**SIR CHAPTER 169**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: 4/13/2021**

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**Big SIR, Scott Barcus called the meeting to order at 9:30 am**

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

Ted Fox;; Jim Hiney; Dan Lindstrom; Jackie Lovato; Luis Rodriguez

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

**AGENDA: MSC to approve**

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

**TREASURY REP0ORT: MSC to approve.**

**BIG SIR:** Nothing new to report

**LITTLE SIR:** Dan Lindstrom posed that thought might be given to inviting the ladies to our first resumption meeting. In response, discussion ensued with consensus that the members need the meeting to get reacquainted with each other and to spend time visiting after being restricted from being together as a group for such an extended period. Dan reported that the Fresno Zoo would like to provide the program for the meeting and that the Fresno State Athletic Department has been penciled in for our luncheon in June.

**SECRETARY** Jim Forden reported that there are four of our members who have reached the age of 90 and as such are eligible for the SIR organization’s Senior Award. Applications for the awards have been delivered to our Big SIR for submission to the State Offices.

**TREASURER:** 1) Duane Evans reported that since we have not had a meeting this month or last, there is no additional activity to report regarding the Treasury accounts. Union Bank has requested that he and several other of our officers come into one of their branch locations to accomplish the designation of signatories of our Chapter Bank account. Those who will need to attend this session have been asked to meet briefly after this Board to set a time and date for the visit to the bank.

**ACTIVITIES:** Ed Dorn reported that he has sent out a request to our golf playing members inviting men to participate in the Golf Committee as the Chair and/or as tournament hosts. Additionally, he reported that as per the action taken at our last Board meeting, the Couples Dine Out sessions would be resuming soon. Discussion followed regarding the suggestion that to encourage single men to participate in these outings, that the sessions might be renamed to suggest that the dinners were not only for couples. In discussing this thought, it was pointed out that the women have been the driving force behind the scheduling and conduct of this activity.

**MEMBERSHIP**: Jim Hiney requested that the Board approve Howard Togo for induction. Jim Forden is his host. MSC to approve for membership..

**SUNSHINE:** Following up on the Board’s discussion regarding the need to recruit members to serve as callers, as Committee Chair, Bernie Hollenbech pointed out that some of the men who previously serve in these roles will no longer be able to continue. Jackie Lovato has offered to assist in finding men to serve in this important work and to assume responsibility for the membership badges. O

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1). There has been considerable discussion regarding the fact that once we resume our monthly meetings, our catering contract with Pardinis for the luncheons will include a per plate cost increase. Jim Hiney reported that on behalf of the Chapter, he has received an anonymous donation that will be sufficient to cover incremental impact of this price increase for the remainder of 2021.. Effective the 2nd quarter of this year, State SIR has reinstated its quarterly assessments to each of the chapters.

As a result, our members can continue to pay the same amount for the lunches and the dues for the year will be $15, or ¾ of the annual dues that we were paying before the luncheon schedule was interrupted. Bernie and Scott will discuss and finalize the contract with Pardinis.

2) As Little SIR, Dan reminded that we need to activate and move ahead with the work of the Nominating Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS;**

1).To meet the SIR, and government requirements for resumption of our luncheon meetings; MSC to Accept and Comply with the Protocols for Indoor Group Meetings as defined by our State SIR Offices and Pardinis

2). Proposed, MSC That we invite our female guests to the July luncheon.

**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: 11:07 am**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Jim Forden, Secretary

**SUMMARY OF APRIL MEETING OF THE SIR 169 BOARD**

The Executive Board of SIR Chapter 169 met on the morning of April 13th with much of the discussion focused on the steps that we will need to have in place to resume the monthly luncheon meetings of our Chapter. It is anticipated that with the lessening of the COVID 19 related restrictions and assuming that there is continued improvement in the local area experience with the epidemic, we will be able to resume our luncheons and other activities in May.

Among the issues addressed at the session:

Prorated dues at $15 for the remainder of 2021

There are some important vacancies to fill on our Chapter Board, particularly Little SIR and Treasurer. It is hoped that these positions will be discussed at the tables during the luncheon and that some new faces will consider being candidates and encouraged to come forward to discuss the jobs with members of the Nominating Committee.(Dan Lindstrum, Ted Fox and Jim Forden)

Additionally, there is a need for more members to serve as callers on the Sunshine Committee as well as golfers to participate as the Chair or tournament hosts on the Golf Committee