

# SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2022

**1.0 Call to Order** at 1:19 pm.

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

**3.0 Guests**: None

**4.0 Approval of the Minutes for July 12, 2022, meeting:**

*A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by Felix M. to approve the minutes for the July 12, 2022, meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

**5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action**

**5.1 Treasurer's Report**: Juan reported that the beginning balance was \$3916.42, and the ending balance was \$3855.39. There was a net decrease of \$61.03 for the month. *A motion to accept the financial report was moved by Bill R. and seconded by Mike L. The motion passed unanimously.*

**6.0 Committee Reports**

**6.1 Membership**: Stephen reported that there was a new application from Don Carlson. *A motion to accept the application was moved by Paul W. and Juan O. The motion passed unanimously.* Stephen also reported that our Form 27 showed 83 members. George Galatsatos paid his dues in full and he was reinstated as a member, and Lewis Baumbach was formally added to the roster today as well. Stephen noted this will make our membership total 85. Paul stated he did waivers for the meeting today. He was wondering how we will collect dues for returning members. Mark noted that we will be using the pro rata policy that was passed at the last meeting. However, it was noted that sometimes the dues is collected when a member is accepted and others when members are inducted, which may be in a different quarter. *A motion to accept the membership report was made by Juan O. and seconded by Mike L. The motion passed unanimously.*

**6.2 Golf**: Bill R. noted that he had completed the reconciliation of the golf financials, and an adjustment of a negative \$21.94 was made.

**6.3 Activities**: Paul W. had spoken with Paul R. regarding the Holiday Luncheon. Paul R. suggested we begin selling tickets three months in advance of the event. Paul usually starts selling tickets within two months of the event. The consensus of the group is to announce at our next meeting in September that tickets will be sold beginning in October. This should allow ample time for sales. The event is on December 14th and tickets are \$30.

The Stockton Chapter expressed interest in combining activities with our chapter. The Stockton Chapter suggested an Apple Hill group activity. Paul asked if there was interest in doing this. Mark noted it would be difficult to organize the group with multiple cars. The consensus of the group was not to join the Stockton group at this time. Mark mentioned joining the Stockton group for the Holiday luncheon, but this also presented some logistical concerns. So, for this year, we will remain as is for the Holiday Luncheon.

**6.4 Speakers:** The speaker for today was Pete Grossgart, Marketing Manager, Port of Stockton. Mark noted that we have no speaker for September at this time. Several names have been suggested, including Don Markle, Navy aircraft mechanic, or maybe a speaker from the Stockton Airport. Felix and Tom are working on that for the next meeting.

## **7.0 Old Business**

**7.1 Branch 145 Website Update:** Mark noted he met with Richard Provost, who introduced him to the website app for SIR. John and Mark will meet with Richard when John returns from his trip. Mark noted the State SIR wants each Branch to have their own website, and he also stated that the State SIR website is very good with links to all the branches.

**7.2 Newsletter Masthead Update:** Mark reported that he is looking to change the font as well as the logo. He showed a rough draft to the BEC members. He is also going to drop the term "Retirement" as the state wide organization is trying to deemphasize retirement as they reach out to an expanded, younger membership. Mark will send the final copy to Temple to be included in the new Newsletter Masthead when it is completed.

**7.3 Member Prospect Cards:** Mark noted that two membership cards were placed on each place during the luncheon meeting today for all members to take with them to try and gather more members for the branch. Mark did report that some of the cards were left at the tables after the luncheon. So, maybe next month he will address the membership cards and what the goal for them is.

**7.4 Nominating Committee/Open Positions:** Mark reported that all current members of the BEC are willing to maintain their office or position for 2023. Mark will continue to serve one more year in the office of Big Sir. Mark said that Felix does not want to become Big Sir in 2024 and we need a member to serve as Little Sir in 2023 and become Big Sir in 2024. It was stated that Bill R. would like some assistance with the golf group. Bill is having some difficulty determining how to divide the responsibilities of the group. Some of the responsibilities are fee collection, computer files, tournament organization, refreshments, and sign-ups. A discussion ensued about how this might be accomplished.

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### **8.0 New Business**

**8.1 Area 18 Meeting on 8/2:** Mark reported that he had attended a meeting of the Area 18 Branches that was held on 8/2 to update the Branches on current topics and issues being addressed by the State SIR Board of Directors. Mark said that he reported on a few areas during the Branch 145 members meeting today and would provide Secretary Moles with a summary to include in the minutes of this BEC Meeting. Mark later submitted the following report:

1. Waivers. The State Board considered eliminating Waivers. There was a lengthy discussion at the June 16 Board Meeting including a list of reasons to delete the Waiver and a list of reasons to retain the Waiver. A motion to delete the Waiver failed to pass. Mark said that blank Waiver forms were on the table at check in and asked that all members that have not signed previously to please sign the form.

2. Awards Program. Mark reported that the State SIR announced a revised Awards Program that is being implemented including "I'm doing my part" awards, Distinguished Service Awards and Honorary Life Member Awards. The Program will be implemented in the coming months.

3. Women Members. The State Board has been in discussions for some time regarding the acceptance of women members. A couple of branches have been conducting pilot programs. To officially allow women members the Articles of Incorporation would need to be amended and such an amendment would have to be approved at an Annual Meeting. Communication to, and input from the Branches could not be obtained prior to the Annual Meeting to be held August 25th and, therefore, no Articles of Incorporation revision related to women members will be proposed at this Annual Meeting. Mark said that it seems that if women members will eventually be officially allowed the decision would likely be left to each Branch.

4. State Marketing and Communication Chairman. The State Board is considering appointing a Marketing and Communication Chairman/Director. President Kindle said that this could be an outside consultant. He said that the branches are encouraged to put more effort and resources toward marketing.

### **8.2 Suggested Joint Activities with BR. 46:**

Branch 46 (Stockton) has suggested coordinating joint activities with their branch. This was discussed earlier in the meeting with the consensus being to wait at this time.

It was suggested there may be interest in a card playing activity group. Paul mentioned when he surveyed the group last year there was interest in cards, but interest was divided among various card games such as Bridge, whisk, or poker. He also noted that none of the interest groups had a critical mass of even four members to form a card group for any particular game.

**9.0 Good of the Order:**

Stephen reported that Jim Foster a long time active member of the Branch had passed away.

**10.0 Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.