



November 27, 2007

State Board Meeting
Sons In Retirement
Knights of Columbus Building
Vallejo, California

November 13, 2007 (As corrected at the 1/22/08 Board meeting)

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Ross at 9:28 AM Present were all of the members of the State Board except RD Ron McCall. Advisor Eldon Parr was not present. Area 12 Governor, Ken Edson represented Region 1. and Jim Petruk, Area 33 Governor represented Region 9. Also present were Past Presidents, Mel Augustine, Dwight Sale and Jim Donovan. Committee chairmen present were Warren Senegal, Rules; Dwight Sale, Information Systems; Bill Lewis, Training; John Thomason, Insurance; Bill Cooper, Bowling; Hal Stephens, badges and Bob Perry, Travel.

Chaplain Bill Short gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A quorum was verified by Secretary Short from the Sign-In Sheet.

The Minutes of the June 5, 2007 meeting were approved with the exception of the reference to Growth and Management change to Growth and Membership.

The Minutes of the August 6, 2007 Annual meeting were approved with the addition of the words "name of" in reference to the name change to Growth and Membership found in paragraph five of the Minutes.

President Ross introduced the members of the Board, Past Presidents, Committee Chairmen present and guests. President Ross gave a brief summary of what the State Board does. He stated that the Board adopts necessary rules, grants charters, provides liability insurance for SIR and its branches, collects pro rata assessments from branches and, through its State committees, offers activities and resources to branches.

President Ross stated that 2008 President, Art Pufford has asked him to conduct a brainstorming session just before the January 22, 2008 State meeting. (The regular business meeting will begin at 11:00 AM). The brainstorming session will involve only the Regional Directors and the Area Governors in attendance at that meeting. Their recommendations will be presented to the State Board near the start of the regular Board meeting, sometime after 11:00 AM. The Regional Directors were given a copy of the brainstorming issues and their individual responsibilities. The Regional Directors will be able to get copies of the brainstorming issues to their Area Governors to facilitate inputs from their branches. Branch concerns will be discussed.

President Ross moved on to the Board Action Items that began with the swearing in of the 2008 Board Members. Past President Dwight Sale did the swearing in honors.

Approval of the State Bowling Schedule for 2008 was unanimous by the Board allowing for minor date changes. (See the attached schedule). Discussion of Lady Bowlers and Permanent Guest was talked about and no action will be taken unless recommended by the January 22, 2008 Brainstorming Session.

The State Golf Schedule for 2008 was unanimously approved by the Board allowing for minor date changes.. (See the attached schedule).

Travel Chairman, Bob Perry reported on the SIR 50th Anniversary Hawaiian Island Cruise scheduled for April 3-12, 2008. 330 SIR participants are going. A proposal by Chairman Perry for an additional celebration of the SIR 50th Anniversary was made. It was scheduled for October 26-28. This would be an event in Reno at the Peppermill Hotel. The SIR State Board was enthusiastic about this event and approved it unanimously. Information and details will be available early in 2008 to branches for this October event. Chairman Perry reported on the travel activities throughout the state and the world, so far this year. They included 74 events to casinos & theaters, 23 events to foreign destinations & 50 events to destinations in the United States. Currently there are 14 foreign destination and 13 domestic destination travel events scheduled through December.

President Ross presented the proposed rule changes that were recommended by the State Rules Committee on October 2, 2007. A copy of these proposed changes accompanied the agenda for the November 13, 2007 meeting. The rule changes recommended by The Rules Committee were passed by the State Board with a few exceptions. These exceptions rejected by the Board can be compared with the published changes. A summary of the November 13, 2007 rule changes, compiled by President Ross, is attached to these Minutes. The rule changes also appear in the SIR State Manual update Edition 11/13/07.

State Treasurer, Bob Mannell, stated that our treasury is well ahead of budget for this year. With the increase in the expense mileage to \$.35 per mile amount and the reduction to \$1.00 per member quarterly assessment, there has been no negative effect on the monies available. Expenses have been reduced due to e-mail communication for informational distribution and decision making at the State level. Branch accuracy in using the Form 28 has improved, also.

Growth and Membership Chairman, Ken Edwards, reported that he sees no change in the decrease in the membership curve. SIR is losing approximately 1,000 members each year. Our new Growth & Membership committee with new ideas does not want to see changes in rules that will be restrictive toward membership. Ken also stated that we may need to spend some monies in an effort to promote membership. Advertising would be helpful. The MIP (Membership Improvement Program) from a few years ago was positive and many branches used parts of this program successfully. Aging is our big problem.

Bill Lewis, The Area Governor Training Program Chairman, stated that the evaluation of the 2007 program was very positive. It was one of the best programs in recent years. A follow up report will be given at the January 22, 2008 SIR State meeting.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business, there was a discussion about auditing branch travel. President Ross indicated that Area Governors should follow travel events that appear in area branch bulletins and question Branch Executive Committees about the completion of all forms for the trips approved.

At this time 2008 President Art Pufford presented outgoing President Tom Ross with a framed certificate of appreciation and an engraved gavel. President Ross thanked the members of The Board, Past Presidents and Committee Chairmen for their work for SIR this year. He then presented certificates of appreciation to the Board members and the Committee Chairmen.

There being no further business, President Ross declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William T. Short".

William T. Short. SIR State Secretary.

SUMMARY OF RULE CHANGES NOV. 13, 2007

Rule 15, which permits the State Executive Committee to adopt temporary changes in the Standing Rules, was amended to clarify that it may do so to implement an immediate change in the best interest of SIR as specified in the Corp. Bylaws. An emergency situation is not needed.

New Rule 17 was adopted to specify the timeframe and clarify how proposals to amend the Branch or Corporation Bylaws are to be processed.

Rule 34 was amended to eliminate the requirement to have a proxy voter at the Annual Meeting present the proxy in writing.

Rule 37 was amended to specify that the establishment of bank account for State Committees need prior approval from the State Treasurer or the State Assistant Treasurer.

New Rule 124 was adopted to specify that attending the annual Branch Officer Training is mandatory. It is not an option.

New Rule 215.1 was adopted to specify requirements for opening Branch bank accounts, including accounts for Branch Committees. Note: Branch Big Sirs and Treasurers need to read this new rule to insure that the Branches and its Committees are in compliance.

Rule 385.5 of the SIR Travel Code was amended to include examples of the proper use of add-on-fees.

Rule 454 of the SIR Travel Code was amended to require use of new Form 53B, Request for approval of State Event Involving Travel by the State Travel Committee requesting said approval.

Rule 505 and 557 were amended to require the State Bowling and State Golf Committees to use the new form 53B, Request for Approval of State Event Involving Travel, and to delete the requirement that those Committees obtain two or more bids from SIR Qualified Travel Agencies for travel events.

Rules 558, 559 & 560, which govern the State Bowling Committee, were deleted, since the appropriate provisions are not contained in Rule 557.

Rule 649 was deleted as unnecessary and it eliminates the position of State Historian.

Rule 780 was amended to correct two typos, in that it reflected Area 3 was in Region 2 and that Area 3 was also in Region 4. Actually, Area 3 is in Region 3 and Area "31" is in Region 2 and Area "32" is in Region 4.

Rule 816.1 which is under "Duties of the President". was deleted and the appropriate provisions were incorporated in Rules 868 and 870, "Duties of the State Treasurer"

As indicated in the above item, Rules 868 and 870, Duties of the State Treasurer, were amended to clarify the authority of the State Treasurer and to include the appropriate provisions of the deleted Rule 816.1.

New Rule 898 was adopted to specify that the Annual Area Governor Training Session is mandatory and not an option.

Lastly, a proposal that originated from Branch 101, Livermore, to permit kayaking and canoeing by amending Rule 650 b. resulted in a very lively discussion. The end result was that it died for the lack of a motion. The State Rules Committee had reviewed this proposal and recommended that the State Board reject the request for amending. In essence, that is what basically occurred.



SIR STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

Version B
5 November 2007

<u>No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Center</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Phone</u>
(01)	JAN 24-25	Thu, Fri	Gold Country	Sutter Creek	4	Bibby	(209) 245.6811
(02)	FEB 4,6	Mon, Wed	Napa Bowl	Napa	4	Torres	(707) 252.0423
(03)	FEB 19-20	Tue, Wed	Granada Bowl	Livermore	4	Wong	(925) 447.7051
(04)	MAR 10,12	Mon, Wed	Boulevard Bowl	Petaluma	2	Cooper	(707) 762.3083
(05)	MAR 17,19-20	Mon,Wed,Thu	Diablo Lanes	Concord	4	Mitchell	(925) 798.5440
*(17)	APR 15,17	Tue,Thu	Kentwig Lanes	Vallejo	2	York	(510) 724.4612
(07)	APR 21-23	Mon,Tue,Wed	Gold Dust West	Carson City	3	Wells	(530) 622.6379
(08)	MAY 6,8	Tue,Wed,Thu	Knotty Pine Lanes	Pollock Pines	4	Hall	(530) 644.4418
(13)	---ELIMINATED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE---						

SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT

(10)	TBD						
(11)	JUN 4-5	Wed,Thu	Pinole Valley	Pinole	4	Brown/ Locke	(510) 724.4436
(12)	JUN 17-19	Tue-Thu	Tall Pines	Paradise	4	Miley/Struve	(530) 876-1782
*(09)	JUN 29,1	Sun,Tue	Homestead Lanes	San Jose	4	Birley	(408) 736-8869
(14)	JUL 14-15	Mon,Tue	Nu Generation	Yuba City	4	Buttacavoli	(530) 671.5599
(15)	JUL 28-29	Mon,Tue	Napa Bowl	Napa	4	Vasquez	(707) 252.2538
(16)	AUG 18-20	Mon,Tue,Wed	Reno Bowling Std	Reno	3	Wells	(530) 622.6379
*(06)	AUG 26-27	Tue,Wed	Pacific Bowl	Stockton	4	Quinones/ Parsons	(209) 956.6763
(18)	SEP 15,18	Mon,Thu	Earl Anthony's	Dublin	4	Wong	(925) 447.7830
(19)	SEP 28-29	Sun,Mon	Mowry Lanes	Fremont	4	Cordova	(510) 792.7974
(20)	OCT 6,8	Mon,Wed	Fireside Lanes	Citrus Heights	4	Spisak/ Cullen	(916) 366.6699 (916) 363.5563
(21)	OCT 21,23	Tue,Thu	Harvest Park	Brentwood	4	Rhiner	(925) 513.3538
(22)	NOV 5,7	Wed,Fri	McHenry Bowl	Modesto	4	Guerrero/ Pastorelli	(209) 572.1372 (209) 492.3777
(23)	NOV 18,20	Tue,Thu	Clayton Bowl	Concord	4	Everett	(925) 672.1553
(24)	DEC 2,4	Tue,Thu	Country Club Lane	San Rafael	4	Pederson	(415) 883.3739

- CODE:**
- 1 - Sirs ONLY - 4 MAN TEAM - DOUBLES - ALL EVENTS
 - 2 - Sirs ONLY - DOUBLES & SINGLES
 - 3 - Sirs or MIXED TEAM - DOUBLES - SINGLES
 - 4 - 2 Sirs or MIXED DOUBLES - SINGLES

("MIXED" includes legitimate spouse (any age) of a Sir or bona fide senior lady guest (50 or over) of a SIR member)
* Tournaments 6 and 17 have switched months. Tournament 9 has taken 13's dates.

SIR STATE GOLF TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULE FOR 2008 (PROPOSED)

LAS VEGAS – PALACE STATION HOTEL AND CASINO

ONE WEEK – March 31ST thru April 4th

Golfing at Angel Park Mountain Course, Angel Park Palm Course and
The Legacy Golf Course

RENO – CIRCUS-CIRCUS HOTEL AND CASINO

1ST WEEK – June 2nd thru 6th

Golfing at Red Hawk on Tuesday

Golfing at D'Andrea on Wednesday

Golfing at Lakeridge on Thursday

2nd WEEK -- June 9th thru 13th

Golfing at Red Hawk on Tuesday

Golfing at D'Andrea on Wednesday

Golfing at Lakeridge on Thursday

3rd WEEK -- June 16th thru 20th

Golfing at Red Hawk on Tuesday

Golfing at D'Andrea on Wednesday

Golfing at Lakeridge on Thursday

STATE SCRAMBLE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

August 11th – 7 AM Shotgun Start at Poppy Ridge

FALL CLASSIC – September 14th thru 19th

THE DORAL RESORT IN PALM SPRINGS

OR

THE SANTA YNEZ MARRIOTT IN BUELLTON

STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP – POPPY HILLS

November 3rd and 4th

MEXICO – AIR LAND TRIP AND PRINCESS CRUISE

FIRST TRIP – CABO SAN LUCAS – Oct. 18th to Oct. 25th

SECOND TRIP – PRINCESS CRUISE – Nov. 10th to 20th

SEE FUTURE BROCHURE FOR FULL DETAILS