

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday February 14, 2023

The Executive Board was called to order by President Harry Bennett, at 9:27 A.M. at the Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, NJ. 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 - Absent

Doug Cooper, Immediate Past President - Absent

Mark Cohen, Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

Marty Valerio – Guest

Don Kirkpatrick – AU Webmaster

Frank Nusspickel – AU Auditor

- Harry proposed the approval of the minutes from the December 13, 2022, Board and General meetings be approved; seconded by Mike Kelley. All agreed.
- 2022 AU Audit Report – Mark Cohen and Frank Nusspickel audited AU's books and records for 2022. Frank mentioned that the books, especially cash, were extremely well maintained, which resulted in a very clean audit report. The complete 2022 Audit report will be attached.
- Mike Kelley reviewed the December Treasurer's Report. We have a good solid financial position.
- Membership – Tony Dilorgi stated that as of December 31, 2022, AU had 99 unpaid members. At the same time last year, we had 55 unpaid members. We currently have 343 members. Marty Valerio will send John Abrahamsen an email asking John to send an

email to all Club Chairs advising them that effective March 1, any unpaid members should Not Attend regular club meetings. Mike Kelley informed that group that in 2022, we had 33 new members and in 2023 to date, we have seven. Mike thinks that we are off to an excellent start. Mike feels that the new and improved business cards are helping attract new members. Jim Atieh made an excellent suggestion, saying that we should leave two business cards on all the chairs that will be set up for the March General Meeting.

- New Member Orientation Program – Jim Atieh suggested that we need to initiate a member orientation program, like we had several years ago. This program will welcome new members to AU, help make introductions, and get new members off on the right foot. Jim suggested that new members should be introduced at the first general meeting which they attend; perhaps with their sponsor. Jim will investigate organizing an orientation program for new members.
- Trips & Tours – Jim Atieh mentioned that John Caikowsky is apprehensive about booking a bus tour because of the high current cost of buses, and trepidation that it will not be fully booked. At January month end, Trips & Tours had two reserves on the balance sheet, T&T reserve \$2,000 and T&T prior year surplus \$2,075. Jim Atieh is going to speak to John Caikowsky and ask him to advise the AU Board on his planned usage of these reserves going forward will be.
- Club Chair Luncheon – Jim Ateih thought it would be nice to have a luncheon for our Club chairs. The Board concurred. We have 23 active clubs, 10 Board members, so we will budget for 30 attendees at the luncheon. Tom Donch will take the lead in finding a restaurant. The luncheon should be in the September/October timeframe. Additional discussion is scheduled for the June/July Board meetings.
- WRC General meeting – Tony Dilorgi will be our door greeter/security. In April, the WRC is having a rummage sale and we will be unable to have our general meeting there. Instead of the WRC, we will hold our April meeting at the Midland Park Christian Reformed Church, in Midland Park. Social hour will start at Noon, and the General meeting will start a 1:00 PM.
- Public Discussion Club - Walt Widmer has expressed displeasure with using the Franklin Lakes OEM Building for the Public Discussion meetings. Tom Donch will follow up with Franklin Lakes City Council to ascertain if we can go back to using the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corps building.
- Larkin House – The Bridge club has expressed a strong desire to remain in the Larkin House. Harry has successfully negotiated a very favorable annual rent of \$1,100 for Wednesday afternoons at the Larkin House. AU will pay the Larkin House and we will receive quarterly reimbursement from the Bridge club.
- AU Thursday June 8th BBQ at the Wyckoff YMCA – Harry clearly summarized the well-prepared PowerPoint presentation prepared by John Murphy and Joe Pullaro into an

Excel file. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed on option 3, the classic BBQ with fried chicken, beverages, and desserts. It was decided to pass on a DJ in favor of the AU band. The cost is \$31.50/per person. *Assuming* a charge of \$30.00/per person to AU members, the AU subsidiary approximates \$550.00, including AU picking up 12 band member's lunch. For the BBQ, we will need volunteers: to set-up, check members in, and clean up. John Murphy and Joe Pullaro will manage getting volunteers for the BBQ. The YMCA grounds must be left in a pristine condition after the AU BBQ. Further discussion is planned for the March Board meeting.

- Webmaster and Computer Club Chair – John Abrahamsen has graciously stepped up and volunteered to be both the AU Webmaster and Computer Club Chair. Fred Thiele will co-chair the Computer Club.
- Speaker Program – At today's General Meeting one of our members, John (Jack) Warner, the author of three books, will discuss the phases of writing a book, from start to finish. In March, an audiologist will discuss new developments in hearing aids, and in April there will be a lecture on the D-day invasion.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Bernarde, Secretary