

SIRS Branch 145 Emergency Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2020

1.0 Call to Order at 9:03 am.

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

3.0 Guests: None present

3.1A Emergency Item: General Luncheon Meeting at Elkhorn Country Club for 11/11/20: Paul reported he had received an email from the SIRS State President indicating that ALL events and activities associated with SIRS are to be cancelled until further notice. Paul stated he had left a phone message with Elkhorn Country Club that they should not prepare our lunch for today until they had spoken with him. Paul also noted that we will be on our own regarding our liability regarding the luncheon. A discussion ensued regarding the luncheon. It was reported by several members that other chapters have had lawsuits regarding SIRS activities in their branches in the past and that some BEC members had been held accountable for certain settlements. A motion was made by John C. and seconded by Bill R. to cancel today's general luncheon meeting at Elkhorn Country Club. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Yes Votes: Paul W., Mark W., Harry M., Tony M., John C., Stephen H., Bill R. No Votes: Phil S. The vote was Yes 7 and No 1. The motion passed. Paul said he would contact and negotiate with Elkhorn regarding a cancellation fee.

A committee of Paul W., Mark W., Tony M. and Bill R. was formed to call all members who were planning to attend the luncheon informing them that it had been cancelled.

Mark will also contact the speaker to let them know that the meeting is cancelled.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for October 13

A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. to approve the minutes of the October 13 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 \$2317.11. Harry noted that our branch has an ending balance of \$2005.58. There were expenditures for the month of \$311.53. A motion was made by John C. and seconded by Bill R. to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Membership Report: Stephen H. reported that membership remains at 130 members on October's Form 27.

6.2 Golf Report: Bill R. reported that he had called the State SIRS golf chair regarding the new policy of no events at this time. The State Golf chair stated that the new policy does appear to apply to golf events. A discussion ensued. A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. to cancel the golf tournament unless an extension provision comes from the State Executive Committee. This was a roll call vote as follows: Yeses were: Paul W, Mark W., Harry M., Tony M., John C., Bill R., Stephen H. The Nos are Phil S. The motion passes on a vote of 7 yes and 1 no. Bill will do his best to negotiate the return of any funds from the golf course. He also noted he will email or contact all golfers to let them know whether or not the tournament is cancelled.

Bill also noted that he had put a collection jar out for SIRS at the last Golf Tournament, and he collected \$179.00 for our local chapter.

6.3 Little Sir: See earlier notes.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Feedback/Assessment of Meeting: The meeting was cancelled in an earlier motion regarding the State SIRS policy. See above notes.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Annual Holiday Luncheon: Paul W. noted that based on the current State SIRS policy regarding events. The holiday luncheon is in effect cancelled.

Paul reported that the January meeting is also a mute point as we are not allowed to have any in-person meetings at this time. It is cancelled.

8.3 Newsletter: The newsletter will update members on the latest decisions from our branch and State SIRS.

9.0 Good of the Order: Nothing to report

10.0 Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill R and seconded by Mark W. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37am.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.