

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 14, 2023

The Executive Board meeting was called to order by President Harry Bennett, at 9:32 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

Rich Bernarde, Secretary

David Voehl, Membership Chairman

Doug Cooper, Immediate Past President

Mark Cohen, Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

Marty Valerio – Communications Director

Gaspar Lesznik – 2024 2nd Vice President

Scott Japko – 2024 Assistant Treasurer

Tom Van Lenten – Communications Committee

Bill Mastellon – Christmas Dinner/Dance

- President Harry Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM. Harry proposed that the minutes from the Board and General meetings of September 10, 2023, be approved. Seconded by Jim Mallen; all concurred.
- Treasurer's Report - Mike Kelley reviewed the October 2023 Treasurer's Report. Our cash position continues to be strong. Mike Kelley cheerfully informed the Board know that we received our \$500 deposit for the 2024 Spring Luncheon that was made to the Indian Trail Club to hold our date for the 2024 Spring Luncheon. Due to a significant price increase from the Indian Trail Club, we are moving the Spring Luncheon to Portobellos in Oakland.

- Care and Concern – Tony Dilorgi advised that no new incidents have been reported.
- Membership - Dave Voehl informed us that at the month end October 2023 we had 336 members. Plus, 4 new members have joined AU so far in November. Dave Voehl will be stepping down as Memberships Chairman. Dave will be greatly missed by the AU Board. The Board thanked him 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.
- The Board discussed what an “associate membership” is and should an associate member pay the full dues or half the annual dues. No conclusion was reached. This will be followed up on the next Board meeting.
- Speaker Program – Jim Atieh updated us on the planned General Meeting speakers. Today’s speakers will be on Addiction. In December, Jack Warner will discuss 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.
- 2023 AU Christmas party – Bill Mastellon attended the Board meeting to bring us all up to date on our 2023 Christmas Party. Bill was pleased to report that there were 192 paid reservations. Plus, AU paid for five guests: four from the Midland Park VFW and Pastor Andy. This year we lowered our guarantee at Seasons from 200 in 2022, to 175 in 2023. Everyone was delighted that the 2023 guarantee was exceeded. We discussed the 2024 Christmas at Seasons. Bill informed us that the 2024 cost was \$110 per person, with the same package as this year, i.e., extensive cocktail hour, four-hour open bar, three choices for dinner, and coffee and dessert. DJ Joe Liberman’s cost for 2024 is \$375. Harry called for a vote to approve; all agreed. Bill was given permission to proceed with making the 2024 agreement with Seasons.
- 2023 Thank You Luncheon for Club Chairmen and AU Board – We discussed AU’s Club Chairmen and Board Thank You luncheon planned for Thursday December 7, 2023, at FINOs in Allendale. Harry suggested that in addition to Club Chairmen, Club Co-Chairmen, and the AU Board, we invite Pablo Catangay who recently stepped down long term History Club chairman, and Gaspar Lesznick and Scott Japko two new 2024 AU Board members.
- Policies and Procedures – The revised Policies and Procedures were reviewed. Items 1 to 14 were reviewed and approved.
- Publication of Final Governance documents – Harry thanked the Communications Committee particularly Marty Valerio, Mike Kelley and Tom Van Lenten for all their hard work. Harry advised that he was putting the final documents to a vote at today’s General Meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bernarde, Secretary