

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021

1.0 Call to Order at 1:11 pm.

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

3.0 Guests: None present

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for March 9

A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Mark W. to approve the minutes of the March 9 meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

5.01 Treasurer's Report: Paul reported in Harry's absent, that the beginning balance was \$1887.48. The finance report noted that our branch had an ending balance of \$1581.20. There were two expenditures. One expenditure was for \$78.78 for the newsletter, and the other expenditure was for \$227.50 for the SIRS quarterly assessment. A motion was made by Tony M. and seconded by Bill R. to approve the Treasurer's report. The vote to approve was unanimous.

6.0 Committee reports

6.1 Membership: Chester George's resignation from the BEC and general membership in SIRS was accepted. Stephen reported he had a number of applications for membership pending. He presented each application separately for consideration. First was Felix Moran. The motion to accept his application for membership was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. The motion passed unanimously. Next, Kenneth Dunham's application for membership was presented. The motion to accept his application was made by Bill R. and seconded by Mark W. The motion passed unanimously. Greg DeLucchi's application for membership was accepted with a motion made by Bill R. and seconded by Mark W. The motion passed unanimously. An application for membership from Sigurd Anderson was accepted with a motion from Bill R. and Mark W. The motion passed unanimously. Another application for membership was presented for Ebi Sauseda. The motion to accept his application was made by Bill R. and seconded by Mark W. The motion passed unanimously. Kenneth Dunham Jr. is the last application for membership. The motion to approve his membership was made by Bill R. and seconded by Mark W. The motion passed unanimously. Final note from Stephen is that Jack Kilbert's name was dropped from membership as he has moved.

6.2 Golf Audit: Mark noted he will have the golf audit report at the next meeting.

6.3: Little Sir: Walt had no report at this time.

7.0 New Business

7.1 State SIR Protocol & Waiver

7.1.1 Communicate State Fireside: Paul reviewed what he heard from the SIRS State Zoom Mtg. He reported that he took four things from the meeting. First, SIRS had lost its liability insurance due to a law suit originating from a member in the Visalia branch. Although the State had difficulty getting insurance after the incident, it has since purchased insurance. However, this insurance does not cover losses or suits due to the COVID 19 virus. Secondly, although the comments from members present were broad in view point, the majority seemed to favor not having in person meetings unless all those in attendance were vaccinated. Paul also stated this was not a forever policy or position, but that as soon as the State department of health adjusts its policies regarding COVID, then SIRS would be able to amend its policies.. And finally, Paul noted that no matter what we do we are bound to lose some members at the local level. Mark , who also attended the meeting, noted that the SIRS insurance premiums tripled after the lawsuit. And since the insurance policy does not cover loss due to COVID or communicable diseases, he felt it might be a while before there is a change in the State SIRS policy. Bill R., who also attended the meeting, stated he already had waivers from those participating in Golf events.

7.1.2 Roundtable Discussion: After a roundtable discussion from all members present, Bill made the following motion: Any in-person meetings shall be delayed at least a month until we have clarification on the protocols and virus policy from the State SIRS organization. The motion was seconded by John C. The motion passed unanimously.

7.1.3 Decision Going Forward:

Golf: Bill noted that a State SIRS Golf tournament maybe held in Stockton at the Elkhorn Country Club. The organization is looking to have a tournament in central California, and this looked like an ideal location to them.

Wine Appreciation: Mark's home is scheduled for the next wine appreciation meeting, which is in May, and he is thinking of having it in his backyard to allow for distancing, etc. He is also open to having another zoom meeting or a combination of zoom and in-person meeting for those who do not wish to meet in person. Mark will send out an email to get feedback from the wine group members before a decision is made. John C. noted he would prefer an in person meeting. Mark also acknowledged that we would need signed waivers from anyone attending the in-person meeting.

8.0 Old Business

9.0 Newsletter: The newsletter was discussed. Next month's newsletter will include comments regarding implementing the protocols and waivers for SIRS regarding the COVID 19 virus.

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10.0 Good of the Order: It was the consensus of the group that our first in person meeting will not have a scheduled speaker so we can have a member discussion regarding concerns and feedback about the COVID situation as it effects our SIRS Branch.

Bill R. also indicated that golf participates must have a signed waiver on file with him before they can participate in any golf events, which he already has on file for participating golfers.

11.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Mark W. and seconded by Tony M. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.