



## **SIR STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE**

SIR Russ Salazar – Chairman  
SIR Dan Weller - Vice Chairman & Web Manager  
SIR Larry Mustain – Treasurer  
SIR Gary Kaufmann – Secretary  
SIR John Monahan – Policy Advisor  
SIR Ray DiBasilio – Operations Advisor  
SIR Richard Kindle – Ex Officio

### **SIR STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes of meeting held on February 6, 2021**

Location: This meeting was conducted via a Zoom video conference call.

SIRs in attendance: R. DiBasilio (113), J. Erickson (8), J. Fry (161), E. Leese (69), G. Kaufmann (19), K. Knox (105), M. Kropf (19), V. Masse (103), H. McAninch (59), (J. Monahan (126), L. Mustain (112), J. Sabo (59), R. Salazar (113), C. Suan (112), A. Tourtillott (112), and D. Weller (8)

Guests in attendance: None

#### **I. Opening – SIR Russ Salazar**

1. SIR Salazar convened the meeting at 10:10 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **II. Review of Meeting Agenda**

1. SIR Salazar reviewed the meeting agenda (see Exhibit 1). A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the meeting agenda as presented.

#### **III. Minutes of Previous Meeting - SIR Gary Kaufmann**

1. SIR Kaufmann read the minutes of the previous SIR State Bowling Committee Meeting, conducted on December 29, 2020 (see Exhibit 2). SIR Kaufmann asked those in attendance for any comments, additions, or revisions. No additions or revisions were proposed. Therefore, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the December 29, 2020 minutes as presented.

#### **IV. Treasurer's Report - SIR Larry Mustain**

1. SIR Larry Mustain presented the Monthly Financial Report for January 2021. The beginning balance on January 1, 2021 was \$6,032.74. Interest on the account for January 2021 was \$0.10. There was no income during January 2021. Therefore, the account balance as of January 31, 2021 is \$6,032.84.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Monthly Financial Report for January 2021 as presented.

#### **V. Local County and SIR Restrictions on Bowling – SIR Dan Weller**

SIR Dan Weller presented information on the following topics related to California and SIR Covid-19 restrictions on bowling (See Exhibit 3 for the presentation slides).

##### **1) Covid-19 Bowling Restrictions:**

###### **a) California Blueprint for Safer Economy – March 2020**

- Four Risk Levels: Yellow (Minimal); Orange (Minor); Red (Substantial); and Purple (Widespread)
- Must be in Orange Status for bowling centers to open (Red Status and Purple Status = No Bowling)
- Only three (3) counties are not in Purple Status (Sierra, Alpine, and Mariposa)

###### **b) SIR Executive Committee Directive – November 9, 2020**

- No in-person SIR-sponsored meeting, luncheons, or events of any kind until further direction is received from the SIR State Executive Committee.
- Therefore, no SIR-sponsored bowling leagues or bowling tournaments.

##### **2) California State Tier System for Tracking Covid-19 Status of Local Counties**

SIR Weller explained the California state tier system for tracking the Covid-19 status of local counties and the metrics associated with each tier. Please see the tier matrix in Exhibit 3 for details.

A local county must be in the “Orange Tier” for bowling centers to open at 25% capacity. Once a county enters the “Yellow Tier”, bowling centers can operate at 50% capacity.

## **VI 2021 Tournament Season – SIR Ray DiBasilio**

Protocols will need to be established and approved by State SIR Board and local SIR Branches prior to conducting any SIR-sponsored tournaments or leagues;

Big tournaments that include a team event will be tougher to conduct within applicable federal, state and local Covid-19 guidelines.

## **VII. Updates on Local Bowling Centers and Poll on Vaccinations - All**

**SIR Ray DiBasilio:** SIR DiBasilio took a quick poll of the meeting participants to see who would attend the tournament scheduled for April in Carson City. A minimal number of people indicated they are planning to attend the Carson City tournament. Therefore, in all likelihood the Carson City tournament in April will be cancelled. If the SIR State Board approved bowling activities to resume, Ray may run a smaller tournament, if the County allows bowling centers to re-open.

The Knotty Pines tournament scheduled for July is still a possibility to happen.

Sutter Creek and Knotty Pines have the same owner. They are beginning to start their day leagues. Some night leagues have been bowling for a while. However, the owner does not require bowlers to wear masks. Therefore, mask wearing in the night leagues has been spotty.

**SIR Mike Kropf:** Clayton Valley Bowl (Concord) still remains closed. Therefore, the February 13<sup>th</sup> tournament was cancelled. SIR Kropf is scheduled for his second Covid-19 vaccine shot on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**SIR Dan Weller:** Sir Weller is 90% sure he will cancel the March 13<sup>th</sup> tournament at Clayton Valley Bowl. SIR Weller also reminded the bowling committee that cross-county participation for tournaments is currently limited to adjacent counties.

**SIR Keith Knox:** Napa Bowl is still not open. SIR Knox has received his first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.

**SIR Vern Masse:** Bowling centers in Stanislaus County are still closed. The SIR State Tournament at McHenry Bowl in May looks “iffy”. The November tournament at McHenry will probably happen. SIR Masse would consider combining the two tournaments in November, as was planned in 2020.

**SIR DiBasilio on behalf of SIR Jack Evans:** SIR Evans informed SIR DiBasilio, if Paddock Bowl re-opens, the tournament will be conducted as scheduled on May 27-28.

**SIR Art Tourtillott:** Sacramento County is still in the Purple Tier. Fireside Lanes in Citrus Heights is currently closed due to Covid-19 restrictions and there is a chance it could close for good. The next closest bowling center is Folsom Lake Bowl. However Folsom Lake Bowl only has sixteen (16) lanes. The Fireside Lanes tournament is currently scheduled for October 19-20. SIR Tourtillott has his first Covid-19 vaccine shot scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**SIR Cal Suan:** Sir Suan is scheduled for his first Covid-19 vaccine on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**SIR Emil Leese:** Gold Country Lanes is currently only open in the evenings. SIR Leese expressed concern over the new variants of Covid-19 causing another surge of the virus. He has not had his first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine yet. He plans to get the vaccine as soon as possible

**SIR John Monahan:** Danville Bowl re-opened on November 10, 2020 and had to close again four (4) days later due to an increase in Covid-19 cases in Contra Costa County. The owner of Danville Bowl is currently out of the state. Therefore, SIR Monahan has not been able to get any updates. The tournament at Danville Bowl is scheduled for December 1 & 2. SIR Monahan will gauge the level of participation as the tournament get closer.

In the event Danville Bowl was to permanently close, the next closest bowling center is Earl Anthony’s Dublin Bowl.

**SIRs Harvey McAninch and Jerry Sabo:** If necessary, SIR McAninch stated that he would be open to combining his June 22<sup>nd</sup> tournament at Dublin Bowl with SIR Monahan’s tournament.

**SIR John Fry:** Contra Costa County is still in the Purple Tier. Therefore, Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood is currently closed. SIR Fry received his first Covid-19 vaccine dose and is scheduled for the second dose on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

SIR Dan Weller conducted an online poll of the meeting participants regarding the status of their Covid-19 vaccinations. The results of the online poll were as follows:

3 people have not made an appointment for the vaccine yet;

3 people had the first vaccine dose scheduled;

8 people have received the first vaccine dose; and

No one had received both vaccine doses.

SIR Weller plans to send out a similar poll to all SIR bowlers through Constant Contact.

### **VIII. Branch Approval of SIR Activities and Health Precautions – SIR Russ Salazar**

SIR Salazar reported on discussions with the SIR State Board regarding re-opening of SIR-sponsored bowling activities.

About a month ago the SIR golf group created a document to apply for re-opening of SIR-sponsored golf tournaments. The document included Covid-19 protocols for conducting its golf tournaments. This golf document has been approved by the SIR State Board.

The bowling committee is using the golf Covid-19 document as an outline for writing its application for re-opening SIR bowling tournaments. In addition, the SIR Insurance Committee requires that each SIR Branch Executive Committee (BEC) approve a resolution allowing SIR-sponsored bowling tournaments to be conducted in strict compliance with all applicable State and County Covid-19 health-related requirements.

The Bowling Committee has drafted a “SIR Bowling Tournament Interim Protocol during the Covid-19 Pandemic”, including a “SIR Branch BEC Resolution” (See Exhibit 4 for these documents).

SIR Salazar reviewed the documents with the meeting participants and asked for comments. After reviewing the Bowling Committee’s comments, SIR Salazar will finalize the draft document and send it to the SIR State Board for their comments.

SIR Jim Erickson stated that he feels bowling activities will not be approved until SIR in-person indoor meetings (e.g., luncheons) are re-approved.

**IX. New Business – SIR Russ Salazar**

**1) Possibility of Placing the SIR State Bowling Funds in a Money Market Account:**

SIR Ray DiBasilio brought up the possibility of moving the SIR State Bowling Funds from the current saving account to a money market account. SIR Salazar asked SIR Mustain to look into this possibility with the SIR State Auditor.

**X. Old Business – SIR Russ Salazar**

**1) Guest Participation:** State SIR rules restrict guest participation to 3 to 5 events (lifetime). SIR Bowling was granted a 3-year variance on this restriction to assess guest participation in our bowling tournaments and SIR recruiting efforts.

The SIR Bowling Committee is to provide a report addressing how guests will be handled going forward and how bowling is affecting the SIR recruiting effort.

The 3-year variance term is up this year. SIR Salazar has notified the SIR Insurance Committee we may request an extension because we have not been able to conduct any bowling tournaments for a year.

The SIR Insurance Committee also has a concern that bowling guests are benefiting by being covered under the SIR insurance policy, without paying an assessment.

This item will be on the agenda of a future Bowling Committee meeting.

**XI. Closing Remarks - SIR Russ Salazar**

**1) Next SIR Bowling Committee Meeting:** The next SIR Bowling Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM via Zoom. SIR Weller will provide all invitees updates via email prior to the meeting.

**XII. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gary Kaufmann

SIR State Bowling Committee Secretary