

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

May 12, 2020

**1.0 Call to Order** at 1:01 pm.

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

**3.0 Guests**: None present

## **4.0 Approval of the Minutes for April 14**

A motion was made by Richard B. and seconded by Mark W. to delay the approval of the April 14 minutes until the next meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **5.0 Committee Reports**

**5.1 Treasurer's Report**: The beginning balance was \$2634.00. Harry reported that our branch had an ending balance of \$2620.51. This was a decrease for the month of \$13. A motion was made by Robert G. and seconded by Mark W. to approve the Treasurer's report. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**5.2 Membership Report**: Stephen H. reported that membership is 135 for May because we had an increase of one member in April. To clarify, this new member was added at the last regular meeting in March, but we did not have all of the papers to present to him at the swearing in. However, he was still sworn in. Stephen also completed the Form 27, which is required by the State organization, indicating there was zero attendance at today's cancelled general meeting because of the Coronavirus isolation order. A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. to approve the membership report with the clarification of the one new member. The motion passed unanimously.

**5.3 Golf Report**: Bill R. reported that the State SIRS Golf Committee is scheduled to meet on May 21st with regional people. Bill hopes that this meeting will bring more clarification to the golf situation and the coronavirus. A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. to cancel all golf tournaments till the end of May and to continue to cancel Golf tournaments a month in advance of the date. The motion passed unanimously. At this time all golf tournaments in Branch 145 are cancelled to the end of May.

**5.4 Little Sir**: Mark W. reports our next speaker is to be Susan Crosby, a Lodi News Sentinel reporter. She is on standby depending on when the next meeting is scheduled. The Elkhorn Country Club will be contacted to let them know there will be no general meeting in June.

## **6.0 Old Business**

**6.1 Picnic:** The facility is available for September should the situation change to allow for the SIRS Picnic. There was a discussion about the Picnic. A discussion centered on cancelling it completely, postponing it, or waiting to see what clarification the State SIRS offers. A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. to continue to have the Picnic on “hold” until we receive further clarification and information from the the State SIRS. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was also held regarding the tickets that have already been sold. A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. to hold the money, but if a member requests a refund, they just need to return the tickets to Harry M., and he will refund the money. The motion passed unanimously.

## **7.0 New Business**

### **7.1 BEC Zoom**

A discussion was held about using zoom technology instead of a conference call. By consensus, it was decided that we will “road test” zoom in the coming days. Paul will send a notice of a zoom meeting via email. At that time, we will see how well it works with our committee

### **7.2 Meetings Zoom:**

A discussion was held as to whether we should try to conduct a general member meeting with zoom. One other branch has used it in a general meeting. At this time, the consensus was it maybe premature to use zoom for a general meeting before we see how well it works in our BEC meeting.

### **7.3 June Newsletter**

Suggestions were made as to what should be included in the June Newsletter. The following is a tentative list: Picnic News, Golf Status, State SIRS, Membership Numbers, Financials, and that BEC virtual Meetings are still being held.

### **7.4 State Transition Plan**

A discussion was held regarding the State SIRS’ Transition Plan. They have issued guidelines regarding voting. The policy is as follows: Elections or decisions made in BEC or regular meetings held as conference calls or “zoom” type meetings must be done in the following manner:

- a. Oral motions are Ok if the vote is unanimous.
- b. If the vote is not unanimous, then the conference call vote must be done by email or a “zoom” vote.
- c. Every BEC member must view the eight minute video presented by the State SIRS Office regarding our responsibilities and legal procedures before we can begin any new activity. Paul will send a link to the video for all BEC members to view the video.

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After each member has viewed the video, they will email Paul reporting that they have viewed the video.

### **8.0 Good of the Order**

Harry M. expressed a concern about the State Assessment and the financial burden and possible bankruptcy it places on local chapters. Paul W. will write an email to the State SIRS about this concern and the quarterly assessment fee.

**10.0 Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill R. and seconded by Robert G. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.