

# **SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

September 14, 2021

**1.0 Call to Order** at 1:11 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, and John Coakley. Tony Moles on cell phone. The following members were absent: Richard Baines, and Phil Schrock

**3.0 Guests**: None

**4.0 Approval of the Minutes for**

A motion was made by John C. and seconded by Bill R. to approve the minutes of the August 10 meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action**

**5.01 Treasurer's Report**: Harry reported that the beginning balance was \$1125.41. There was a net income of \$ 530.05. Most of the additional funds were from dues payments. The ending balance is \$ 1655.96. The motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Bill R. and seconded by Robert G. The motion passed unanimously. Harry felt that we should no longer have drawings for free lunch with our current financial situation. The lunches cost \$20.00 each and there are no excess funds from the lunch ticket price for the branch as there has been in the past. A discussion continued until a motion was made by Harry H. to discontinue the free lunch drawings except for the guest speaker and Howard. The motion was seconded by Bill R., and it passed unanimously.

**5.02: Dues Collection**: Harry noted that 65 members had paid their dues. Paul reported that he has dues from two additional members bringing the total number of dues paying members to 67. Stephen H. said that our current membership is 129 so that means 62 members have not paid their dues as yet. Some of the new golfers have not paid as well. Paul will attend the October Golf Tournament to make a personal appeal for dues payments from golfers. Paul said we need to communicate with unpaid members maybe with a mailing and a follow-up phone call. Paul also asked that the font on the membership excel spreadsheet be enlarged so it is more easily readable. Stephen said he would take care of that. Stephen reported that there were 129 members, and only one had expressed a concern about the new dues. John C. and Mark W. volunteered to produce and mail a letter to members who had not paid their dues.

**6.0 Committee reports**

**6.1 Membership**: Stephen noted that there are 129 members in our Branch. There were no adds or drops at this time. There was one email change for a member. There are 12 pending members, whom we have made badges for but they have not been officially sworn in as yet. However, 10 of those 12 are already on the membership

rolls. So, we are paying the State membership assessment for them without the benefit of their dues payment.

**6.2 Golf:** Bill R. stated that he is increasing the golfers' dues from \$45 to \$ 47 due to added expenses and because of the fact that his reserves are decreasing. This \$2 increase will generate an additional \$150 annually. Although all golfers pay their fees, he noted that some golfers pay at tournament time leaving him with a cash flow problem on occasion.

**6.3 Speakers:** Next month, Mark W. noted that the speaker will be Michael Lella, the son of Pino Lella. Pino Lella is the main character in a novel based on his actual experiences during World War II.. This speaker has requested a little more time for his presentation. Harry will contact the Police Chief of Lodi to see if he would like to speak in November or sometime early next year.

## **7.0 Old Business**

**7.1 In-Person Meeting : Debrief Today:** Paul asked for a volunteer to pick up tickets at lunch. Ernie Baca will collect tickets at the next meeting. Harry and Paul reported that conversations at their tables included compliments on the lunch being better at Elkhorn. Paul also said that Elkhorn selects the menu for each lunch. At our previous locations, the lunch menus were selected by us from a list, but since the lunches have been good he sees no problem with their approach. A discussion continued regarding the lunches.

**7.2 Reaching Out to Members:** Paul suggested we drop the following members because he left both voice mails and sent emails to them and they have not responded. Those members are Gary Woznick, Charles Starr, and James Southern. He also suggested we drop Mack Whipple until he is able to rejoin our meetings. Paul said we want to clean up the rolls because we are paying an assessment for each member to the state. Paul also asked the volunteers who did the reach out calls to try one more time to contact those members they were unable to speak with initially. Then, if there is no answer, contact Stephen with the names so they can be removed from our membership rolls, and we can avoid the additional assessment fees.

**7.3: Volunteer Needs:** Paul said we still need an Assistant Treasurer on the BEC Board. Harry will be traveling more, and he will need more help with filing the various forms and papers, and so an assistant is a good idea. Paul also noted that the person should have some knowledge of financials and tech. If anyone has a name, please let him know. Bob said he is working on someone for the job.

## **7.4 Orienting New Officers & Directors:**

**7.4.1 Follow-Up-Invite to Oct/Nov. BECs:** Paul will send the invite to new board members. John C. reported what it was like to join the board as a new Director, and he was asked if additional training would have been helpful. A discussion continued. The consensus was we would ask new members after the first meeting whether they need more information or help. Maybe the speakers committee could develop a presentation.

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### **8.0 New Business**

**8.1 Holiday Luncheon:** Paul reported that the date, location, and cost have all been decided. We just need tickets to be printed. John C. said he is willing to try. He has software and supplies to print tickets. He will see if he can prepare a ticket. It was suggested that ticket numbers can be handprinted on each ticket.

**9.0 Good of the Order:** Paul suggested that officers sit at different tables during lunch to improve communications with members and to hear the concerns of members. A discussion continued. Another thing we can do is update the information card we distribute. The information is out of date. Paul will research the card issue.

**11.0 Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm. The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.