

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 13, 2022

The Executive Board was called to order by President Douglas Cooper, at 9:30 A.M. at the Midland Park Christian Reformed Church Building.

The following members were in attendance:

Doug Cooper, President

Harry Bennett, 1st Vice President

Jim Atieh, 2nd Vice President

Mike Kelley, Treasurer

Marty Valerio, Assistant Treasurer

Rich Bernarde, Secretary

Mark Cohen, Immediate Past President

Bob Dauer, Past President

David Voehl, Membership Chairman

Don Kirkpatrick – Guest

- Doug proposed the approval of the minutes from regular July 12, 2022, Board meeting; all agreed, seconded, and passed
- Mike Kelley stated that AU's cash position is good, with approximately \$27K on deposit. (\$3,600 of this is deposits for Social (\$2,082) and Hunterdon Jersey Tenors (\$1,540).
- Care and Concern - Marty informed us that has had no new deaths since Larry Restieri passed.
- Mark Cohen mentioned that lately emails are very hard to find in your email because we have changed the way that they are being sent. There was general agreement. We discussed the two Email Blasts that Marty sent out as the New Communications Chairman; the general opinion was that they were very informative pointing out the semi-monthly meetings with date, place, and time.
- There was a general discussion as to which Board positions actual comprise the AU Board. There was a general confusion among the group. After discussion it was determined that the AU voting Board is comprised of, the President, First Vice President, the Second Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Secretary. Generally, the President does not vote, leaving the five remaining Board members vote. This being an odd number works well in deciding close votes.

- The Wyckoff Day was a great success; 15 prospective new members signed-in with their contact information and were given an AU application, a “*We Want You*” flyer, an AU business card, along with an explanation about the various club activities, from the 8 AU members that staffed the tent/booth for 5 hours on Wyckoff Day.
- Wyckoff YMCA/AU Wellness Day - October 19th Reminders given by Joe Pullaro and John Murphy, goal is 100 members. Joe Pullaro has been attending various club meeting providing useful information on the Wellness Day and inspiring members to attend.
- Bob Dauer – 2023 Proposed New AU Board Members - Bob informed us that Tom Donch 2nd VP and Tony Dilorgi Assistant Treasurer have been selected by the nominating committee to join the AU Board in January 2023. Both have accepted the nomination. It was discussed that AU is not highly listed on Google searches if someone searches for a Men’s club in Northern New Jersey. Bob suggested to Don Kirkpatrick that he added some “*key words*” to our Web page which would enable AU to be listed higher on a Google search. Don didn’t think that would be a problem and promised to look into it.
- Harry Bennett provided information on the upcoming AU Speakers: Sep.13 General meeting - Curtis Springstead (free), AARP- 6 Pillars of Brain Health; Oct 11 - Rudi Boonstra & Tom Madigan (free) -Township Governance, Key issues facing Wyckoff; Nov 8 – to be determined; December 13 Charles Del Ruosso – Magician (\$300)
- Proposed Change to Activities Unlimited By-Laws – Harry Bennett prepared a proposal to amend the payment of annual dues for those over 90. The proposal was discussed and approved as written below. It must be presented and approved by the membership.

Article VIII: DUES

Current

- Section 5. All members are required to pay dues with the following exception. Exception: Members in good standing as of December 31, 2015, do not pay dues beginning the year they turn 90 years of age.

Proposed Change:

Section 5. All members are required to pay dues with the following exceptions. Exceptions: Members in good standing for five consecutive years do not pay dues beginning the year they turn 90 years of age.

Members who have reached the age of 90 do not pay dues following the completion of five years of consecutive membership in good standing.

Note: To make changes in the Bylaws requires a 1/3 voting quorum. This info will be further researched.

- Open Committee Chairs – Marty Valerio has volunteered and accepted the newly created Communications Coordinator position. Lou Guarneri wants to step down as soon as a replacement for him is found. Don Kirkpatrick stated that no one has reached out to replace him

as Webmaster or Chairman of the computer club. Don mentioned that he spends a good 2 or 3 days a month as AU Webmaster.

- Mardi Gras Dinner Dance February 2023 – John Murphy and John Caikowsky are meeting with Bob Stevenson (Hobbyist) to discuss the 2023 Mardi Gras dinner/dance being planned for February 2023 at Seasons. Last years AU Valentine's Day luncheon was cancelled due to low attendance.
- AU's Breakfast at the Brick House – Doug recommended that all AU Board Members should attend the breakfast. He also advised that would be great if everybody could get there by 8:30 AM to help set up. The breakfast starts at 9:00 AM. Doug also suggested that all AU Board members should attend the Men's Wellness Day at the Wyckoff YMCA.
- Speaker Program –Curtis Springstead today. Curtis will be a discussing brain health.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bernarde,

Secretary