**SIR CHAPTER 169**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: 2/9/2021**

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**Big SIR, Scott Barcus called the meeting to order at 9:35 am**

**Attending:** Scott Barcus; Ed Dorn, Duane Evans; Jim Forden;

Ted Fox;; Jim Hiney; Bob Large; Dan Lindstrom; Lee Nichols; Luis Rodriguez

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF Guests: No guests attending**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** MSC to approve

**TREASURY REP0ORT: MSC to approve.**

**BIG SIR: 1)** Regarding the liability incurred by the Chapter in our staging of golf outings as something other than SIR events, Scott reported that he had discussed the matter with an attorney, who was of the opinion that if any liability existed it would not be the burden of our Chapter and more than likeyl be covered by the

personal insurance carried by individual members. **2)** Scott shared with the Board that while all of the other Fresno area Chapters are listed in the State organization Directory, but,,ours is not. Scott was directed to confront the Area Director re this, and request that the omission be corrected. **3)** Scott shared with the Board that he had received a call from our Regional Director asking him to support Bruce Gorman for position of Area Governor. Jim Hiney observed that such a request is probably of little purpose due to the fact that Gorman is probably the only candidate being considered,

**LITTLE SIR:**, Dan Lindstrum pointed out again how difficult it is to line up speakers for our luncheon meetings when it is not know when the meetings will be resumed.. Additionally, he asked if the Board would like him to invite The Regional Director to attend our next Board meeting. Consensus was that such an initiative would not be warranted, nor productive.

**SECRETARY** Jim Forden reported that he has sent out to each member the personal information that we have on file for him and requested that the information be reviewed and corrections provided so that the Directory can be updated and a new edition published. He said that he is receiving a fair response.

**TREASURER:** 1) Duane Evans reported that the required annual review of our accounting records has been completed and submitted to the State Office **2)**.This was followed by an active discussion of the procedures followed in our periodic change of signatory authority for the Chapter at our Bank. It was proposed and moved to support a more simplified approach to updating the check signing authority each year, Big Sir will visit the Bank, (Union) and determine what precisely needed to be done to change signatures, and then, once determined, the Little Sir and Asst Treasurer and whatever other member designated would make arrangements to get this accomplished as soon as possible.

**ACTIVITIES: 1)** Ed Dorn has been apprised of the fact that the State Offices have authorized the resumption of SIR sponsored golf outings, as soon as the Chapter Board approves to do so with the commitment that all SIR established, local and state safety requirements will be observed. MSC to so adopt the resumption of golf and required commitment with a copy of the Board’s action to be forwarded to the State Office. maintenance. 2) Ed also requested that a copy of this year’s golf schedule be included in the Minutes. (Golf Schedule attached)

**MEMBERSHIP:** Jim Hiney: No new applications pending.

**SUNSHINE:** Concern expressed by all with active discussion regarding the need to resume the work of our Callers to maintain continuing and positive contact with each member during this time of limited Chapter activity, It was proposed that in the future, the Board attempt to conduct a Chapter wide meeting via ZOOM technology. Ted will send out an inquiry to the memberships to see if they were interested In logging on to and participating in such a meeting.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MTG;** Any items on this month’s agenda, but due to time constraints not addressed will be included on the agenda for the meeting next month.

**ADJOURNMENT: 11:17 am**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Jim Forden, Secretary



**Summary of the Minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting of the SIR Chapter 169 Board of Directors:**

On Tuesday, February the 9th, the Board of the Gateway Chapter met in an upstairs meeting room of the Sebastian Corporation Building. A range of topics were discussed including the fact that the SIR State Offices had neglected to include the Gateway Chapter 169 in its on-line listing of Fresno area chapters; requested support of a candidate for SIR regional office and the potential for resumption of our monthly luncheon meetings. To aid in the preparation of an updated Membership Directory, members have been given an opportunity to correct any errors that might exist in our membership Roster. The Treasurer’s report included information about the well conducted and prepared annual review of the Chapter’s finances and a plan to simplify our notification of the bank to reflect changes in the leadership positions each year. It was reported that the State SIR has opened the opportunity for chapters to safely resume golf and other activities and this will be considered by the Chapter going forward in the next few months. Of great concern to the members of our Chapter Board is the fact that all of the membership have missed the opportunity to be together and share the companionship that our organization normally affords us. We all are in agreement that it is the reason for us to be members of SIR and we want all to know that your Board is focused of making this happen. Any and all suggestions toward this end will be appreciated and now more than ever, the spirit and energy of all that we do is dependent upon the engagement of more of us in the leadership of our Chapter and its activities.