

Minutes of March 26th, 2020 SSIA Board Meeting

Free Conference number is 712-432-6301, Code# - 196436

Attendance: Jim McFarland, Ben Meyer, Jesse Pasternak, Mitch Lebovic, Eddie Gitlin, Todd Roberts, Shannon Embry, John McLoughlin, Mark Dorothy

Absent: Phil Wadzinski

Quorum: Yes

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.
- 2) 2020 Convention and COVID-19
 - a. It was decided that an emergency called needed to be scheduled to discuss the current pandemic and how to formulate a plan with the scheduled 2020 convention.
 - b. It was a unanimous decision to start the process of cancelling the show for the current year.
 - c. Todd made a motion to move the show to next year at the same location, Mark seconded that motion and it was approved.
 - d. Mitch spoke about possible penalties with the hotel for cancelling the event. Penalties could be upwards of 40k if they refused to make a deal. By offering the convention at the same hotel next year, we hoped they would work with us.
 - i. We decided that if another decision needs to be made regarding the hotel contact and negotiations, we would follow up with another call to discuss further.
 - e. Some companies have already paid for show sponsorships and booths, and it was agreed that those funds can either be refunded or rolled over to the following year.
 - f. We decided to wait to make a further announcement about the show and shine contest until everything is worked out with the hotel.
 - g. It was also brought up according the by laws we must have a yearly meeting, and that may need to take place electronically this year.
- 3) Our next meeting will still be April 22nd, 8PM EDT
- 4) Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm