

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday March 14, 2023

The Executive Board was called to order by President Harry Bennett, at 9:34 AM at the Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, NJ. The following members were in attendance:

Harry Bennett, President

Jim Atieh, 1st Vice President - On Zoom

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 - Absent

Marty Valerio – Communications Director

Don Kirkpatrick – AU Webmaster

John Murphy – Guest

Joe Pullaro – Guest

John Caikowsky - Guest

- AU BBQ at the Wyckoff YMCA – The AU BBQ will be Thursday June 8th BBQ. June 15 is the rain date. The cost of the BBQ for members is \$30.00. Doug Copper proposed a budget of \$1,000 be established by the Board as a subsidy for the BBQ; all agreed. It was decided that the AU Band will play at the BBQ. The AU Board will pick up the cost for the Band, but not the cost for the Band's wives/significant others. Trips and Tours will be asked to take leadership in running the BBQ. Checks will be mailed to Joe Pullaro. 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.

- Harry proposed the approval of the minutes from the December 13, 2022, Board and General meetings be approved; seconded by Doug Cooper. All agreed.
- Treasurer's Report - Mike Kelley reviewed the February Treasurer's Report. We have \$22K in cash and \$1.1K in deposits for Indian Trails luncheon and 2023 Christmas Party. Mike mentioned that we have 274 paid members. Mike corrected the description of a reserve of \$2,000 that was listed on last month's Balance Sheet as "Trips & Tours" to "Board Reserve for Continuity of Operations" which is the correct description.
- Trips & Tours - Doug Copper recommended that we start using buses, even if they are expensive because of the average age of our membership. Doug feels that we are not offering enough outings for our older members and that affects attendance at the events.
- Care and Concern – Tony Dilorgi mentioned that John Di Piazza had passed away. A \$50 donation was sent to St Jude Childrens Hospital in his name. John Plunckett passed on Feb 21. No mention of a favorite charity was mentioned. A get-well card was sent to Dr. Richard Botta
- Shooting Club – Dave Hubschmitt has expressed a strong interest in establishing an AU shooting club. He is going to speak to the members about his plans at today's General meeting.
- Spring Luncheon – Indian Trails. Tom Donch mentioned that the cost for the Spring luncheon is \$40.00. Last year it was \$34.00, but due to the current high inflation, Indian Trails is unable to do any better. After trying to negotiate a more favorable cost for the May luncheon, Tom Donch could not improve on the \$40 cost. A polling of the Board agreed to a \$37 cost.
- Membership – Tony Dilorgi said that we have 274 paid members, 49 exempt members, for a total membership of 323.
- New Member Orientation Program – Tom Donch and Jim Atieh will work on developing a new member welcome letter.
- AU Historian – Since the Historian function has not been active for the last 2 years, Dave Voehl will study a new means of keeping AU historical records. The paper records currently kept on Heneveld Hall are now out of date.
- Discussion Club – Walt Widmer's Discussion Club is moving back to the Franklin Lakes Ambulance starting in April. The change of venue was successfully negotiated by Tom Donch. Walt and all regular attendees of the Discussion group will be very pleased with this change.
- AU Policies and Procedures – Harry recommended that all Board members should read AU's policies and procedures.

- AU Website - John Abrahamsen has volunteered to maintain AU's website. Don Kirkpatrick has generously volunteered to provide whatever support John needs in the transition through April, or longer, if needed.
- WRC General meeting – 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 at 1:00 PM. There is a \$100 cost for this meeting.
- AU History Club – In February, this was a scheduled History club meeting that was canceled due to inclement weather. Due to a breakdown in communication, approximately 20 members showed up at the locked Midland Park VFW building. Harry mentioned that a policy to address canceled meetings is currently being prepared. Whenever possible, the Club Chairman should post a "Meeting Cancelled" sign on the door prior to the scheduled time of the meeting.
- Speaker Program – At today's General Meeting Allison Hughes Au. D an audiologist from Ridgewood NJ. Dr. Hughes 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 11:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bernarde, Secretary