

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

1.0 Call to Order at 1:03 pm.

2.0 Roll Call: **2.0 Roll Call:** The following officers and directors were present for a phone conference virtual meeting: Paul Wright, Mark Wahlman, Stephen Helmer, Harry Martin, Tony Moles, Robert Gorbet, Chester George, and John Coakley. The following members were absent:, Phil Schrock, Richard Baines, Bill Rutherford, and Ram Rao.

3.0 Guests: None present

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for February 9

A motion was made by John C.. and seconded by Mark W. to approve the minutes of the February 9 meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4.01 Confirmation of Golf Starting Vote: The initial vote was a total of 7 affirmative votes to reopen golf. They were cast as 6 in person votes and one email vote. A motion was made to confirm and consolidate the vote taken to reopen golf to members. The motion was made by John C. and seconded by Robert G. The vote to pass the confirmation motion was unanimous.

5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

5.01 Treasurer's Report: Harry M. reported the beginning balance was \$1816. Harry noted that our branch had an ending balance of \$1737. There was one expenditure of \$79 for the newsletter. A motion was made by John C.. and seconded by Mark W. to approve the Treasurer's report. The vote to approve was unanimous. The motion passed.

5.02 Income Generation:

5.02.1 Newsletter Ads: Paul sent thanks to Stephen H. for getting an advertiser for our newsletter. His financial advisor has purchased a business card ad for 6 months for a fee of \$150. Paul asked other members to seek ads from their services oriented people in the community. This would go a long way in helping the finances of our branch. A short discussion followed.

5.02.2 Picnic: Paul noted that this year's picnic may depend on the progress of vaccinations in the county. A discussion followed on weather conditions in the various months , particularly in September. The consensus was that we will keep the picnic under consideration again next month in terms of the timing, the pandemic and vaccinations.

5.03.3 Other: Assessments/Dues: Paul reported that 80% of the SIRS branches in our area have a dues. Most of these branches apply some of the dues to their club activities so that members feel their dues are going directly to local branch

activities. He also stated that about one third of branches have used an assessment format. Mark will also contact some branches regarding their policies. Paul thought it would be good if we could pay our State SIRS assessment with the dues we collect locally. Paul will check with the Twain Harte branch to see what their policy is. A report and discussion will continue at the next BEC meeting.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Membership Report: Stephen H. reported that membership remains at 130 on Form 27. Stephen also noted that he had received one application for membership from Gerald Cunningham. A motion was made by John C and seconded by Robert G.. to approve the membership application. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was also made to process Gerald Cunningham's application to form 27 by Robert G. and it was seconded by John C. This motion also passed unanimously.

Stephen noted that former SIRS member Elmer Nichols has passed away.

6.2 Golf Report: There was no report. It was however noted that golf participants are to attend at least three regular meetings per year in order to participate in golf events. Mark also reported that the golf audit is not complete as yet. It will be ready next month.

6.3 Little Sir: Mark will contact a speaker for our next meeting from his list. Mark is currently working on getting additional speakers for upcoming meetings. Any suggested potential speakers would be greatly appreciated by Mark.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Status /Thoughts....In-Person Meetings: We have received no further direction from State SIRS on when in-person meetings will resume. A discussion ensued. There is a general consensus to continue the discussion, but that in person meetings would probably not be held before May at the very earliest. We wish to error on the side of caution.

7.2 Zoom Wine Appreciation: The next wine zoom meeting will be on March 23. Paul will send out an email explaining the program for March. He will also send out an RSVP to group members asking for their RSVP by Friday, March 12..

8.0 New Business

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8.1 Vaccination Poll: Paul received nine responses to his vaccination poll. A discussion continued on vaccination, polling, and future meetings. He briefly discussed the State SIRS' poll.

8.2 Reaching Out to Members: Paul suggested we do another reach out phone call to members. Harry noted it might be best to call members in the evening. A suggestion was made and all agreed to perform calls the month prior to reopening in-person meetings. Paul asked for volunteers willing to make outreach phone calls. The following members volunteered to make calls: Mark W, Paul W., Stephen H, Harry M., Robert G., and Tony M.

8.3 Newsletter: The newsletter was discussed. Next month's newsletter will include a comment on the progress of vaccinations and their effect on our meeting schedule. An invite for people to advertise in our newsletter will also be included.

9.0 Good of the Order: Nothing to report

10.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.