

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2021

1.0 Call to Order at 1:02 pm.

2.0 Roll Call: The following officers and directors were present for the meeting: Paul Wright, Mark Wahlman, Bill Rutherford, Stephen Helmer, Harry Martin, Robert Gorbet, John Coakley and Phil Schrock. Tony Moles on cell phone. The following members were absent: Richard Baines

3.0 Guests: Phil Honkala

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for

A motion was made by John C. and seconded by Phil S. to approve the minutes of the July 13 meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4.1: Certification of Election: A motion was made by Phil S. and seconded by Bob G. to certify the election of the officers and directors for BEC Branch 145. The new officers begin their terms in January 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

5.01 Treasurer's Report: Harry reported that the starting balance was \$1419.06. There were expenditures for \$293.65. The ending balance is \$ 1125.41 The motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Phil S. and seconded by Bill R. The motion passed unanimously.

5.02: Dues Collection: Paul began by thanking members for their input at the July meeting. There were no members who spoke in opposition to the dues policy at the meeting. Paul noted that our Area Governor had said that all branches in our area were having some financial concerns. Paul stated that he received dues payments from 54 members thus far. He will also post the notice about dues in the newsletter again this month. Paul felt that the number of dues payments may in part be related to the phone outreach we just had. Harry remarked that the bylaws state you must attend meetings, but with COVID, we may need to reconsider the dues and attendance policy with members who are missing meetings because of the pandemic. Phil S. made a motion and Bill R. seconded it that we suspend enforcement of attendance policies during the pandemic until January 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 Committee reports

6.1 Membership: Stephen reported that from our reaching out to members calls we have dropped the following members from the membership rolls: WILLIAM GORDON, ROBERT HEUMADER, MONTE HUMMEL, FRANK GARCIA, MILLARD FORE, GREG CLARK, TED LEVENTINI, BILL SHANKLES, and MIKE SOLOMAN. Stephen reported he had two applications for membership pending. These applicants are golfers. The first application is from Cory Colla. The motion to accept his application was made by Phil S. and seconded by Mark W. The motion passed unanimously. The second application was from Peter Ducato, and the motion to accept his application was made by Stephen H. and seconded by Phil

S. This motion also passed unanimously. Our present membership is 129. A concern was expressed about members we were not able to contact from the out-reach. A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. to drop Jack Schmidt and Ladner Vern from the membership rolls. The motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Golf: Bill R. noted there are lots of activities going on with the golf group.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 In-Person Meeting : Debrief Today: Paul said that there were suppose to be 2 additional sound speakers up today as per the discussion from last month's meeting, but they were not. So, he will followup with getting those improvements to the sound system. He did put the signage on the door, but at the next meeting, he will have signage on each door. Phil noted that he thought it would be better to give our guest speakers a bottle of wine instead of a plaque. A discussion ensued. Mark noted he had about 3 plaques left. Paul said we may purchase wine less expensively from club wineries. It was also suggested we consider a gift card for like \$5. A motion was made to give speakers a bottle of wine. The motion failed for a lack of a second. A motion was made to table the discussion until the next meeting. It was noted that keys and change dangling in speakers pockets was distracting and it also made it difficult to hear the speaker.

Harry thought we should try to move the meetings back to Lodi. Paul said that a lot of time had been spent trying to find a location that was large enough, but there was no suitable place. The new bowling alley was mentioned as a possible location when completed. A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Phil S. to table the discussion of moving the meetings to Lodi until a location was found. The motion passed unanimously.

7.2 Reaching Out to Members: Paul thanked the committee members who made the out-reach calls. They were Mark W., Paul W., Stephen H., Tony M. and Harry M. Paul thought it was effective. Harry noted that we should try to call those members we did not get the first time one more time. He suggested we use their email addresses to send a message.

7.3: Volunteer Needs: Paul said we still need an Assistant Treasurer on the BEC Board. Paul also noted that the person should have some knowledge of financials and tech. If anyone has a name, please let him know.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Orienting New Officers & Directors : Paul thought it would be a good idea to have new officers sit in on board meetings in October or November. He would let them know in September so they could plan ahead. This would give them a chance to become acquainted with our BEC. He also remarked that we are getting new and younger "blood" on our board which is a good thing.

9.0 Good of the Order: Al Furr thanked the board for all the support and cards he had received, and how much he appreciated the organization over the years.

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Bill R. made a motion to exempt the BEC board from the dues. The motion died for a lack of a second.

11.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.