

## Minutes of April 10th 2020 SSIA Board Meeting

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

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

**Absent:**

**Quorum: Yes**

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2) 2020 Convention and COVID-19
  - a. Mitch reported that the hotel sent a standard cancellation letter back saying they were looking for majority of funds due for the convention and were treating it as a standard cancellation.
  - b. Phil explained that he spoke to a lawyer about this and they insisted that we refuse to take their deal and could take the case to court.
    - i. Due to the unforeseen circumstances and the fact the we are a non profit organization, Phil's lawyer thought we would be favored in a case.
  - c. It was agreed unanimously that we refuse to take the deal the hotel was offering. We all agreed to make a counter offer to them and if they refused then seek legal help.
  - d. Jim made a motion and Mark seconded, that Phil and John make the call to the hotel sales manager to negotiate the deal. Phil spoke with a lawyer about it and John had the financial details of the contract.
  - e. It was also decided that all upcoming contests scheduled be pushed back for one year.
- 3) Our next meeting will still be April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8PM EDT
- 4) Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm