

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday July 12, 2022

The Executive Board was called to order by President Douglas Cooper, at 9:30 A.M. at the Franklin Lakes OEM Building. The following members were in attendance:

Doug Cooper, President

Harry Bennett, 1st Vice President

Jim Atieh, 2nd Vice President - Absent

Mike Kelley, Treasurer

Marty Valerio, Assistant Treasurer

Rich Bernarde, Secretary

David Voehl, Membership Chairman - Absent

Mark Cohen, Immediate Past President

Bob Dauer, Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to the WRC

John Murphy - Guest

Don Kirkpatrick – Guest

- Doug proposed the approval of the minutes from regular June 14, 2022 Board meeting; all agreed.
- 2023 AU Christmas Party and Dance – John Murphy and Bill Mastellon prepared an excellent summary report on the planned 2023 Christmas party which was handed out at the Board meeting. John attended the Board meeting and completely summarized Season's proposal. The costs for both and open and cash bar were given. The differential between a fully open bar and a cash bar was merely \$8.00/PP. After the Board discussed the pluses/minuses on an open bar, it was decided to proceed with an open bar. The cost for the same dinner as last year, open bar, music (Lieberman) and miscellaneous overhead is \$92.50/pp. The board agreed today that we will continue the open bar. Don Kirkpatrick recommended that to make the dinner/dance more palatable to members the cost should be less than \$90.00/pp. There was general agreement. Doug suggested a cost of

\$89.50/pp and everyone agreed. AU will pick up the difference between actual and \$89.50. We discussed early marketing of the party and John Murphy will circulate some suggestions. Doug advised John and Bill to return to Season's and obtain a proposal for 2024. Doug advised Mike Kelley to forecast a 2022 expense to AU of \$1,000 for the 2023 Christmas Party.

- Mike Kelley stated that AU's cash position is strong; with approximately \$22K on deposit. Mike mentioned that AU received \$430 from TD Bank for AU members that linked their checking account to AU's code AH005. The next payment period ends on 4/30/2023, and a check is expected by June 2023. Mike informed us that we have 349 members.
- Care and Concern - Marty Valerio reported that Larry Restieri was not doing well. Regrettably, Larry passed on July 12, 2022.
- 2023 Mardi Gras – was discussed. Doug said that he will have John Caikowsky of Trips & Tours follow up with Bob Stevenson to review where the event stands with the Hobbyist and the Glen Rock clubs. Jim Mallen and Rich Bernarde volunteered to provide support, as needed.
- 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 to the membership for By-Law revisions.

Current Section:

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.
- Bob Dauer informed the group that a 2023 Nominating Committee has been established with 5 members and stated that they are meeting on July 19, 2022.
- YMCA Wellness Day – John Murphy said the Wellness Day has been set for Wednesday October 19. Only men from the YMCA and AU are invited. Wives/significant others are

not invited. Wellness Day will cost \$20 and there will be a healthy lunch. Joe Pullaro is leading this event for AU. Mike Kelley and Rich Bernarde volunteered to assist, as needed.

- 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.
- Possible New General Meeting facilitate – Doug has been in discussions with the Christian Reformed Church of Midland Park (183 Godwin Ave, Midland Park). This facilitate may be available for our General meeting at a cost of \$100 per meeting plus clean-up costs. The meeting room is big enough for the AU Band to play from 11:45 to 12:45.
- Speaker Program – Curtis Springstead from AARP will be discussing the Basics Fraud Prevention 101. There are no AU Board or General meetings scheduled in August. Curtis Springstead is scheduled to return in September and discuss Medicare 101. There will be no costs to AU for either of these presentations
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Bernarde, Secretary