

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED ZOOM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 08, 2020

The Executive Board was called to order by President Bob Dauer, at 10:00am. The following members were in attendance:

Bob Dauer, President

Mark Cohen, 1st Vice President

Doug Cooper, 2nd 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 - Absent

Don Kirkpatrick, Guest

- A motion was made by Walt Widmer to approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting in August and seconded by Marty Valerio. Motion approved by acclamation.
- Treasurer's Report - Jeff Mohn reported that all the refund checks for the Wine Tasting and the Luncheon have been sent out.
 - The Golf Outing deposit was \$820 and the payment to Apple Greens was \$780, resulting in a \$40 surplus.
 - The only expense item was a reimbursement to Don Kirkpatrick (\$120.82) covering his payment for the AU Dropbox. The Dropbox (Cloud) is used for the AU website and roster information.
 - The second account for fundraising activities has been opened at Columbia Bank and funded with \$100. The completed paperwork has been submitted to the NJ Attorney General.
 - We are currently running a surplus of over \$14,000. Jeff feels that at year end we will have \$8,000 to \$9,000 surplus.
 - Walt Widmer mentioned that the WRC charges AU for color copies but not for black and white copies. Therefore, we should only use black and white.
 - The Balance sheet and the AU budget are attached.

- Christmas Party – Bob Dauer reported that the cancelation of the Christmas Party was accepted by Seasons and the \$500 deposit for 2020 will be added to the \$500 deposit for 2021.
 - Doug Cooper has contacted The Brick House, regarding the October breakfast and was told that they could not support a dinner. They will consider a lunch. They would charge about \$47 - \$48 per person.
 - At this point this is a dead issue and will be taken off the calendar. The date of October 13th will be an Executive Board and a General Meeting. Mark Cohen will consider what is the availability for a speaker or a presentation.
 - Indian Trail Club has December 4th open as a possible luncheon date for the Christmas party. Doug will check about the cost, dates and the capacity for both Indian Trail and the Brick House. Doug will email the board with the findings.
- Payments to the WRC – With the absence of Jim Millen, we do not know the status of the letter he was going to draft regarding payments for 2020. We can only estimate that we will pay 25%, or about \$2,000. At this point there are too many unknowns for speculation for 2021. Bob will contact Jim Millen.
- Insurance – Bob spoke with R.L.M. who reached out to a company called F.M.I.. They will not give coverage for a hold harmless clause, due to the fact that AU has physical activities. Walt Widmer reported that pickleball is played with non-AU people and wondered how this would affect any coverage. It was suggested that AU drop the support of the Pickleball Club and let them play on their own. Doug reminded us that often Trips and Tours often supplements trips with spouses of deceased members and non-members if it helps to meet minimum numbers.
 - Doug will contact William Connelly Insurance to see if a liability policy can be attached to our accident policy.
 - No matter what we determine, we must run it by the church for their consideration.
 - We have not heard anything from Franklin Lakes or Wyckoff as to the status of meeting venues.
 - Bob will go back to R.L.M. and inquire about coverage for meeting venues only.
- Zoom Meetings – Mark indicated that it has been quiet for the past 30 days, probably due to vacation time. Possibly some people are getting bored with Zoom. Not all clubs meet during the Summer. The Garden Club felt that most of their activities are hands on and not adaptable to Zoom. Marty will contact the chair and co-chair of the club to see if Zoom could be used for canned gardening presentations along with member conversation. Joe Pullaro spoke to the fact that there are few board members at club meetings. It is important that board members support the clubs. We need to consider ways to have physical meetings. What is the possibility of using the Larkin House and the ambulance building at reduced capacity? Frank Nusspickle will be asked to make contact, pertaining to the Larkin House
- Blind carbon copies for email distribution – There was some resistance from some clubs but Bob thinks that the idea is now understood.
- Nominating Committee – Bob received an official letter from the committee. The recommendations included bringing Harry Bennett to the position of Second VP. The letter also encouraged the Board to decrease the number of members by eliminating the Second Past President. Also, it was

suggested that people who held positions of Secretary, Asst. Treasurer and Treasurer should be considered for other positions. We all felt that eliminating a position was not worthwhile and it would require a change in the By-Laws. At this point no changes will be made.

- Data Management – A blast will be sent to all members requesting any updates/changes be made to the information on the roster. It was suggested that voting for the slate could be done via email.
- Membership – We discussed the need on how to begin to look for new members. Doug said that he continues to run the ad in the Montville Patch but has not pushed it in other towns. We agreed that it is very difficult to interest possible members with the current state of the pandemic.
 - Joe Pullaro stated that The Glen Rock Club is experiencing the same problems. Joe would like to try to get together sometime soon. He does not know if they are at all interested in considering joining ranks.
 - Jeff Mohn suggested that a physical mailing be made to all members regarding 2021 dues with a return envelope to facilitate receipt of dues. The mailing should also include a message asking about the member's wellbeing during this period. Walt Widmer agreed to help. The mailing should be sent in November. Walt moved to go forward with this mailing and it was seconded by Doug. The motion passed.
- Voting for Board slate – After reviewing the By-Laws, it was determined that the vote will be taken at the November Zoom meeting. A majority of members attending the Zoom meeting will determine the vote.
- COVID – no determination has been made by the State as to when there may be an increase in the percentage of people able to be together at an indoor function.
- Bob suggested that we should send cards to Marty McGonigal. He is battling cancer and is at home.
- Bob asked Marty Valerio to send out a blast to ask members if they know of any member's passing and would like to write something, it will be published in the newsletter.
- Indian Trail Club – Doug spoke to Debbie. She will get costs for a served luncheon. She said that they have a capacity of 130 under the current rules. The AU Band would be able to play or we could have a DJ. The possibility of AU subsidizing some of the cost can be considered.
- Bob Dauer concluded the meeting at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted:

David Voehl, Secretary