

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday October 11, 2022**

The Executive Board was called to order by President Douglas Cooper, at 10:41 A.M. at the Brick House in Wyckoff. The following members were in attendance:

Doug Cooper, President

Harry Bennett, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Jim Atieh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Absent

Mike Kelley, Treasurer

Marty Valerio, Assistant Treasurer

Rich Bernarde, Secretary

David Voehl, Membership Chairman

Mark Cohen, Immediate Past President

Bob Dauer, Past President - Absent

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC - Absent

Don Kirkpatrick – AU Webmaster

Bob Stevenson – Guest - Hobbyist

- 2023 Mardi Gras – Bob Stevenson (Hobbyist) was there to discuss the February 2023 Mardi Gras. Bob mentioned the Hobbyist repolled their membership and there was a significant decline in the positive responses to the Mardi Gras. Based on current Hobbyist's survey there were 24 Yes, and 20 Undecided. Bob said that the Hobbyist probably have 60 snowbirds. He also advised that the Hobbyist were 13 short on their October dance at Seasons; the Hobbyist funded the shortfall. Rich Bernarde was going to follow up with Jim Atieh and work with Jim to obtain hopefully a lower cost from Indian Trails.
- Doug proposed the approval of the minutes from regular September 13, 2022, Board meeting; Harry Bennett seconded the proposal.

- Doug counselled the group that there was extensive frivolous chatter by the Board members at the last Board meeting. *More order needs to be maintained going forward.* He suggested that board members raise their hand when wanting to speak.
- Trips and Tours – Doug mentioned that Trips and Tours has a reserve of \$1,947 on the balance sheet and this needs to be addressed by John Caikowsky.
- 2023 Budget - Doug advised Mike Kelley that we need to discuss the 2023 AU Budget at the November Board meeting. Mike needs to look into obtaining the required permit for the 50/50 at the AU December Dinner/Dance at Seasons. Mike informed the group that \$121 was collected at the breakfast for the food pantry.
- Doug suggested that for the December 50/50 at Season's Dinner/Dance that we have a first, second, and third place winners. Proceeds from the 50/50 will be donated to the food pantry. There was full agreement by the Board
- Care and Concern - Marty Valerio reported that the communication emails are being emailed twice a month, to keep the member abreast of current activities.
- AU Website – Don informed the Board that he has been receiving Web updates that are sloppy/incomplete and sometime inaccurate. Don expressed that updates need to be edited before being sent to him. Marty will email ALL Club Chairman and advise them that any email blasts must be sent to Marty first and not Don. Marty will proof and clean up email blasts before he forwards them to Don for and ensure that Don only receives emails updates in the required .pdf format.
- Membership - David Voehl informed the Board that we have 355 members. Dave has been looking into name tags and advised us that 200 name tags will cost \$58. Doug advised Dave to buy the name tags.
- Doug advised the Board to start thinking about who should receive the *Distinguished Service Award*. He suggested that the Board members email him their first, second, and third recommendations, and why they are making this recommendation. We also discussed the presentation of a *Special Recognition Award* to Lou Guarneri for all his years of dedicated service as the AU's Editor.
- Harry Bennett mentioned that at the November meeting the Members need to vote on the various bylaws changes that are being considered to the AU bylaws, including not paying dues for those over 90 and changes in the Bylaws requiring a 1/3 voting quorum.
- Speaker Program – Rudi Boonstra, Mayor of Wyckoff gave a highly informative discussion about the issues facing Wyckoff, town council makeup, and all the planning that the Council does to maintain a relatively low tax rate. Rudi saved time for questions and answers from the group. The speaker for the November meeting is Joel Farkas (\$275). Joe will be discussing the Revolutionary War. A magician, Charles De Rossi (cost of \$300) has been scheduled for the December meeting.

- The new slate of Officers shall be presented at the November meeting (the Annual Meeting) and elected in accordance with By-laws.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Bernarde, Secretary