

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED ZOOM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

The Executive Board was called to order by President Mark Cohen, at 9:30 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 - Absent

Joe Pullaro, Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC – Absent

John Caikowski, Guest

- The minutes of the April meeting were approved by acclamation.
- John Caikowski was asked to bring us up to date on any issues with the Wyckoff YMCA BBQ. John stated that as of yesterday (5/11) we have 97 people signed up for the BBQ. John indicated that this number does not include the wives of band members. We all agreed that the band members would be subsidized. John and Joe Pullaro will meet with Joy, of the YMCA, next week to iron out the details and determine the number of YMCA members who will attend. AU will utilize this event to possibly recruit AU members but YMCA attendees may be primarily women. Mark asked that everyone take pictures at the event that can be included in the newsletter.
 - Bob Dauer asked that members wear their AU golf shirt and Doug Cooper asked that possibly the YMCA might publish a report on AU's activity after the event. Adhesive badges will be used for AU members and wives. Officers may wear their ID badge.
 - Mark gave kudos to John for sending the Mother's Day message.
 - John talked about the July 12th luncheon at Portabello'. Cost - \$20 and a cash bar. AU may subsidize \$5 to \$7 per person, according to cost. There will be 4 tables of ten with a choice of ten entrees, salad, coffee or tea.

- John spoke about the state of Trips & Tours membership. He stated that he needs new members since some current members may be leaving. He also reported that The Stony Hill Restaurant and the Brownstone will be closing. Also, 6 charter bus companies that we have used are out-of-business, due to the pandemic.

- The minutes of the April meeting were approved by a motion by Doug Cooper and second by Harry Bennett.
- Treasurers Report – “Good To See Jeff on the Little Screen”. Jeff Mohn mentioned that there was nothing significant to report. We did make a \$500 donation to the Midland Park VFW. There is almost \$28,000 in our bank accounts.
 - Marty reported that AU members are some of the largest supporters of the VFW flower sale.
 - Mark discussed the matter of the AU payment to the WRC for year-end 2021. We may possibly be paying the WRC between \$11,000 and \$13,000. We need to consider reserves and other items that may have a bearing on the reserve, such as July lunch subsidy (@\$1,000), bridge tables for the bridge club use (@\$300) and the YMCA BBQ (@\$200). A motion was made to approve these items by Walt Widmer and seconded by Harry Bennett. Approved by all.
- Membership – Walt Widmer reported that the Ad Hoc membership headed by George Lewis has charged the committee members to come up with members of AU to get them to bring in new members. A contest may be established to award free tickets to the Christmas party for members who bring in new members. A new member would pay \$30 dues for the balance of 2021 and for 2022. Also, they considered a “bring a buddy” event at the VFW for potential members. Other ideas from the committee will be forthcoming.
- Hybrid Meetings – The Discussion Group will meet physically at the VFW. The History Club will also be a live meeting. Other clubs will be live or hybrid.
- Meeting locations – Mark reported on his meeting with Reverend Andy. According to Reverend Andy everything at the WRC ‘was stable’. At this time, with schools in session, no one is allowed to utilize the church property. Access for the future is still questionable.
 - Mark brought up the question of insurance and mentioned that AU is looking into options for coverage. Mark mentioned that we may, in the future, have to consider the way we are legally structured. Reverend Andy indicated that he understood and that a meeting of the people of the WRC with AU would be needed if we need to discuss this further.
- Discussion of LLC. – If AU cannot be assured of the future alliance with the WRC, we should plan and be ready for any change. Doug Cooper feels that we need to proceed in our planning for an LLC. We discussed the single ownership of an LLC. Either the WRC, a member or members of the executive committee or some type of trust. A special meeting will be scheduled. Harry Bennett was concerned about the control of the AU finances but was in support of the connection with the WRC.
- Care & Concern – Marty Valerio had nothing to report.
- There will be no General Meeting in June and a hybrid meeting in July.
- Speaker Program - Doug Cooper reported that today’s speaker will be Bergan I.T. Doug is considering some comedians for the Fall breakfast. Hopefully we can have a live AARP discussion in November.

- Vaccinations – We discussed the need to require proof of vaccination to attend an AU function. We agreed that we should ask that anyone attending a physical AU function be vaccinated for the protection of all attendees. Be considerate of your fellow members. Harry Bennett said that hybrid meetings are available for those members who have not been vaccinated.
- By-Laws & etc. – If we consider an LLC we must address changes to our By-Laws and the Constitution. Dave Voehl asked that we all review these articles in preparation for the special meeting. Dave will ask Frank Nusspickel and Richard Berger to also review them.
- Bob Dauer spoke about Project Outreach. He asked if AU would continue to be involved. It seems that our involvement is in question, by Dick VerHaag.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully Submitted;
David Voehl - Secretary