

# **SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

April 13, 2021

**1.0 Call to Order** at 1:32 pm.

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

**3.0 Guests**: None present

**NOTE: Due to a lack of a quorum, these minutes reflect that no actions or votes were taken. We had only reports and discussions that follow.**

**4.0 Approval of the Minutes for February 9:** Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes were not approved. Paul reported that a letter of resignation was received from Ram Rao, a director. No action was taken at this time due to a lack of a quorum.

## **5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action**

**5.1 Treasurer's Report:** Harry M. had emailed the Treasurer's Report to all, but due to a lack of a quorum, the report was not accepted at this time.

## **6.0 Committee Reports**

**6.1 Membership Report:** Stephen H. reported that Mr. Hilmer is no longer a member as he has moved out of the area. Stephen did report that we had received two applications for membership from Felix and Frank. No action was taken on their applications due to a lack of a quorum.

**6.2 Golf Report:** Bill R. reported that he is having some difficulty following state protocols for golf as it regards the use of golf carts . It seems some locations do not have enough carts to meet the guidelines so Bill has remedied the situation by being creative. He has also been in touch with the SIRS state golf chair to get more direction regarding the Covid pandemic as it relates to golfing.

**6.3 Little Sir:** No Report

## **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. Paul will contact the SIRS President and the Area Governor to clarify as to when we will see adjustments in the SIRS Pandemic Policy.

**7.2 Zoom Wine Appreciation Group:** Paul noted that all those who attended the last zoom wine group had a good time. It is unclear as to whether the next wine

group will be an in-person or a zoom meeting. Hopefully, there will have clarification at our May BEC meeting.

### **7.3 Income Generation:**

**7.3.1: Newsletter Ads:** Paul noted that he gave our newsletter person a free ad in our newsletter for all the work she is doing on our own newsletter. He also reported that we will give members a free lunch when they get a new ad for our newsletter.

**7.3.2 Annual Dues:** Paul reviewed the email suggestions he had received from BEC members, and Mark noted the encouragement that had been received from State SIRS regarding dues. A discussion followed. It was suggested the dues be \$20, which would not be implemented until we have our first in-person meeting. It was also suggested that the dues would be pro-rated for new members. It was stated that we would need “helpers” to help collect the dues at meetings so that the burden did not fall solely on the Treasurer. These same helpers might also help sell raffle tickets. Any decision on this was delayed until a quorum is present.

**7.3.3 Picnic:** Paul said he had had an inquiry from the Stockton chapter about our picnic. He noted that the picnic was still on our agenda, but that we were waiting to reach a decision based on the pandemic situation.

### **7.4 Reaching Out to New members:**

Paul said that we would wait until we have scheduled our first post-pandemic in-person meeting before we begin our “Reach Out to Members” phone calling effort.

## **8.0 New Business**

**8.1 New Officers:** For our May BEC Meeting, Paul asked that current BEC members be thinking and recruiting candidates for various offices and directors chairs on the BEC. It is important that we get this discussion started so we can meet the August deadline with a slate of candidates. Paul stated that he thought the best results were achieved by privately asking people to run for an office.

**9.0 Good of the Order:** Nothing to report

**10.0 Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.