

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED ZOOM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

The Executive Board was called to order by President Bob Dauer, at 9:35 A.M. The following members were in attendance:

Bob Dauer, President

Mark Cohen, 1st Vice President

Doug Cooper, 2nd Vice President

Dave Voehl, Secretary

Jeff Mohn, Treasurer

Marty Valerio, Assistant Treasurer

Walt Widmer, Membership Chairman

Joe Pullaro, Immediate Past President

Jim Webb, Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

Don Kirkpatrick, Guest – Guest

Harry Bennett, 2nd Vice President Elect

- A motion was made by Jim Webb to approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting in November and seconded by Doug Cooper. Motion approved by acclamation.
- Treasurers Report – Jeff Mohn stated that it was a quiet month with the only expenditure being \$454 for stationary and postage. We have received dues paid by 197 members. Some members paid amounts other than the \$30 that had been decided. Currently we have 120 outstanding. The Club normally asks for dues by year end but we give a grace period of two months. At that time, in February, we normally call any member who has not renewed their membership. Bob Dauer felt that a blast be sent asking for payment of dues, rather than wait. Bob suggested that we send an email, thanking the majority of members who have paid and requesting the others please pay by year end. Bob asked for feedback on how to present a 2021 budget. It will have to be preliminary at this point since we do not have good information as to what our expenses will be, or what the dues payments will be in 2021. After discussion, we assumed that the cost of the Larkin House and the payment to the WRC will only be for half a year. Jeff stated that we will end 2020 with an excess of \$10,000 surplus. Jeff's submitted statement is as follows:

BALANCE SHEET

- The Columbia Bank balance of \$14,738 reflects increases due to; 1) \$4,790 in dues collected from 157 members in November and 2) \$1334 collected for the December luncheon. (\$696 was subsequently refunded in December).

- The following table summarizes where we stand with respect to 2021 dues collections as of 12/5/20;

- Total Membership	357
- Less: Under 90 resigned 2020	(6)
- Remaining Members	351
- Less: Over 90 exempt from dues	(33)
- Equals Paying Members	318
- Dues received as of 12/5/20	(189)
- Remaining members to pay	129

BUDGET STATUS REPORT:

There was only one item of expenditure in December - \$454 for postage and supplies related to the mass mailing.

Looking forward to year-end, we will end the year with at least a \$10K surplus. If we collect 80% of the remaining 2021 dues of about \$3,100 and other revenues, we can expect to have approximately \$19K available between excess 2020 surplus and 2021 revenue for 2021 expenditures. Jeff will prepare a more detailed preliminary budget proposal in the next few weeks.

- Doug suggested that we prepay the reduced \$905 for insurance. Jeff agreed. Bob polled the board and we all agreed that prepayment is a good idea. Joe Pullaro questioned the wording of the policy, referencing young children and athletes. Doug will check it out.

- Jeff asked if anyone has any requests for funds, that they get the request to Jeff quickly for disbursement in 2020.

- Doug reminded us that an Audit Committee needs to be set up for year-end review. Bob will contact Frank Nusspickel to see if he will conduct the audit.

- Christmas Luncheon – Doug Cooper reviewed the issues with the luncheon. 60 members and spouses were to originally attend but 18 backed out prior to the event. Our agreement with Indian Trail was a minimum of 45. The number was now reduced to 42. The end result, after deducting Board and Band members attending, would have been only 15 other members attending. Doug spoke to Debbie at Indian Trail and it was agreed to cancel the event and allow the deposit of \$500 to be deferred until May 2021. Doug felt that with a vaccine, we should be able to have an event in the spring.
- Joe Pullaro suggested that we try to plan for some type of luncheon early in the year. Possibly with Trips and Tours. Jim Mallen said that most people will not be interested until we see the results of the vaccine. We more or less decided to continue to look at a possible early 2021 social event at our Board meetings in January and February.
- Bob Dauer has written a season's greeting card from the Board to be sent electronically to all members so that everyone knows that we are thinking of our members in this important time of the year, wishing everyone Seasons Greetings and a healthy New Year.

- Marty Valerio had previously considered using the refund monies from the luncheon as a donation to the WRC food pantry. Many members asked for the refund. Doug Cooper said it might be better to ask the members to consider a donation to the pantry. Marty will write a letter, as a blast, to the members, indicating the need, with the particulars as to how and where to send a donation.
- Meeting Locations – Thanks to Jeff, we now have the Midland Park VFW Hall as a location for the usage by AU clubs. The band has used it for rehearsals. We agreed that the timing is poor to consider using the hall until we see the results of the vaccine and members are willing to have face to face meetings. Jim Mallen commented on the facility and said it has excellent access with internet, large screens and adequate seating. Bob said that we will be able to hold 16 meetings each month. He questioned how much we need the Ambulance Corps and the Larkin House. We determined that we should maintain our possibilities of our usage of the Larkin House, especially in light of the hold harmless insurance problem with the Ambulance Corps. Jim Webb said that we should consider making a donation to the VFW to say thanks. Jeff said that the VFW has a function in the spring which we can consider supporting.
- Zoom Meeting Update – Jeff Mohn now has a full subscription to Zoom, so that he can now be a host. Also, Marc Bernhardt and Steve Joern are available but they do not have a Zoom account. Harry Bennett hosts the Science Club by utilizing Don Kirkpatrick's account. Murray Perl takes care of the Photo Club.
- Meeting Speakers – Mark Cohen is trying to gain interest by having a “mystery” session at today's meeting. He will be using YouTube videos about the Covid Vaccines. Mark, Harry and Doug have spoken about planning for 2021. We need to get creative in getting members to show up as soon as we are able to get together. A discussion was held about various ideas.
- Data Management – There were 76 responses to the email regarding changes to the database. John Abrahamsen has made the changes and forwarded the database to Walt Widmer. Don Kirkpatrick talked about a backup for him. Don will be training John Yessis shortly but is concerned about in-house sessions. He will use Zoom for now. We talked about the problems with Optonline accounts. Bob will look into a possible work around by looking into using an Optonline account to successfully send to other Optonline accounts.
- Membership – Walt reported that 2 people have resigned. Currently, we have 352 members. The official number is the count at year end of dues received by the Treasurer.
- Care and Concern – Marty Valerio mentioned that the donation was sent for Marty McGonigle. A get well card was sent to Sam Ohan, who had a heart attack. Tony Mastandrea has had back surgery. Edward Talbot Petersen passed away in April but somehow it was missed.
- Jim Mallen mentioned that the Franklin Lakes Mayor had said that Henry Wasserstein was voted Bergen County Volunteer of the Year for his efforts in addressing drug abuse. Jim wrote an article which will be included in the Newsletter and Don Kirkpatrick will put it on the website.
- Walt Widmer congratulated Bob Dauer for his work this past year under these circumstances. He thanked Bob for keeping us together. The Board concurred. Bob gave his appreciation for the help of the board members. Joe Pullaro also thanked Jim Webb for all his work over the past 5 years.
- The meeting was concluded at 11:10 AM

Respectfully Submitted;
David Voehl, Secretary