

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2022

1.0 Call to Order at 1:10 pm.

2.0 Roll Call: The following officers and directors were present for the meeting: Mark Wahlman, Paul Wright, Bill Rutherford, Harry Martin, Felix Moran, Juan Ochoa, John Coakley, and Mike Lynn. Tony Moles on cell phone. Absent: Stephen Helmer

3.0 Guests: None

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for April 12, 2022, meeting:

A motion was made by Paul W.. and seconded by Mike L.. to approve the minutes for the April 12, 2022, meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

5.1 Treasurer's Report: Juan, the new treasurer, reported that everything is good. The beginning balance was \$2727.59. There was a net gain of \$1261.04 for the month. Most of the proceeds were a result of the picnic. The newsletter expense was \$83.03. The ending balance is \$ 3988.63. *The motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Bill R. and seconded by Mike L. The motion passed unanimously.* Juan reported that he is in need of an assistant treasurer.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Membership: In Stephen's absence, Mark made the report. We received two applications today: one from Richard Handel and the other from Jim Sowers. Jim was not present at today's luncheon. *A motion was made by Paul W, and seconded by Bill R. to accept the applications for membership. The motion passed unanimously.* Two members were inducted today. They were Matthew Nomura and Steve Hagen. Mark also reported that there are now 80 members in the branch. Paul stated that he had the new membership invitation cards printed, which included the point that John C. had raised that vaccinations are required for membership. Paul submitted an invoice for the membership cards of \$49.58 for 1000 cards. *A motion was made by Mike L.. and seconded by Paul W. to accept the membership report. The motion passed unanimously.*

6.2 Golf: Bill R. had nothing new to report.

6.3 Activities: Paul W. reported that the Dine Out/Dine In group is meeting this Thursday. The July Dine Out activity will be at Habanero Hots. Paul noted that he has collected the information for the Holiday party on Dec. 2nd. John C. will prepare the tickets and have them printed.

6.4 Speakers: Today's speaker was David Pease. Our July speaker will be Randy Caparoso, who wrote: [The Definitive Guide and History of America's Largest Winemaking Region.](#) He has been a restaurantour and blogger. Our speaker for August

will be Pete Grossgart, Marketing Manager, Port of Stockton. Felix and Tom are lining up speakers for September and October.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Picnic Event Report: Paul stated that the Picnic did very well financially. The lunch tickets sales raised \$674.07 and the raffle raised \$570. Paul noted it was difficult to predict how many hamburgers and hot dogs would be needed from the start so there was some financial loss for having an excess number of burgers. Next year, it was noted that we should consider having tri-tip as the main menu item. It would be more cost effective and we would avoid some of the “pushback” we had on the price this year. Also, since the Bingo game started a little late, some of the food was a little cold for bingo players. The raffle was very successful. A discussion ensued regarding planning for next year’s picnic. The price and payout for Bingo was discussed as well as how other games were not very popular. Paul also reported that we had the highest profit ever and that we sold lots of raffle tickets because we had many great prizes.

7.2 Picnic Financial Report: This report was included above. However briefly, income was \$1620 and expenses were \$375.93 for a profit of \$1244.07.

7.3. Branch Website: Mark and John had no report at this time. They hope to have something by the next meeting. Mark also noted that there is an opening for a website publisher.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Nominating Committee: We are looking for members, especially new members, to be on the committee. We have two positions to fill: Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

8.2 Newsletter Masthead Update: Mark reported that the State SIR would like to change the emphasis from retired men to men over the age of fifty. They want the organization to be more than about retirement. Mark would also like to change the Masthead. If you have any suggestions, send them to Mark.

9.0 Good of the Order:

Paul noted Harry Martin’s leaving our chapter, and he wanted to express his appreciation for his dedicated service as our treasurer. Harry has resigned from the BEC and he will be moving to Southern California to be with his children/family.

A discussion ensued regarding using the Moose Lodge as our luncheon/meeting place as they have a new manager. Before any decision is made, it would be important to clarify their policy regarding meetings involving outside groups. There was a discussion regarding the “Lodi” venue vs Stockton. It was also noted that it is closer to Lodi, and many members enjoyed their chicken lunch.

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Harry's work getting the membership rolls up to date has paid off financially. The membership roll contains active members. Harry asked how are we informing new members of the dues fee, and how many past due members have paid their dues?

Paul reported that the DineIn/DineOut group has some new members, and now there are 14 to 20 members in the group. They are asking for RSVPs from group members so the restaurant can be better prepared.

10.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.