

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting

February 11, 2020

1.0 Call to Order at 1:11 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, Ram Rao, Phil Schrock, and John Coakley. The following member was absent: Chester George.

3.0 Guests: Richard Provost, Area Governor, was present at the meeting.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for Jan. 11

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Phil S., and seconded by Mark W. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5.0 Committee Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance was \$3554. Harry reported that our branch had an ending balance of \$2865. This was a decrease for the month of \$689. This included the deposit on the club picnic of \$335.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report. The vote to approve was unanimous.

5.2 Membership Report: Stephen H. reported that membership dropped by 3 in January by purging members from the list. The following members were removed J. Nunes, A. Burns, and S. Wayne. Form 27 was submitted to the region. One of two of today's guests submitted an application for membership: The applicant was John Y. Motion was made to approve his membership. The vote for approval was unanimous.

5.3 Golf Report: Bill R. reported that at the State Golf Committee mtg it was noted the golf schedule of each chpt. must be approved by the BEC for insurance purposes. A motion was made by Robert G. to approve the golf schedules as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill R. also presented his financial report for Golf. Tournament fees for 2019 collected totaled \$40,229 and expenses for tournaments totaled \$39,615. Dues collected totaled \$5,035, and dues owed to the regional office totaled \$3,666. Misc totaled \$(-)690. The beginning golf balance for 2020 is \$969. The motion to approve the golf financial report was made by Phil S., seconded by Robert G. Motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Little Sir: Mark reports our March speaker will be the Lodi City Manager, Steve Schwabauer, and our April speaker will be Susan Crosby, a Lodi News Sentinel reporter. Mark will also check to see if the new Lodi Bowling Alley will be a possible meeting place for SIRS in the future.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Feedback Elks Facility: Paul reported that there is no flexibility on price, or meal size at the Lodge. It is still \$125 for liquor fee and downstairs room. Motion was made by Richard B. and seconded by Mark W. to move the lunch downstairs on a trial basis in March. Motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Financial Stability: Options for meetings were discussed. Today, it was noted by Harry that we ordered 68 meals, but only 61 people bought lunches. We had a loss of \$280. After a considerable discussion, Paul and Mark will try to contact the Moose Lodge again and the Village Cafe on Hiwy 12 for possible locations. Need to address include costs, parking, and times. There was no follow up from the Moose Lodge on a previous mtg although that was understood to be the plan. Anthony M. will check with St Anne's regarding the use of their hall.

6.3 Picnic: The volunteers so far are Roy Chavez at large items, Ernie Baca mtg days of picnic, Richard Baines ticket printing, Paul Wright manage ticket sales, Bill R golf, Robert G. bingo, Phil S and Robert G food supplies, and Mike Lynn putting. Branch 46 is still planning to join us for the picnic.

6.4 Newsletter Publishing: John C. reported difficulty in emailing the newsletter using the app. There was a discussion that followed, and the consensus is that it was not practical at this time to publish and deliver the newsletter ourselves.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Honorary Life Memberships: Robert G. requested the report on Honorary Life Memberships be continued until the March meeting.

7.2 SIRS Townhall : Paul and Mark are planning to attend the Regional Town Hall meeting on Feb. 24. If anyone else is interested, let Paul know.

8.0 Good of the Order:

8.1: Steve H. reported he will be absent for the March meeting. Another member will fill in for him on membership duties at the next meeting.

8.2 Insurance: Questions were raised as to whether the club was insured or the lodges were insured for any illness created by a meal. Also, the same question was raised regarding the Micke Grove BBQ. It was also noted that a Form 63 must be filed with the SIRS organization to indicate that insurance has been provided. The Branch 45 BEC must approve and vote that we are insured for each site. This must be passed onto the regional office. Paul will follow up with this matter.

9.0 Menu Next Month: The March menu will be meatloaf.

10.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.