

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED ZOOM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 09, 2021

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

Mark Cohen, President

Doug Cooper, 1st Vice President

Harry Bennett, 2nd 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

- A correction was made to the February minutes by Dave Voehl. Under “Membership” change ‘Allendale magazine’ to ‘Wyckoff Magazine’. A motion was then made to approve the February 9th, 2021 minutes by Jim Mallen, seconded by Harry Bennett. Passed.
- Treasurer’s Report – Jeff Mohn reported that there were nine more dues payments received and one in the pipeline. Therefore, we have 269 paying members and 297 overall.
 - The dues payment for Pat Begley was returned and a \$50 Care and Concern donation was made in his memory.
 - On the balance sheet, we returned the \$800 duplicate payment from the River Dell BOE and sent a \$200 deposit to Farmstead Golf & Country Club for the upcoming spring tournament.
 - Jeff indicated that AU has had 25 resignations. This list will be sent to George Lewis to update the photo file and the Excel spreadsheet. We also have 34 members who have been removed from the list since we are not sure of their status.
- We entered into a discussion about membership and numbers. The Excel worksheet will be updated through John Abrahamsen and made available to the Board members. Mark will get it and do the distribution.
 - Joe Pullaro asked about a plan for membership growth. Jeff Mohn spoke about the poster that he had designed and sent to the board. It could be posted anywhere or published in various

media to draw potential members to the website. Harry Bennett said that it may be premature to invite people to Zoom meetings. It would be better to wait for more face to face activities. Joe stated that it is never too soon to do recruitment. We agreed that any type of contact would be advantageous. We discussed the difference between the YMCA Older Adults and Activities Unlimited. Joe Pullaro suggested that we form some type of Ad Hoc committee to focus on a membership drive. Walt Widmer will contact others to organize a group to come up with an action plan and a strategy for seeking new members. It was suggested that Jeff Mohn be a part of Walt's group. Jeff will consider other pictures for the poster which show less strenuous activities and make it available to the board as a PDF file.

- Hybrid Meeting – Harry Bennett reported that the hybrid test went well. The extension microphone he had worked well. Don Kirkpatrick said that he had found a very good wide angle camera lens but he is unsure about a wireless microphone. Harry stated that the Science and Discussion Clubs are ready to try a hybrid meeting. Harry suggested that he will get some of the club chairmen to a meeting at the VFW to demonstrate a hybrid meeting before the end of March.
- Meeting Locations – Harry and a small group put together a schedule for Tuesday's and Wednesday's for the VFW hall. Doug Cooper asked if the VFW hall could be used for a General Meeting. Jeff Mohn said that the VFW Hall has a capacity of 150. With current COVID restrictions, only 50 would be allowed. It might be tight but it might be tried until we can start to use Haneveld Hall at the WRC in the fall. Would members be comfortable in attending a physical meeting? We may need to emphasize that attendance would be based upon showing a vaccination card indicating that they have received two shots or the single J&J shot. This may be a future consideration.
 - Harry Bennett reported that the fall breakfast, at the Brick House, is currently scheduled for October and he will be finalizing the June luncheon at Indian Trails Club, for June 9th. A 50/50 raffle will be held.
- Legal Structure – Doug Cooper gave an overall view of the committee. Keeping in mind that our discussions about an LLC are preliminary at this point. We should not consider this option as a definite goal but as a possibility for the future of AU if the WRC feels that they cannot continue to sponsor our organization. First, we decided that due to the complex items to be discussed, that a special Board meeting be held. The committee is considering that Activities Unlimited would become a single member LLC, with the church (WRC) as the single owner would be the best option. This status would not require any tax filings. Rich Berger has drafted an operating agreement that could be filed with the state. The By-Laws, Constitution and Procedures will be reviewed to conform to any of the requirements of an LLC. Doug discussed the cost of insurance and the need for a personal member waiver. Possible insurance costs may require an increase in membership dues. Doug will arrange for the special meeting with Mark Cohen, to review this matter. We discussed the timing, if any, as to when to discuss this with the WRC. Doug will copy members with pertinent information.
- August Meeting – Historically August meeting is an off month. We had one last year. Do we have a meeting this August? The decision was tabled for a future meeting.

- Speaker Program –Doug Cooper reported that Pat Schuber will speak today on the “Irish Experience in the Great War”. An AARP speaker will join us in April and speak about brain health. A couple called Bergan IT will join us in May to speak about technology for the home and in general. June 8th is planned for the luncheon and July may be an indoor meeting at the VFW, in Midland Park. The speaker will be from the AARP, with a topic of “Living Longer, Living Smarter”. Doug is looking for ideas for the October breakfast meeting. Please let him know of any ideas.
- Care and Concern – Marty Valerio reported that we had two members who have passed away. Joe Kelly and Paul Levin. Don Kirkpatrick asked for an update to the In Memoriam page of our site. Marty said that he had found 25 deaths since 2019. Also Marty developed a flow diagram to show the flow of information upon a member learning of a member’s death. This will be published in the AU Newsletter. And also added to the website.
- YMCA – Joe Pullaro has been discussing an event in May or June with AU and the YMCA. The meeting will be attended by Joe Pullaro, Doug Cooper, Mark Cohen and John Murphy, to discuss the plans for a joint meeting. We may possibly join with the Y for trips. Mark displayed a list of questions to be answered. He reviewed initial answers to his questionnaire. Of 44 returns, 28 said yes, 7 said yes with vaccinations. Mark will update the Board.
- By-Laws and etc. – We should keep in mind that changes may have to be made to our By-Laws, Constitution and Procedures if we are to consider becoming an LLC. Dave Voehl suggested that Doug Cooper’s current committee would be a good source to consider any changes. Doug agreed.
- Project Outreach – Mark reported that the activity has changed in the churches use of AU volunteers. Mark suggested that we ask Dic ver Haage (WRC) to directly contact AU members when he needed help. Dic agreed.
- Mark reviewed the agenda for the General Meeting.
- Joe Pullaro mentioned our relationship with the Hobbyists. Bob Stevenson, a new AU member and Hobbyist member, has also talked about common activities. Mark Cohen asked him to try to set up a joint Zoom meeting with them and also with the Glen Rock group to consider possible future common interests. Mark said that it may not happen. We had a general discussion about relationships.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully Submitted;
David Voehl - Secretary

