

# ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2021

- Call to order by President Mark Cohen at 1:03 p.m., at the Midland Park VFW Hall.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Cohen
- Bob Dauer gave the Invocation.
- Harry Bennett provided levity with a joke.
- Mark Cohen explained the need for a vote of the membership to authorize that the dues for 2022 return to \$50 per year. A motion was made and seconded. The vote was unanimous. Mark also reviewed the reasoning behind the current \$30 dues.
- Mark reviewed the list of nominees for the 2022 board and explained that Peter Swist had decided not to run for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. A motion was made and seconded to accept the following members and their positions for 2022; President - Douglas Cooper, Vice President – Harry Bennett, Treasurer – Marty Valerio, Assistant Treasurer – Frank Samarro and Secretary – Richard Bernarde. Mark then explained that the nominating committee had nominated James Atieh to fill the position of Second Vice President. Jim addressed the members regarding his background and his willingness to serve. A motion was made and seconded and the vote was unanimous to elect Jim Atieh.
- Mark Cohen then spoke about the need to make Activities Unlimited a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC). After explaining our need for insurance coverage and the various types of ownership, Mark called for a motion to allow the AU Board to continue to develop the necessary actions to become an LLC. A motion was made and seconded. The vote of the membership was unanimous.
- Mark also indicated that a vote was necessary to change the wording of the by-laws in reference to the payment of dues upon a member reaching 90 years of age. Article VIII, Section 5, should read “Exception: Members in good standing as of December 31, 2015 do not pay dues beginning the year *when* they turn 90 years of age” Dave Voehl will prepare the correction and send a corrected copy to Don Kirkpatrick for inclusion to the website.
- Walt Widmer introduced new members. Herman Ososky, Stanley Zietek, Robert Spagnardi and Bill Stevenson. Walt reported that the membership currently stands at 340 members.
- Mark reported that the attendance for the Christmas party is now 175 people and that the guarantee for Season’s is 200. He asked the members to ask others to attend. If someone wants to attend, they must send their check quickly and notify Mark before Monday November 15.
- Mark opened the floor for questions. Some questions were asked about the LLC. Fred Thiele asked about other meeting venues. Harry Bennett spoke about the availability of the VFW.

- Doug Cooper introduced Jonathan Bressman. Jonathan spoke about Federal, New Jersey estate and inheritance taxes. He covered items, such as Power of Attorney, beneficiaries, wills and gift taxes.
- The meeting attendance was 57 members
- Mark adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted;

David Voehl, Secretary