

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, July 13, 2021**

The Executive Board was called to order by President Mark Cohen, at 9:40 A.M., at the Midland Park VFW Hall. 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 - Absent

Dave Voehl, Secretary

Jeff Mohn, Treasurer - Absent

Marty Valerio, Assistant Treasurer

Walt Widmer, Membership Chairman

Bob Dauer, Immediate Past President

Joe Pullaro, Past President - Absent

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC – Absent

Marty Valerio held the proxy for Harry Bennett and Dave Voehl held the proxy for Joe Pullaro.

- A motion was made by Marty Valerio and seconded by Doug Cooper to accept the minutes of the June 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Passed by voice vote.
- Treasurer's Report – Marty Valerio presented the report in the absence of Jeff Mohn. TD Bank account had no activity for the month, so the balance is the same as last month. Columbia Bank had three checks outstanding, with a balance of \$16,280.55. No final cost of the golf outing has been received from Jim Webb nor from Larry Resteri for the cost of the Portabello luncheon. Marty has not received an invoice from the YMCA for the BBQ costs. He will follow up with Joe Pullaro for the documentation. The budget status was reviewed. Mark said that the payments to the WRC, in the future need to be analyzed. We need to have further discussion as to how any payments to the WRC will be handled when we become an LLC or any transactions to maintain the LLC non-profit status. Mark reviewed the problems and possible outlays that might be used to attain a zero balance. We had a long discussion on the subject.
  - The Trips and Tours reserve was also discussed. Additional discussion has to be held with John Caikowski so that there is a good understanding of the position of AU vis a vis Trips and Tours.

- Marty questioned the signatories for both the Columbia Bank and TD America. Currently they are Bob Dauer, Jeff Mohn and Marty Valerio. We decided to leave both banks as they are until 2022.

- Marty reported on the TD Bank balance and questioned how the banks Affinity Program works. Also, how it pertains to the balance. We are not sure how the bank figures the annual payment. Our current monies should remain at TD Bank. Marty will arrange a meeting with a TD America representative to determine how the program works.

- We discussed the subsidies for Zoom accounts. Marty indicated that Harry Bennett's subscription is for one year. John Caikowski and Murray Perl also have subscriptions. We decided that they will be informed that the subscriptions will not be subsidized after they run out. Marty will draft a letter to the Zoom users to inform them that AU will not continue payment after the subscription runs out.

- Membership – Walter Widmer reported that the AU membership is currently at 325. There are 32 new members with a few (2-4) that are “re-ups”. Walt mentioned that he had received two applications from women. Both were returned with a note stating that we could not accommodate them. Walt said that they were not pleased. It seemed that they were thinking that membership in AU would allow them to play pickleball.
  - Bob Dauer spoke about the draft of the article for publication. He will email copies to us for comment.
- Mark reviewed Harry's letter to Wyckoff regarding the usage of the Larkin House for the rest of 2021. Due to the lack of insurance in place for the hold harmless insurance, we should try to see if the \$1000, already paid to Wyckoff, can be carried over until 2022. If this cannot be done, AU should request a refund. We need a letter to ask that Wyckoff to extend the payment until next year. Mark will talk to Harry about writing the letter.
- We discussed the current meeting schedule and the current venues. It was determined that all would remain status quo until we can form the LLC and retain the required insurance.
- AU & YMCA – Mark commented on the success of the BBQ and recognized the efforts of John Murphy, Joe Pullaro and John Caikowski and the staff of the YMCA. He also gave kudos to the AU Band. We spoke about continuing our affiliation and to have common social interactions with the Y. Mark reviewed the final event cost schedule. We initially paid the Y \$3000 (150 members X \$20) and after the final accounting we need to pay the Y an additional \$394.86. We discussed Joe Pullaro's letter proposing a donation to the Y of \$500 and an additional gift to Christine Grogan of \$100. Walt Widmer made the motion for both the gift and the donation. Dave Voehl was the second. All were in favor, including the proxies, passed. Marty will mail the checks to the Y to Joe Pullaro. Joe will deliver and present them. Joe will obtain a \$100 gift certificate for Christine Grogan. Joe will be reimbursed for the card and any fees.
- Speakers Program – Doug reviewed the upcoming schedule. Doug anticipates 150 for the Indian Trails Club luncheon. There are 24 members have already paid the \$29. Doug will email them to remind them that the \$29 was held over from the spring of last year. A weekly email will be sent out to remind members of the luncheon. Indian Trail Club will open at 11:30 and there will

be a 50/50. Doug reviewed the menu. The cost of the Christmas party (December 6) will be the same as last year. Doug will call the Brick House to follow-up on the October breakfast.

- Care & Concern – Marty Valerio will be sending cards to Harry Bennett, prior to his surgery and a thinking of you card to Jeff Mohn.
- Nominating Committee – Joe Pullaro completed the committee. It will be comprised of Lou Guarneri, Tom Butler, Don Kirkpatrick, Pablo Catangay and George Lewis.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully submitted;

David Voehl, Secretary