

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED ZOOM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

The Executive Board was called to order by President Bob Dauer, at 9:30 A.M. The following members were in attendance:

Bob Dauer, President

Mark Cohen, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Doug Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Dave Voehl, Secretary

Jeff Mohn, Treasurer

Marty Valerio, Assistant Treasurer

Walt Widmer, Membership Chairman

Joe Pullaro, Immediate Past President

Jim Webb, Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

Don Kirkpatrick, Guest – Absent

Harry Bennett, Guest

John Caikowski, Guest

- A motion was made by Douglas Cooper to approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting in October and seconded by Mark Cohen. Motion approved by acclamation.
- Christmas Party – At this time we have a total of 47 attendees. 37 paid, 6 band members and 4 paid band spouses. Doug questioned the comfort level of members to attend a function held inside, no air circulation, to speak of, and no filtration. Tables would be set for 4 -6 people. Most board members seemed to be okay with it. Bob suggested that a new blast should be sent to remind members of the party. Walt Widmer suggested that we should invite Susan and Keith, from the WRC. We all agreed that it is a good idea. Walt will make the invitation. Doug reported that the 50/50 raffle has been approved by Franklin Lakes.
- Trips and Tours – John Caikowski was invited to the meeting to discuss future plans. John said that they are ready to go with plans for the end of February – early March. Any activity would be without carpools or bus trips. Probably start with luncheon venues. John said that three of the bus companies that we have used in the past have gone out of business. The outsource man we could

have used has also gone out of business. John has some concerns regarding expending monies for trips that have a shortfall of cost. It was determined that Trips and Tours surplus/deficit funds belong to them to offset losses or to subsidize other events. John also stated that Trips and Tours need new members to enable future planning. Joe Pullaro suggested that an article in the newsletter may be worthwhile to get interest. Trips and Tours need the backup and support of the board. John has no budget, other than the surpluses on the balance sheet, to cover losses such as Hunterdon Hills (\$100) and Highpoint (\$300).

- Midland Park VFW Hall – Jeff Mohn explained what he learned about the VFW Hall in Midland Park. It is available at no charge, as a community service. Jeff has had conversations with the Commander, Ron Gimbert. Ron indicated to Jeff that the facility would be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, between 10AM and 3PM. Jeff indicated that some of the AU Board members should meet with him for discussion and review of the facility. Jeff felt that the hall has audio-visual capability but he is not sure about Wifi/internet. The hall does have an air purification system. The pre-COVID capacity was 165. We discussed as to which clubs could use it. Parking seems to be for about 28 spaces, with on street availability. Jeff, Bob and Mark will arrange a meeting with the Commander, within the next two weeks. Other club chairs may also be invited.
- Treasurer’s Report – Jeff Mohn indicated, (via email), that there was little activity in October other than a payment of \$183.20 for reimbursement of the Service Award for Reverend Andy, the status of the budget and balance sheet, remain unchanged. He has paid about \$450 in preparation for the mailing to members. We have about \$21,000 in the bank.
- YMCA – Joe Pullaro reported that he, Bob Dauer Mark Cohen and John Murphy had spoken with Joy and Patty at the Y. The Y has started to run programs under COVID restrictions. The Y may be able to run a Wellness Day and concerts outside, under a tent at the Y, for AU in the spring. The Y has initiated a call program to contact all Y members, so that they can stay in touch. Bob indicated that possibly club chairs should contact their members to maintain contact and to ask what the members would like to see in the future.
- Dues – Bob Dauer feels that some amount of dues should be paid. This will establish a level of commitment to AU. Mark Cohen indicated that a payment of dues would indicate a desire to participate in AU. We discussed the difference between zero dues and \$30. Even though we had agreed to keep the dues at \$50 last month, we needed to rethink our position. We eventually agreed, by polling of the board, that the dues should be set at \$30 for 2021, as a temporary reduction, due to reduced expenses. Joe Pullaro voted no, after suggesting that AU should not charge any dues for 2021. Mark also suggested that we consider renting a tent in the spring for a General Meeting. Due to Wyckoff restrictions we are unable to use the WRC parking lot for a tent.
- Harry Bennet questioned the use of the Larkin House. He asked for guidance as to what AU might be willing to add to the usage of the Larkin House. Such as internet capability. Harry is awaiting feedback from Wyckoff for further discussion.
- Jeff said that we may probably have at a minimum a \$9000 surplus. With a \$30 dues for 2021, that would add another \$9000 (300 members x \$30). Doug Cooper said that our normal operating expenses are about \$16,000 to \$17,000 to cover expenses and our payment to the WRC.

- Jim Mallen made the motion that the AU dues for 2021 will be \$30 per member. Seconded by Doug Cooper. 9 say yea, 1 says nay.
- Glen Rock – The meeting with Frank Gaspar, Joe Pullaro and Bob Dauer was recapped by Mark Cohen. Glen Rock has lost about 30 members to about 140 to 150. They indicated that AU would like to continue a sharing of activities. Glen Rock did not accept an invitation to join AU for the Christmas luncheon. Bob indicated that we should continue our relationship.
- Zoom – Marty Valerio said that the History CLUB WILL BEGIN Zoom meetings, using Marty's Zoom. There has been no interest by the Garden Club to use Zoom. John Abrahamsen has indicated that the Luncheon Group has restarted meetings.
- The Executive Board election will take place at today's General Meeting.
- Speakers Program – Mark Cohen indicated that it is very difficult to arrange speakers. He asked that everyone please try to find acceptable speakers or videos for the future that will be acceptable to the general membership. Possibilities – Jeff Mohn - Russian History, Wyckoff mayor, Congressman Gottheimer, Valley Health Care and vaccine distribution.
- Membership – Walt Widmer stated that we currently have 354 members, with one new member.
- Newsletter – Bob received an email saying that the member enjoyed the comic strip item. Positivity works.
- Care and Concern – Marty Valerio again mentioned the passing of Marty McGonigle.
- A discussion was held among Bob Dauer, Mark Cohen and Joe Pullaro, regarding the potential of Activities Unlimited becoming a stand-alone non-profit organization. This will be revisited next year with Frank Nusspickel as to how it applies to AU, along with all the legal requirements necessary.
- Jim Mallen asked if the payment to the winner of the 50/50 could be paid by check rather than cash. Jeff indicated that there would be no problem, if the winner requested.
- Jim Mallen made the motion to adjourn. Bob Dauer concluded the meeting at 11:46.

Respectfully submitted:

David Voehl, Secretary