

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

The Executive Board was called to order by President Mark Cohen, at 9:45 A.M., at the home of Walter Widmer. The following members were in attendance:

Mark Cohen, President

Doug Cooper, 1st Vice President

Harry Bennett, 2nd Vice President - Absent

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 – Absent

- Prior to the opening of the meeting, Mark Cohen discussed the usage of meeting rooms at the WRC. Mark mentioned that a room is available in the sanctuary which can be used for meetings such as the Executive Board or Trips and Tours. It is highly doubtful that we will be able to utilize any rooms in the main building for the foreseeable future until state law changes, allowing adults in a school building with children present.
- President Cohen called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M...
- Bob Dauer made a motion to accept the May meetings minutes. Walt Widmer seconded and they were accepted by acclamation.
- Treasurer's Report – Jeff Mohn presented the Budget Status and the Balance Sheet. He has received additional checks for the YMCA BBQ, the golf outing and some dues payments. 13 payments with 11 new members. We discussed the subject of allowing these 11 new members not having to pay dues until 2023. (This will be discussed later in the meeting) He also spoke about the May transactions and the May bank reconciliation to facilitate the transfer of the treasury function to Marty Valerio, in light of current personal health issues. Marty mentioned that all refunds have been made for cancelled activities. Payments will be made for the golf outing and Portabello' in June. Sales tax exempt forms have been sent to Jim and Larry.
- BBQ - The YMCA attendance is 150 people from AU.

- Membership – Walt Widmer reported that the AU membership is now 307 members. There are 30 or 31 members over 90 years of age. We discussed the extension of the payment of dues for new members to include membership for the balance of 2021 through the year 2022. Bob Dauer reviewed the thoughts of the Ad Hoc membership committee. A motion was made by Bob Dauer that “Any payment of dues after May 1, 2021, by new members, will be considered as payment of dues through the year 2022”. Motion seconded by Joe Pullaro. The vote was 8 ayes and one abstaining by Walt Widmer. Currently the dues will remain at \$30 per year.
- Buddy Night – Joe Pullaro reported that only a member who has recruited a new member may attend the Buddy Night party. The club chairmen will also be included. Joe also spoke about the efforts of the Ad Hoc members to each contact 10 other members to get them to bring in new members. Joe mentioned that there are only 11 members under age 70 and 59 under 75. We need to get the younger members involved. And we should also consider lowering the eligible age for membership. Bob Dauer said that the committee was intended to stop in November but should we consider having this as a standing committee. This was discussed but no decision was made, other than the need to continually try to bring in members with younger ideas.
- Meeting Locations – The July 13th General Meeting will be a PHYSICAL MEETING at the VFW. A request will be made that attendees will have had the vaccine. Mark spoke more about using the meeting room in the WRC Sanctuary, either for Exec. Board or Trips & Tours. Dave indicated that John Caikowsky said that Trips & Tours will now meet via Zoom on the third Monday of the month.
- YMCA BBQ – Joe Pullaro indicated that 150 AU people will attend. The event will begin at 4pm. A table will be set up to distribute name tags. Please wear your AU t-shirt. The AU band will play. John Murphy will make remarks for the Y and will introduce Mark Cohen. Joe Pullaro also made remarks about the YMCA’s relationship with Hackensack Hospital and that the Y wants to bring in hospital staff for a meeting to help people cope with the stress of the past months. Joe indicated that it would be a good program for AU members. Mark requested that members take pictures and send them to him. When published, the pictures may be stimulation for continued and new membership in AU.
- Speakers Program – Doug Cooper reviewed the plans for the upcoming meetings. A program for Senior Health in July, presented by staff of Valley Hospital. A comedian, Moody McCarthy, will be the entertainment at the fall breakfast at the Brick House.
- LLC – Mark distributed a memo indicating the potential organization of the LLC and the advantages to AU and to the WRC. We discussed how to approach the WRC. Mark will make the initial approach and try to set up a meeting with individuals of the WRC. Joe Pullaro questioned the approach and asked if our future relationship with the WRC might make it better to have the LLC as a trust or a standalone. These ideas were discussed extensively. It was determined that currently the best approach will be to keep it simple and speak with the WRC first.
- Care and Concern – Marty Valerio proposed that a notification of a member’s passing be sent in a blast and then after 30 days, Don Kirkpatrick would post it to the web page.

- Selection of Nominating Committee – Joe Pullaro as past president will form a nominating committee of 5 individuals. The committee will nominate members for the 2022 board and report the proposed slate to the current board in September.
- Larkin House – Bob Dauer asked the about the status of the Larkin House. Mark said that the town has not discussed the opening of the house and what is the status of the \$500 owed to AU. Mark will talk to Harry Bennett for follow up.
- Zoom costs – Marty asked for a determination as to how long AU will continue to reimburse individuals for their Zoom subscriptions. Mark felt that we should continue to subsidize Zoom costs until year end or to the end of the annual subscription.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted;

David Voehl, Secretary