

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 13, 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, Tony Moles, Harry Martin, Bill Rutherford, Stephen Helmer, Phil Schrock, and Robert Gorbet. The following members were absent: Chester George, Richard Baines, Ram Rao and John Coakley.

3.0 Guests: None present

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for September 8

A motion was made by Phil S. and seconded by Bill R. to approve the minutes of the September 8 meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

5.1 Treasurer's Report: Harry M. reported the beginning balance was \$2070.89. Harry noted that our branch had an ending balance of \$2317.11. There was an increase for the month of \$246.00 due to contributions and non-refunds for the picnic tickets. A motion was made by Robert G. and seconded by Bill R. to approve the Treasurer's report. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Harry reported that he called the SIRS State Treasurer to discuss where the authority was for the state organization to collect an assessment from each chapter. The State Treasurer reported to Harry that there was no place in the bylaws that he was aware of for collecting an assessment. Paul noted that he received a call from the State SIRS that they would "pull" our charter should we not pay our quarterly assessment in full. A discussion ensued. A motion was made by Harry M. and seconded by Phil S. to pay only for the active golf members of our branch explaining our position and requesting an explanation from the state SIRS for their authority to collect the quarterly assessment. The roll call vote was as follows: Nays: Paul W, Mark W., Tony M., Robert G., Stephen H., Bill R., The Yes votes were as follows: Phil S., and Harry M. The motion was defeated: Yes 2, No 6.

5.2 Revenue Generation: Paul reviewed the possible ideas to generate funds for our branch. They are 1) do nothing 2) recruit advertisers in the newsletter 3) conduct a voluntary donation campaign 4) implement a one time assessment 5) institute an ongoing dues program 6) impose a surcharge on golfers for insurance purposes. After a discussion, it was decided to table this until we have more information.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Membership Report: Stephen H. reported that membership dropped from 132 to 128 members on September's Form 27. He removed two member's names who passed away, and Stephen also noted that he removed two names who no longer wished to be members. A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Phil S. to accept the membership report. The motion passed unanimously.

Two new applications were made for membership. Roger Spering was approved for membership with a motion by Bill R. and seconded by Phil S. The motion passed unanimously. A second motion was made to accept Phil Honkala's application for membership. The motion was made by Phil S. and seconded by Bill R.. This motion also passed unanimously.

6.2 Golf Report: Bill R. reported that the schedule is normal for our golf group and that everything is going fine.

6.3 Little Sir: Mark reported that he will contact a speaker for our next meeting from his list.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Outreach calls: Paul made a report on the calls and the responses that were received. Paul thanked those members of the board that had made calls. It was noted that most members were most appreciative of the calls from the club. Other members who called made reports as well.

7.2 Zoom Wine Appreciation: Paul reported on the wine zoom "meeting". The Mettlers donated some of their homemade wine for the tasting which added to the fun. Mark and Tony also commented on what a good time was had, and they expressed their appreciation to Paul for organizing the event and delivering the wine. The next wine zoom meeting will be in November.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Reopening Plan: Paul noted that we had discussed the reopening plan at the last meeting and that copies were sent to all. He asked if there were any changes or amendments to the plan. A motion was made to approve our Reopening Plan by Mark W. and seconded by Robert G. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the reopening plan will be sent to all members in the newsletter.

8.1.1 Status of In-Person Meetings (County): After some discussion, a motion was made by Phil S. and seconded by Bill R. to continue our in-person luncheon meetings in November at the Elkhorn Country Club using our newly approved "Reopening Plan", and also abiding by the County policy for group meetings. An amendment was added to the motion that there would be a reservation system in place. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion followed regarding the logistics of the meeting. Paul will contact Elkhorn to negotiate a price and the number of meals. The plan is to have the meeting indoors. Paul will send out the email informing members of the luncheon and the reservation system. He will also post a note in the Newsletter with the date, time, and menu, as well as a note that members must RSVP for the luncheon. Mark will check on a speaker for November's meeting. Bill R. will send an email message to the golfers

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regarding the luncheon noting that it is to aid the finances of our branch. Paul W. will be the contact for reservations.

8.2 Annual Holiday Luncheon: Paul W. noted that Paul R. is still holding the date for our Holiday Luncheon at the Woodbridge Country Club. Paul will survey members at the luncheon in November regarding their interest in the Holiday Luncheon.

8.3 Newsletter: The newsletter was discussed. Next month's newsletter will include the text of our Re-Opening Plan, the November luncheon date, time and location, a report on the finances of our branch, and an invite for people to advertise in our newsletter.

9.0 Good of the Order: Nothing to report

10.0 Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.