

SIR STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
STEVE COOK'S FIRESIDE LANES
CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sir Russ Salazar with the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda (Exhibit A) was approved as presented. The State-approved anti-discrimination policy was distributed (Exhibit B) and discussed. It was recommended that the policy be referenced on all entry applications for future Sir-sponsored tournaments. Tournament Managers (TMs) will have the option to determine how to reference it. Most importantly, all TMs should follow the detailed process for handling any future discrimination complaints they may receive pertaining to their Sir-sponsored tournaments.

In the past, SIR members achieving scores of 298, 299, or 300 in SIR-sponsored tournaments have been awarded a watch with the SIR logo and score achieved. However, we have no watches left and the manufacturer has gone out of business. Sir Russ has researched alternative awards and has found custom rings with the SIR logo. The watches will be replaced with a Sir ring and an appropriately inscribed plaque.

Sir Russ, Acting Treasurer, (the Treasurer's position is currently vacant) presented the August 7, 2019 Financial Statement (Exhibit C) which shows a balance of \$6,348.93. This balance was transferred to the Pollock Pines branch of El Dorado Savings Bank on August 8, 2019 due to the closing of the Pollock Pines branch of U.S. Bank where the account had previously been. The current pin assessment was discussed. It was decided to continue the assessment of \$.40 per event.

Sir Ray DiBasilio, Operations Advisor, presented to the Committee and TMs the proposed 2020 SIR Bowling Tournament Schedule (Exhibit D). The proposed schedule was approved by the Committee/TMs as presented. Chairman Russ will then present the Committee/TM-approved schedule to the SIR State Board for final approval at their October 19 meeting.

Sir Ray then reviewed the Tournament Timeline and Checklist through a PowerPoint presentation. Sir Ray explained, in detail, the most important points. He emphasized that verification of current USBC membership on Bowl.com is the most important point. If not found on Bowl.com, and a current USBC membership card is not available, receipt of payment of dues or a letter from the Area or League Secretary will suffice.

Sir Russ presented the new SIR logo and emblem (Exhibit E). As shown, the new logo shows a more prominent running rooster with the banner line "Social Activities for Men". The new emblem is the same image we've had in the past; however, the old banner line "Sons in Retirement" is replaced with "Activities for Men". A show of hands favored the new emblem over the new logo.

Sir Dan Weller made a presentation regarding the SIR Bowling Tournament Average. SBTA options were discussed varying the time period and number of games required to establish an SBTA average. Following discussion of various options it was determined that the current system not be changed.

After lunch, Sir Craig Hoffhines, Chairman of the SIR Insurance Committee, was introduced to give the Committee and TMs an update on insurance for non-member male guests. There has been a question of liability insurance for guests at SIR events such as SIR-sponsored bowling tournaments. Craig stated that the question was finally answered on Sept 15th by letter from the SIR state insurance carrier. All SIR members and associates (guests) are covered by the policy. The insurance company should be notified of functions anticipating more than 500 participants.

The SIR State Board has a rule that limits male guests to participation in no more than three SIR functions or they must become members to continue their participation. There are SIR bowling leagues where all participants are not members. We think SIR branch-sponsored leagues have been an effective membership recruiting tool however not all male guests join SIR but they continue their required participation for the term of the summer or winter league. Their continued participation, 16-35 league bowling days, violates the State participation rule. Sir Russ will be requesting that the SIR State Board, at their October 19th meeting, grant an exemption from this rule for SIR branch-sponsored bowling leagues until a solution can be found. The proposed exemption will last up to five years beginning January 1, 2020.

Guidelines and bylaw changes to be reviewed.

1. General TM meetings should be sometime in February and August. Meetings should be held at bowling centers which will save money. Saturday meetings (to reduce driving times) to be considered.
2. Clarify multiple participation in Tournament Guidelines. Can participants collect prize money if they bowl and place in multiple double and team events. If so, explain.
3. A new financial report form for tournaments (Exhibit F) is on the web site. A copy of the lineage receipt should be included with the report.

After some discussion a motion was passed to add \$500 from Committee funds to the Annual State Tournament team event, evenly divided between Divisions A and B and distributed per guideline policy

Rule 18 (Exhibit G) was reviewed by Ray DiBasilio. The surface of the bowling ball shall not be altered or cleaned with any substance during competition. A ball cannot have any substance like powder or resin on it.

In closing Sir Russ noted that there are several vacant positions on the Committee and invited anyone interested in serving to contact him.

Respectfully submitted.

Sir Dick Braden, Secretary