

SIR Branch 13 BEC meeting minutes, May 3rd, Orchard Creek Parking Lot

Meeting called to order, 9:33AM

Attendees:

Big Sir Chet Winton, Secretary Leonard Kaufer, Assistant Secretary Bruce Herold, Treasurer Jack Buffington, Database Jay Southard, Membership Chair Phil Sanderson, Director Ralph Madsen, Webmaster Wayne Merkle, Little Sir Norb Pfeiffer, Bob Hansen.

Secretary's report: Prior meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Current balance is unchanged from the prior BEC meeting: \$4313.48. Report approved.

The Big Sir moved on to New Business.

Sir Chet introduced the following motion: "Move to reinstate luncheons at Catta Verdera on May 18, 2021 on the condition that a) all attendees wear masks or face coverings upon entry b) that all attendees comply with social distancing as much as possible c) that all attendees show proof of vaccination or show evidence of a negative COVID test within 72 hours of the luncheon and d) that all attendees sign a branch liability waiver."

There was significant discussion surrounding the motion. In particular, discussion centered around whether or not we would ask that the wait staff be vaccinated. It was determined that we would not amend the motion, but the unknown vaccination status of the wait staff should be included in information provided to members about the resumption of lunches.

Sir Chet noted that Catta Verdara will be changing table seating from 8 to 6 per table to increase social distancing.

The cost remains unchanged since we are still under contract with Catta Verdara.

There was much discussion over the waiver. A COVID-19 draft waiver was provided by the SIR state organization. Sir Chet added an additional clause for general liability. The waiver itself was addressed in a later motion that is included in these minutes.

During the discussion, two changes to the motion were voted upon and unanimously approved. The start date was removed to allow Sir Chet and the venue the flexibility to set the date without having to involve the BEC. To bring the motion in line with the generally accepted definition of vaccination status, the motion was changed to indicate that the attendees must be at least two weeks post-final vaccination. This change was voted upon and unanimously approved.

The revised motion, which was approved with one abstention, is :Move to reinstate luncheons at Catta Verdera on the condition that a) all attendees wear masks or face coverings upon entry b) that all attendees comply with social distancing as much as possible c) that all attendees show proof of final vaccination from at least two weeks prior to the event or show evidence of a negative COVID test within 72 hours of the luncheon and d) that all attendees sign a branch liability waiver.

Sir Chet made the following motion: The branch shall retain a vaccination database so that members will only have to show evidence of vaccination once and that evidence shall carry over for all subsequent branch events.

Discussion: Sir Jay, who manages the database, offered to spearhead this effort. It is understood that this database also needs to track the status of the waiver for each member. This will include tracking the status of individual members and providing the means for members to produce these records at the first luncheon. Sir Leonard will assist Sir Jay at the sign-in table during the first luncheon.

Any requirements that may arise due to potential vaccination boosters will be dealt with by the BEC at such time that they arise.

The BEC agreed that the first luncheon will require a personal phone contact with each member. Sir Phil, Membership chair, agreed to head up this effort. Members will need to be informed of the luncheon date - to be provided by Sir Chet - and the need for vaccination record and waiver. The waiver itself will be provided on the website, in an email, and at the first luncheon. This phone effort shall conclude in time for Sir Chet to provide a headcount to Catta Verdara. Sir Chet will provide Sir Phill this drop-dead date for attendees.

The motion was unanimously approved without change.

Sir Chet made a motion: Branch 13 shall charge members \$10 for lunch on May 18, 2021 (half price) as an incentive to attend. The remainder of the luncheon bill shall be drawn from the branch treasury.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to change from a specific start date to the first upcoming luncheon.

The revised motion that was unanimously approved is: Branch 13 shall charge members \$10 for lunch for the first luncheon of 2021 (half price) as an incentive to attend. The remainder of the luncheon bill shall be drawn from the branch treasury.

Sir Chet made a motion: Golf, Adaptive golf, Ladies Day luncheons, Dining Out, Breakfast Clubs Bocce, cribbage, pinochle, and all other branch activities may resume on the condition that a) all participants be vaccinated or show proof of a negative COVID test within 72 hours of the event b) that for indoor activities, all participants wear masks or face coverings upon arrival c) that all participants (including guests) have signed a branch liability waiver.

The motion was unanimously approved without change.

Sir Chet made a motion: That Branch 13 adopt the proposed Liability Waiver that must be signed by ALL who attend a SIR event. The waiver can be signed only once that covers all subsequent events. Guest speakers must sign the waiver, ladies who attend a Ladies Day luncheon must sign the waiver, guests who are SIR members from other branches must sign the waiver.

During discussion Sir Jay noted that the prior approved motions already required the signed waiver for participation in any branch activities. Therefore he moved, and it was unanimously approved, that the motion be changed to the sole function of approving the proposed waiver.

The following revised motion was unanimously approved: The draft waiver of liability shall be used to document the waiver of liability for attendance at any branch event. (Secretary's note: The draft waiver is attached as an amendment to these minutes.)

Sir Leonard made a motion that dues for all current and new members be waived for 2021.

During discussion it was moved and unanimously approved to strike new members from the motion.

The following motion was voted upon: The dues for 2021 will be waived for all current members. The vote was 8 Yay and 2 Nay.

Finally, Sir Ralph resigned as Director effective immediately, noting that he will not be attending branch functions for the immediate future and so should not remain as a director. He retains his membership. His resignation was accepted along with thanks from the BEC for his many years of service.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:55AM

See next page for the draft waiver that was approved during this meeting.

SIR EVENT WAIVER RELEASE OF LIABILITY

SIR BRANCH13

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the general unavailability of insurance to cover liability related to that matter, SIR Branch 13 is requiring members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others attending events sponsored by the Branch or by Sons In Retirement, Incorporated (state SIR) to agree to the following:

1. In attending activities sponsored by the Branch or state SIR, the undersigned agrees to comply with mask, social distancing, and other COVID-19 protocols, required by applicable government bodies, the Branch, state SIR, and the applicable venue. Failure to do so will result in the attendee being asked to leave the event.
2. Regardless of adherence to mandated protocols, requirements, recommendations, and vaccinations, the undersigned acknowledges that there is a risk of COVID-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building with other people, or a group of other individuals.
3. Knowing the foregoing risk, the undersigned assumes the risk of COVID-19 exposure and accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to COVID-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur due to attendance at a Branch or state SIR event.
4. The undersigned hereby releases and waives liability for the Branch, state SIR, and their respective officers, directors, and members from any and all responsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to COVID-19 at a Branch or state SIR event.
5. The undersigned hereby releases and waives liability for the Branch, state SIR, and their respective officers, directors, and members from any and all responsibility for physical injury, illness, death, emotional upset or other losses arising from participation in a Branch or state SIR event.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS POSED BY COVID-19, AND SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.

Attendee's Name (print): _____

Attendee's Signature: _____ Date: _____