalized, by December 31, 2021, and passed by the board.
- Membership – Walt Widmer indicated that 60 members have been added. The total membership now stands at 352. In the future, a count will be determined by the roster count as of the last day of the previous month, as provided by John Abrahamsen. Dave Voehl will draft a new letter to be used as a welcome to new members. Additionally, the full membership roster will be sent by John Abrahamsen to the President (Doug Cooper) and the Membership Chair (David Voehl) monthly. They will determine the necessary distribution to any other members.
- Speakers Program – Doug reported that today’s entertainment will be Marco the Magician. Doug presented the possible lineup known to this point for 2022.
- Party refund – We discussed the shortfall attendance of 16 people to the Christmas party. 206 people were signed up for the party. There will be a possible refund of \$1200 to \$1500. After discussion, a motion was made by Doug Cooper and seconded by Joe Pullaro to refund ticket costs to any member who did not attend. The motion was passed by the Board. The new Board must make a decision regarding minimums and refunds for the Christmas party as the planning is done for next year’s party. The determination must be made very clear to the entire membership.
- Care and Concern – Marty Valerio sent a condolence card to the family of Don Bidwell in response to his passing.

- Low Stakes Poker – A member has asked if a club could be formed for a poker club. After discussion, the Board asked if Jim Mallen would ask the WRC if they would approve. If the WRC approves, the Board will need to discuss rules for the club.
- Trips and Tours – John Caikowsky addressed the Board, stating that the club needs a place to hold their meetings, since the members prefer not to use Zoom. Trips and Tours should be able to use one of the available facilities starting in February. A new ST5 form will be sent to John by Marty Valerio. John asked if items, such as the copy machine, are available to AU. Jim Mallen will also ask about the rules governing access. The carry forward discretionary amount of \$1900 will be available to Trips and Tours for 2022. John also spoke about the need for new Trips and Tours members, since some current members may not be continuing after next year. John appealed to the Board for help to recruit. The \$2000 line item reserve for Trips and Tours is a reserve for the Board to use to front costs for activities which will be met when members sign up for the activity.
- Facilities – We talked about available facilities for our use other than the WRC. The Franklin Lakes Ambulance facility may be available and has internet and kitchen area available. Joe Pullaro will contact them to see if we would still be able to use it on the second Tuesday of the month. He will also ask if there are any problems with having the AU band play prior to our meeting. The Midland Park Fellowship Hall is available for \$125 per meeting. The Larkin House can also be considered. Harry Bennett will consider the various options.
- Mark Cohen expressed his thanks to the Board members for their support during this past difficult year.
- Dave Voehl asked that Rich Bernarde be given authorization to purchase a more efficient recording device, to be used to record our meetings for the purpose of the minutes. The Board agreed for a limit of \$100.
- Joe Pullaro spoke about our relationship with the YMCA and the necessity to continue it. He indicated that he would be willing to be the liaison between AU and the YMCA. He also said that we should continue to develop our relationships with the Glen Rock Club and the Hobbyists. This needs to be followed up and discussed at our January meeting.
- The entire Board thanked Joe Pullaro for all of his efforts and leadership over the past years.

Respectfully Submitted;
David Voehl, Secretary

