

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday February 13, 2024

Due to inclement weather, there was a Zoom meeting instead of the usual in person meeting at the WRC. The Executive Board Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM by 2024 President Jim Atieh. The following members were in attendance:

Jim Atieh, President

Tom Donch, 1st Vice President

Gaspar Lesznik – 2nd Vice President

Mike Kelley, Treasurer

Scott Japko – Assistant Treasurer

Rich Bernarde, Secretary

Harry Bennett, Immediate Past President

Doug Cooper, Past President

Marty Valerio – Communications Director

Jim Webb - Membership Chairman

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC, absent

Joesph Pullaro – Picnic, Trips & Tours

Don Kirkpatrick – AU Facebook page

- Jim proposed that the minutes from the Board and General meetings of December 12, 2023, be approved. Seconded by Doug Cooper; all concurred.
- AU's June BBQ – Joe Pullaro attended the Board meeting to discuss AU's planned June BBQ. The Board discussed members bring their own alcoholic beverages to the BBQ. In previous years, members were permitted to bring alcoholic beverages if they desired. Doug informed the group that we currently have two liability insurance policies: one for \$1 million, and one for \$2 million dollars. Our 2024 BBQ is going to be held at the Red Barn in Allendale. Since our members are going to be allowed to bring alcoholic drinks, if desired, the Red Barn requested a *Hold Harmless* insurance rider from our insurance company. Our current insurance policies were reviewed, and it was determined that we currently do not have insurance coverage in the event that there was an incident at an

AU sanctioned event where we allowed members to bring their own alcohol. Examples of these events include the beefsteak dinner, annual BBQ, or the annual AU social. The *Hold Harmless* rider is not needed when we attend restaurants/caterers that serve their own alcoholic drinks, for example Seasons or Portobello; because they carry their own insurance. The insurance cost for a Hold Harmless certificate is \$100 per event. Jim recommended that going forward we *always* purchase the *Hold Harmless* rider when appropriate. Jim asked for a vote, and all Board members agreed. Doug recommended that we add an amendment to our Policies & Procedures to obtain a *Hold Harmless* rider whenever we hold events at facilities that do not serve alcoholic drinks and we allow our members to BYOB. Jim asked Marty Valerio to update our Policies and Procedures to include *Hold Harmless* riders and prepare a draft for the Board's review; Marty agreed. Gaspar raised an excellent question, are we having a 50/50 at the BBQ? After a brief discussion the Board thought that was a great idea and approved a 50/50. Permits must be obtained.

- AU Facebook and Instagram - Don Kirkpatrick attended the Board meeting to discuss AU's Facebook presences and Instagram. Don advised that AU has a Facebook page which is connected to his Facebook profile. Don controls his Facebook page and therefore has the password. Don informed us that AU does not have an Instagram account. The Board discussed AU establishing an Instagram account. Gaspar advised that the WRC has an Instagram account. After a short discussion, the Board agreed that establishing an AU Instagram account would be a good idea. Gaspar volunteered to take the lead in establishing an Instagram account for AU.
- Treasurer's Report - Mike Kelley reviewed the February 2024 Treasurer's Report. Our cash position remains strong. Mike advised that our cash position at TD Bank has remained at \$11,843 for the three years. Frank Nusspickel as part of the annual year end audit of AU's accounting records suggested that we obtain a CD to increase our investment income. Jim Atieh was consulted and approved obtaining a CD which we did. Mike advised that we currently have 45 members that have not paid their dues for 2024. Mike divided the 45 members that have not yet paid their 2024 dues and emailed 5 unpaid members to each Board member for their follow up.
- Care and Concern – Scott Japko updated us on members' illnesses. Sadly, Ralph Corallo's brother passed away. Dave Voehl had cataract surgery and unfortunately sustained complications. Mark Cohen had back surgery and shortly after suffered a mild heart attack. Mark is recovering nicely at home. Don Beacon fell and tore tendons in both legs. Jay Bouton also fell. Gaspar advised that Ray Garcia had a stroke and will no longer be a member.
- New AU Bulletin Board - Harry Bennett with assistance from John Abrahamsen added a new tab (page) entitled *Bulletin Board* to AU's website. When completed, this page will

contain abundant useful information; including: Alert Notices, Club Updates, Trade Service Providers (which would include plumbers, electricians, etc.), Community Activities and Classified Ads. Harry requested comments and suggestions from the Board.

- Spring Luncheon – Gaspar visited Portobello’s in Oakland, home of this year’s Spring luncheon. Our luncheon was originally scheduled in the upstairs grand ballroom. Unfortunately, Portobello’s does not have an elevator to the second floor. The AU Band members are unable to manually carry their instruments upstairs. In addition, several AU members have significant difficulty with stairs. Therefore, Gaspar moved the luncheon to the downstairs room which can accommodate up to 130 people. Several Board members expressed concern that the downstairs room is considerably smaller than the grand ballroom and does not have a high ceiling and consequently with the AU Band playing the volume could get excessive. Gaspar advised that 70 decibels is the maximum safe level before a person’s hearing can be damaged. Gaspar will monitor the bands decibel levels at upcoming General meetings.
- Speaker Program – Tom Donch updated us on the planned General Meeting speakers. Due to inclement weather, today’s General meeting was cancelled. At the March General Meeting we will have Brendan Kirk a physical therapist from K-2 Physical Therapy, he will be discussing how to stay active in retirement. For April, Alexandra Fox from Valley Medical Systems will discuss heart disease. Her presentation is titled, “This is not your Father’s Heart disease.”
- The Zoom call was terminated at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bernarde, Secretary