

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting

January 14, 2020

1.0 Call to Order at 1:14 pm.

2.0 Roll Call:The following officers and directors were present: Paul Wright, Mark Wahlman, Anthony Moles, Richard Baines, Stephen Hellmer, Harry Martin, Bill Rutherford, Robert Gorbet, and John Coakley. Absent were the following: Phil Schrock, Chester George, and Ram Rao.

3.0 Guests: No Guests were present at the meeting.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for Nov. 12

The minutes were amended to read that the gratuity is 15% of the luncheon cost. The minutes were also amended to read that the fee is \$125 for a one day liquor fee and rental. There are no other fees or credits for the Elks Bldg.

The minutes were approved as amended with a unanimous vote.

5.0 Committee Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report: Harry reported that our branch had an ending balance of \$3554. This was an increase of \$32 for the month. See new business for finance info.

The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

5.2 Membership Report: Stephen reported that membership was down from 139 to 134 in December, mainly due to purging members from the list who have not attended multiple meetings. It was also noted that the report for January should be accurate as we are assessed by the District at a rate of \$1.75 per member.

5.3 Golf Report: Bill reported that about 50% of SIRS members are involved with golf. It was also reported that a new handicapped scoring system is being used. It will take time to adjust to it. Bill makes an annual report to the SIRS organization in the spring, and the financials for the golf portion were basically in balance for last year.

5.4 Little Sir: Mark reports our February speakers will be from the Stockton Ports PR office.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Feedback Elks Facility: There was a discussion on the current room at Elks. It was the consensus that Mark and Paul will discuss with the Elks using the ground floor room for mtgs, as well as sound system issues, and food and room costs.

6.2 Holiday Lunch: A discussion was held on the attendance at the luncheon. Although attendance was down, many thought it was an enjoyable experience. This will be discussed again later in the year as to ways to improve attendance at the luncheon.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Commence Picnic Planning: Branch 46 will be joining us for the picnic. It is agreed that it is our picnic, and Branch 46 members may purchase tickets to the picnic. Tickets will be \$15 for Individuals and \$25 for a Couples in advance. The day of the event, tickets will be \$20 and \$30 respectively. Branch 46 will conduct a 50/50 raffle of which they will earn the funds . All other fundraisers will go to our Branch 145. Our Big

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Sir will continue communications with Branch 46. The menu will be the same as last year. We will have further discussions regarding picnic activities and organization as the date approaches.

7.2 Financial Stability: In a projection report for 2020, the treasurer projects that at the current rate of expense, our branch will have a deficit of \$1400 for the new year. (See Projection Report) It was reported that the Branch is losing about \$100 on each monthly luncheon. In the past, the club made \$100 per luncheon. John volunteered to test the ability to prepare the monthly newsletter as a cost cutting method. It was also discussed whether we could negotiate a reduction in the lunch price with Elks. This will be followed up at the next meeting.

8.0 Good of the Order: Robert suggested we nominate some members for Life Membership Status. After some discussion, it was decided Robert will research this, and he will report back at the next meeting.

9.0 Menu Next Month: The menu will be BBQ Pork Spare Ribs, Pesto Pasta, vegetables and a roll.

10.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 pm.

Submitted By Tony (Anthony) Moles, Secretary.