

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2020

1.0 Call to Order at 1:02 pm.

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

3.0 Guests: None present

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for June 9

A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Harry M. to approve the minutes of the June 9 th meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5.0 Committee Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report: Harry M. reported the beginning balance was \$2541.73. Harry reported that our branch had an ending balance of \$2462.95. There was a decrease for the month of \$78.78. This was a newsletter expense. A motion was made by Richard B. 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 133 for July and there was no change from June. Stephen also completed the Form 27, which is required by the State organization. A motion was made to accept Steve's membership report by Bill R., and it was seconded by Tony M. The motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Golf Report: Mark reviewed the 2019 Golf financial report submitted by Bill R. Generally, income for golf was up as were the number of tournaments. There were no significant adjustments or corrections to the report. A motion was made to approve the annual Golf report by Tony M. and seconded by Harry M. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill R. expressed his thanks to Mark W. for reviewing the Golf report. He also stated that the first gold tournament for the season will be tomorrow. There are 27 people signed up although the usual number of signups is around 50. Bill attributed this to the pandemic. He also noted that the second tournament will be in two weeks at Swenson Golf course. He will report at the next meeting how the tournaments went in this COVID environment.

5.4 Little Sir: There are currently two speakers on hold for general meetings, and they are ready whenever we continue meetings. Mark W. said he had nothing more to report.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Picnic:

6.1.1 Going Forward Decision: Harry reported that Micke Grove has cancelled all July and August Reservations at the Picnic Area. Although they were taking reservations for September, they were not optimistic about those picnics taking place. After further discussion, a motion was made by Harry M. and seconded by Bill R. that we cancel the SIRS Picnic for this year. The motion passed unanimously.

6.1.2 Check-Refund requests: No requests have been received at this time for a refund of Picnic Ticket purchases. Paul led a discussion regarding the refund of picnic ticket purchases. The consensus of the group was that those who purchased a ticket will be asked if they would like to donate their ticket costs to our SIRS branch.

6.2 Capture July 14 Member Cancellation Vote: The following proposal was emailed out to all BEC members for a vote in June: **Due to concerns communicated by members and increased cases of Covid-19 in San Joaquin County, the BEC cancels the decision to recommence in-person meetings on July 14. Additionally, the BEC agrees to conduct it's regularly scheduled meeting by virtual conference call on July 14 at 1pm. At that time the BEC will discuss and agree on how to proceed.**

The vote went as follows: **Yes Votes:** Paul Wright, Tony Moles, Mark Wahlman, Harry Martin, Robert Gorbet, Chester George, Stephen Hellmer, John Coakley, Richard Baines and Bill Rutherford.

No Votes: Phil Schrock and Ram Rao. The final vote was 10 yes and 2 no. **The proposal passes.** The July general meeting was cancelled.

7.0 New Business

7.1 August Member Meeting: Paul noted that all restaurants in our county are closing, and it will therefore be unlikely that the Elkhorn Country Club will be able to provide lunch as well. After some discussion, a motion was made by Tony M. and seconded by Bill R. to cancel the August 11th general luncheon meeting and to have a virtual BEC phone meeting only. The motion passed unanimously.

7.2 Wine Appreciation -July 28: Paul noted that with the Pandemic, wine appreciation group gatherings are not possible. However, he proposed virtual zoom meetings for the wine group. He will send an email to members of the group to see if there is interest in continuing in that manner.

7.3 Membership Fee: Harry M. noted that our bank balance continues to decrease. It has gone from \$3600 in January to \$2462 in July. We are losing \$175 - \$200 for each general meeting that is canceled. The state SIRS assessments for the

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rest of the year will be about \$1000. The newsletter is costing about \$80 per month and that is with a \$50 discount. There is more money going out than is coming in. A suggested membership fee of \$10 to \$20 per member per year was discussed. The consensus at this time was we have further this discussion on the fee at the next meeting. We can also discuss the October SIRS assessment, and what approach we wish to take regarding the assessment.

7.4 August Newsletter: The newsletter was discussed. The topics to be included for next month's newsletter will be 1) Current meeting status, 2) Cancellation of the August meeting, 3) Refund and/or Donation of Picnic Tickets sales, and 4) The financial situation of SIRS.

8.0 Good of the Order: Nothing to report

9.0 Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Harry M. and seconded by Bill R.. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.