

## ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday June 13, 2023**

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

Harry Bennett, President, Absent

Jim Atieh, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Tom Donch, 2nd Vice President

Mike Kelley, Treasurer

Tony Dilorgi, Assistant Treasurer

Rich Bernarde, Secretary

David Voehl, Membership Chairman

Doug Cooper, Immediate Past President - Absent

Mark Cohen, Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

Marty Valerio – Communications Director

Pablo Catangay – History Club Chair, Guest

- Harry Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Harry proposed the approval of the minutes from the May 9, 2022, both Board and General meetings be approved; all agreed.
- Harry mentioned that he sent a thank you note to Joy Vottero, Executive Director of the Wyckoff YMCA thanking her for the use of their facilities for AU's Spring BBQ. Harry mentioned that he hopes this will become an annual event at the Wyckoff YMCA. Over 140 attended the Spring BBQ at the Wyckoff YMCA.
- AU History Club – Pablo Catangay formally announced his desire the step down as the Chairman of AU's History Club effective December 31, 2023. Pablo is moving south to be closer to his children and has a house purchase under contract. Pablo requested the Board's assistance in finding a new Club Chair for the dynamic History Club. Harry recommended that Pablo discuss his plans to move south at all History club meetings

going forward and try to encourage someone in attendance to step up and become the Club Chair.

- Care and Concern – Curt Koster passed away on June 6, at the age of 84. Curt was very active in AU and was Chairman of many clubs over the years. His passing is a significant loss for AU, and he will be gravely missed. A memorial service will be held at the Ramapo Reformed Church, 100 Island Road, Mahwah, NJ on Saturday, July 22 at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow.
- Treasurer's Report - Mike Kelley reviewed the May Treasurer's Report. Our cash position is strong. We have \$28K on deposit in the various bank accounts.
- New Membership – Dave Voehl informed the Board of his intentions to step down at the end of the year. We reviewed the Application for Membership which Dave has updated, and there was general agreement that Dave did an excellent job in updating it and that no further changes are needed.
- Bylaws and Club procedures – We discussed if our Bylaws and procedures which are currently open to anyone on our webpage with no security needed to view them. There was a general consensus that security is not needed. Mark Cohen (along with Doug Cooper, who was not present at the meeting) would discuss this matter further with Richard Burger (AU member/lawyer, Co Chairman of the Investment Club) to gain his thoughts on this matter.
- New Member Onboarding – Harry feels that the new member onboard policies needs to be stronger. He asked Jim Ateih and Tom Donch to meet and further discuss AU's onboarding policies. Jim Ateih will draft a boiler plate scrip that new members can use when they are introducing themselves at General meetings.
- 2024 Nominating Committee – Mark Cohen has been actively working on the 2024 nominating committee. He is finalizing the team of 5 that will suggest candidates for 2024 open Board positions. Tony Dilorgi has decided to step down as Assistant Treasurer for 2024. We discussed that Jim Ateih is willing be President, Tom Donch is willing be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president, *the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position is open*, Mike Kelley is willing to continue as Treasurer, *an Assistant Treasurer is needed*, Rich Bernarde is willing to continue to serve as Secretary. In addition, after numerous years of devoted service to AU, Dave Voehl is stepping down; therefore, *a Membership Chairman is needed*.
- Shooting Club – Marty Valerio expressed some concern at the last Executive Board meeting about insurance coverage for AU's Shooting club. Marty reviewed and advised the Board that there are no insurance issues. For the second time, the AU Board has approved the Shooting club.
- Welcoming Letter for New Members – Tom Donch prepared a new AU Welcoming letter that will be given to new AU members. Tom prepared a very warm, informative, and welcoming letter.

- 2024 Spring Luncheon – Tom Donch had some preliminary discussion with the Indian Trail Club for our 2024 Spring luncheon. Due to the high inflation, the same luncheon that we had this year will cost \$71.00 per person, plus 20% gratuity. If we moved it to Wednesday, the cost would be \$55.00 per person, plus 20% gratuity. This year AU's cost was \$40.00 per person and were charged members 37.00 per person. Obviously, currently there is a major problem having the Spring Luncheon at the Indian Trail Club. The Indian Trail Club explained to Tom that they lost \$400 to \$500 this year and that they can't absorb another loss next year. Tom will revisit this with Indian Trial Club Senior management; to be followed up on.
- Speaker Program – Today Joe Lennox will discuss the Apollo 13 space mission. In July, there will be a speaker for the Wyckoff YMCA who will discuss identity thief. No speaker is scheduled for August since there will be no AU executive Board meeting or General meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bernarde, Secretary