

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Hybrid from VFW

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

The Executive Board was called to order by President Mark Cohen, at 8:50 A.M. The following members were in attendance:

Mark Cohen, President

Doug Cooper, 1st Vice President (Zoom)

Harry Bennett, 2nd Vice President

Dave Voehl, Secretary (Zoom)

Jeff Mohn, Treasurer (Zoom)

Marty Valerio, Assistant Treasurer

Walt Widmer, Membership Chairman

Bob Dauer, Immediate Past President

Joe Pullaro, Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC (Zoom)

Don Kirkpatrick – Guest (Phone)

- The minutes of the July meeting were approved.
- Treasurers Report – Mark commented on the Balance Sheet, in that AU has a prior year balance of \$11,294 and a current (2021) balance of \$5,604. Mark indicated that these monies will eventually be paid to the WRC, less any reserves and subsidies we may have. Mark asked the board to consider any expenditure that can be taken in this fiscal year. If we pay \$4,000 to the WRC, as we did last year, with the reserves and subsidies, we should be in good shape.
- Mark asked that we have a quick board meeting after the breakfast at the Brick House, on October 12, to cover any items board members wish to discuss. Afterwards, Mark will be at the VFW hall, to greet any new members who may have questions. He will ask club chairs if they will also attend. Currently, the attendance for the breakfast stands at 40.
- Mark will send out the 2022 slate of officers selected by the Nominating Committee and will also announce the slate at the October breakfast, The slate of officers and any other nominations will be voted on at the November 9th General Meeting.

- LLC – Mark will contact Reverend Andy after the WRC Board meets on the 21st of September, to determine their thinking regarding becoming the single member of the LLC. If the WRC does not agree, then Mark will become the owner and Doug Cooper would take over in 2022. During 2022 we would need to develop a more permanent solution.
 - Bob Dauer mentioned that he had a conversation with a person at Christian Health which may be willing to be our sponsor and may be willing to provide AU with a meeting place. Any consideration would be made at year end. We all agreed that AU should continue the relationship with the WRC if they agree.
- Vaccinations – We must be aware of any mandates and properly inform the AU membership of any changes or restrictions from the State of NJ or individual venues.
- Speaker Program – Doug Cooper reviewed the future speakers. In October we have Moody McCarthy, a comedian, for the breakfast. In November we have an attorney to speak about Elder Law and preservation of assets. In December Doug has booked a magician. Hopefully we will be able to use the WRC church.
- Possible Christmas party venues – Joe Pullaro and Marty Valerio have looked at possible venues which may be used other than Seasons. Of the six possible locations, La Neve and Indian Trails can be considered. The costs quoted were from \$85 to \$90 per person. John Murphy and Bill Mastellon will be asked to review these two options with Joe. A determination must be made in 4 -5 weeks, due to the fact that a reservation and price lock has to be made for 2022.
- Care and Concern – Mark said that we should create and publish a process flow of who has responsibility for various dissemination of information. He would like have something ready for the October meeting.
- Distinguished Service Award – Mark asked for ideas of members who may be considered. Some names were discussed for future choices.
- Nominating Committee – Mark will publish the slate of nominees prior to the October meeting.
- Other Business – Don Kirkpatrick discussed his thoughts of problems and ideas regarding the AU website. Don feels that AU is not utilizing the website to its full advantage. The website is not being used as the tool it should be and has minimal impact and fewer hits if all information goes out in blast format. The board uses blast emails to inform the membership of Care and Concern, the roster and other items. In addition, a lot of the information that comes to Don is not in usable format, which Don has to rewrite and research. The Board feels that all information should go through one board person prior to being sent to Don. Harry Bennett summarized the remarks and felt that the website should be the go-to source and that any blasts would reference the site. But, we must consider those members who are not computer savvy. Harry asked Don to consider staying on as webmaster while the board works at better methods to utilize the website. We need to inform the club chairs of the proper method to publish on the web. Harry Bennett, as 1st Vice President, indicated that he would take the responsibility of filtering information to Don for publication. Don indicated that he “would give it a try”. We decided that Don should continue to be invited to every Board meeting. We discussed the roles of John Abrahamsen and Don Kirkpatrick. John is considered the technical administrator and Don the website administrator.

- Joe Pullaro mentioned that Vince Tortorelli is concerned about losing members of the Book Club due to the lack of ability with Zoom.. Vince would like a physical space to meet. Joe will talk with Vince, indicating that space and time will probably be available in 2022.

- Marty discussed the refund for the wine social. We discussed the subject of refunds in general. This needs to be addressed in the future.

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted;

David Voehl, Secretary