

Squires Minutes 4/11/2024

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY SQUIRES

Minutes for the meeting April 11th 2024

Garry Keane opened the meeting and introduced Peter Keenan

Peter offered the Words of Inspiration and the members were much impressed by his presentation.

Garry noted that we still need presenters for the Words of Inspiration for May and June.

Garry mentioned that two enhancements are being investigated for our website:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> is the ability to send out emails to all of the Country Squires Members,
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> is the ability for members to respond to monthly meeting invites, possibly pay by credit of debit card in advance, identify “guest” and Guest’s name, and when there is a meal option – select the meal desired, as well as the capability to have a print out of all the responses in an Excel Spreadsheet type of format,
- The purpose of these enhancements is to minimize the labor involved with one (or more) member(s) needing to send our emails from their own account as well as the effort associated with tracking and documenting all member responses.
- Target date for a “beta” of these capabilities is April 2024,
- Will keep everyone advised of the progress and/or challenges.

Members voted on new member Joe Lackie, guest of Jeff White. He was approved unanimously.

Dave Wood introduced our speaker Lou Viackus MD of Dartmouth Hitchcock and the Geisel School of Medicine.

Lou spoke on the role of Artificial Intelligence in Medicine. AI as currently being worked on is a very complicated topic. Lou presented the theory behind it and its developmental use at Dartmouth to enhance the doctors’ ability to prescribe treatments for cancer patients and how its use will expand in coming years. The lecture was a doctorate quality exposition on the subject and how it will assist the medical profession in diagnostics going forward. The subject matter was beyond the non-medical capabilities of your Secretary, but suffice it to say it was a scholarly presentation that the membership appreciated and enjoyed.

The May meeting will include a discussion of the CDC and how it handled three prior emergencies.

Submitted: Tom Flynn, Secretary