

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED ZOOM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 09, 2021**

The Executive Board was called to order by President Mark Cohen, at 9:33 A.M. The following members were in attendance:

Mark Cohen, President

Doug Cooper, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Harry Bennett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Dave Voehl, Secretary

Jeff Mohn, Treasurer

Marty Valerio, Assistant Treasurer

Walt Widmer, Membership Chairman

Bob Dauer, Immediate Past President

Joe Pullaro, Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

Don Kirkpatrick, Guest

John Caikowski, Guest

- Motion to approve the January 12<sup>th</sup> minutes made by Jim Mallen, seconded by Doug Cooper. Passed.
- Mark began the discussion of the creation of an ad hoc group to cover the future structure of Activities Unlimited, if we were to become our own legal entity as a social organization, Section 501c(7). Doug Cooper has offered to be the project leader and Jeff Mohn will also be a part. They will be responsible to consider the vision, structure, organization, legal and insurance needs which may be required in the future. They were asked to initially consider a time line and items to be considered. Doug indicated that we should ask Frank Nusspickel and an attorney, maybe Rich Berger, to join the group. Doug spoke about the possible types of organizations which may apply. The major issue would be our liability. Pam, at the WRC, will be contacted to verify the status of our coverage. Doug and Jeff will offer their recommendations at our next meeting.
- Speakers – today, Curt Springstead will speak about Cyber Security. March will be a program on brain health. April is to be decided. For Mat it could be some type of a “rebirth” meeting. June will possibly be some type of luncheon at The Indian Trail Club. A face to face meeting titled

“Living Longer, Living Smarter” may be tentatively scheduled for July. Harry Bennett will contact The Brick House and Indian Trails to confirm that we are still on their calendars.

- Trips and Tours – John Caikowski was asked for his outlook for future events. John has contacted some groups and vendors which we have used in the past. He said that the NJ Dreamers have canceled all events through April. Savini’s doesn’t know when they will be back to normal. Hunterdon Hills is closed. Three of the bus companies we have used are out of business. John indicated that we need to begin advertising the June luncheon now, in the newsletter and with a blast. He is curious as to what the attendance may be for Indian Trails. John doesn’t expect anything until late summer or fall. He also related the status of the Trips and Tours Club membership. He will need help. Joe Pullaro and Dave Voehl both offered to help.
- Treasurer’s Report – Jeff Mohn reported that an \$800 deposit was duplicated on the books (AU Band) from 2019. Jeff will contact the Riverdale Board of Education and tell them that we will repay it. Therefore the Band fund on the balance sheet will show a balance \$467. The dues paid to date are \$8,155. There are about 46 members unpaid. Since Pat Begley died in January, Jeff will refund his dues payment. There was very little activity in January. Jeff will send a list to board members of those delinquent members to be contacted. Each Board member will be responsible to contact their assigned members. The prior year’s surplus of \$11,249 was discussed in relation to our obligation to the WRC. The AU balance sheet of 12/31/2020, the balance sheet of 01/31/2021 and the budget status report of 01/31/2021 has been sent to board members and will be attached to the website publication.
- Larkin House – as yet, nothing new. AU is still seeking a refund (or credit) for the period Q2 2020, which was paid but not used, due to the pandemic shutdown. The financials do not record this item.
- Hybrid Meeting – Harry has rescheduled the test for next Tuesday at 12:30. Harry has also been working on a schedule of club meetings at the VFW. Some clubs meet on Thursday’s, so Harry will ask the VFW if any time is available on the third Thursday of the month. Harry and John DeSantis have keys to the VFW.
- Zoom meetings update – Marty Valerio reviewed the subscription status of the different clubs. Marty will continue with the Book Club. Jeff Mohn will host the History Club and the Public Discussion Club. The Garden Club has not met since last Spring. They have not held a meeting since the Fall. The Photography Club will be hosted by Murray Perl. Harry Bennett will host the Science Club.
- Membership – Walt Widmer indicated that the current membership count is indicated by the dues payments to Jeff Mohn. Walt reported that we have two new members. Joe Pullaro spoke about our need to attract new members. We discussed options such as Wyckoff Day and advertising at markets and town Patches. Jeff Mohn suggested that he would draft an article to be published in the Bergen Record about AU and the pandemic. He will send us his ideas. Jim Mallen said that the article might also be published in the Allendale Magazine.
- Care and Concern – Marty Valerio – A get well card was sent to Joe Lamela, a sympathy card was sent to Sal Barbera’s family and one to the family of Pat Begley.

- Audit – The audit was completed under the direction of Frank Nusspickel. Frank recommended and Doug Cooper suggested that some items be reclassified on the Balance Sheet. Frank was pleased with the organization and the conduct of the treasury function. A copy of Frank’s report will be forwarded to Brian Clark of the WRC.
- YMCA – Joe Pullaro had a conversation with Joy Vottero who indicated that they are looking forward to having a joint function with their Active Adults Group in June or July, outdoors, perhaps with some type of music. This may be an opportunity for AU recruitment. Joe will follow up with the YMCA.
- By Laws – Constitution – Dave Voehl will review any changes that may be necessary to be considered if we need to go to a 501c(7). Dave will request to address the required changes required by any potential restructure and be on the ad-hoc committee and communicate with Mark Cohen and the Board.
- Membership – Mark generally discussed how we reach members and questioned why attendance at General Meetings and Club meetings is low in comparison to the numbers who have paid dues. Why do people pay dues but do not participate? We tried to figure out why this happens. No real answer was achieved. Mark stated that the Newsletter should be longer with articles included by the individual club chairs. Also, Mark stated that invitations to club meetings should possibly be sent to all members, in hopes of generating greater participation. The Board will follow up at the March meeting. Topics for the March meeting will also include the contribution to the VFW, focus on new members and advertising for new membership.
- We discussed with Don Kirkpatrick, the hits on the AU’s website. Don said that the hits were down 50% from a year ago.
- Jim Mallen made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Harry Bennett. Mark Cohen adjourned the meeting at 11:36.

Respectfully submitted;  
David Voehl, Secretary