

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday December 12, 2023

The Executive Board meeting was called to order by President Harry Bennett, at 9:30 AM at the Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, New Jersey. The following members were in attendance:

Harry Bennett, President

Jim Atieh, 1st Vice President

Tom Donch, 2nd Vice President

Mike Kelley, Treasurer

Tony Dilorgi, Assistant Treasurer, absent

Rich Bernarde, Secretary

David Voehl, Membership Chairman

Doug Cooper, Immediate Past President

Mark Cohen, Past President, absent

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC, absent

Marty Valerio – Communications Director

Tom Van Lenten – Communications Committee

Gaspar Lesznik – 2024 2nd Vice President

Scott Japko – 2024 Assistant Treasurer

Jim Webb – 2024 Membership Chairman

- President Harry Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Harry proposed that the minutes from the Board and General meetings of November 14, 2023, be approved. Seconded by Doug Cooper; all concurred.
- Treasurer's Report - Mike Kelley reviewed the November 2023 Treasurer's Report. Our cash position remains strong. Mike informed the Board that 21 members have a T D Bank account and have not yet linked their account to AU's TD Bank Affinity Membership Program. If these members were to link their bank account to AH005, AU would receive \$50.00 for each member that enrolls in the Infinity program. After a brief discussion it

was decided that Mike would send a blind email to each of the 21 members informing them of the Infinity program and advising them of the potential benefit to AU. Mike informed us that at this time, there are 204 members that have not yet paid their 2024 dues. Included in the 204 members are 4 members that do not have an email on file.

- Care and Concern – Long term AU member Robert Yamell passed. Sadly, Ralph Corallo's son Charles Corallo passed. Sympathy cards were sent.
- 2023 AU Financial Audit – AU's 2023 books and records will be audited by Mark Cohen and Gabe Carifi.
- Membership - Dave Voehl informed us that membership stands at 339. Dave Voehl will be stepping down as Memberships Chairman in December. Dave will be greatly missed by the AU Board. The Board expressed sincere gratitude to Dave for his years of service. In February 2024, Jim Webb will be the new Membership Chairman. Jim is beginning in February due to his prior commitments to Trips and Tours and the planned beef steak in January.
- AU Band – Jim Atieh informed us that going forward the AU Band will no longer be playing at the General meeting. But instead, they will be playing a concert monthly on a separate date. Wives and significant others will be invited. Due to the loud volume that the band plays at and given the age and hearing difficulties of our members, it has been very difficult for members to socialize before the General meetings. Having a separate date for all to enjoy the band in a concert format is a significant improvement.
- 2023 AU Christmas party – The AU Christmas party was a total success and enjoyed by all. Harry distributed a very well written thank you memo prepared by John Murphy and Bill Mastellon thanking all the AU members that supported in the planning, communication, and assisting the Christmas party.
- Local Eagle Scout – Harry mentioned that a local eagle scout reached out to him for funding support for a bocce ball court that he recently completed at the Community Park in Wyckoff. The Board discussed making a donation, but in the end decided to make an announcement at the General meeting detailing his project, his accomplishment, and his need for funding. A contribution jar was placed next to the food pantry jar and members can donate as they deem appropriate.
- November Election Discussion – The Board discussed the voting for the revised AU Constitution and By-Laws which occurred at the November 2023, General meeting. Harry pointed out that since 68 members attend the General meeting; we had a quorum. After discussing the voting and the removal of Article IV: Appointees, Section 3.7 Trips and Tours which was then voted on and approved by memberships at the November 2023, General Meeting; the Board voted and approved the revised Constitution and By-Laws.
- Policies and Procedures – The revised Policies and Procedures were reviewed. Items 15 to 21 were reviewed and approved.

- Speaker Program – Tom Donch and Jim Atieh updated us on the planned General Meeting speakers. Today’s speaker is Jack Warner, and he will be discussing Italian music. His presentation is entitled, Musica Del Cinema Italian which means “Music from Italian Films. In January, a representative from AARP will speak on Income Taxes. For February, the discussion will be on heart disease, the presentation is titled, This Is Not Your Father’s Disease. In March, our own Dave Hubschmitt will discuss gun safety.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bernarde, Secretary