

# SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021

**1.0 Call to Order** at 1:12 pm.

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

**3.0 Guests**: Felix Moran, Tom Prat and Ernie Baca.

**4.0 Approval of the Minutes for**

*A **motion** was made by Harry M.. and seconded by John C. to approve the minutes of the October 12 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 \$1730. There was a net income of \$ 27.00. The ending balance is \$ 1757.27. *The **motion** to approve the treasurer's report was made by Tony M. and seconded by John C. The motion passed unanimously.* Harry noted that we will always lose money on the luncheons as we purchase the speakers' lunch as well any life time members present, which today was \$40. We are no longer collecting any surplus funds from each lunch ticket as the lunch costs \$20. Paul reported that we still need an assistant Treasurer. Paul passed around the list of names of the new members to see if anyone recognized someone that would be qualified for that position. Harry noted that the person should be comfortable with Excel spreadsheets.

**5.02: Dues Collection**: Paul sees us having two issues to deal with regarding dues. One is how many members have paid or not paid, and secondly how do we clean up our membership rolls. Paul reported that we have collected \$960.00 from dues. Some \$50 of that was additional donations made by members so we actually have dues from 91 members, and since we have 121 members enrolled in our branch that means we have 30 members who have not paid. John C. asked if the letter had any effect on dues payments, and Paul responded that he thought it had as we collected dues from 20 to 22 members after the letter went out. Paul also reported that we had ten members show up today without a reservation, but the Elkhorn Country Club was able to handle the additional lunches. We actually had 40 members RSVP, but 56 members showed up. At our next BEC meeting, we need to discuss how we are going to begin the process of collecting dues from all members for 2022.

**6.0 Committee Reports**

**6.1 Membership**: Stephen noted that there are 121 members in our Branch. We have 11 members who have not been formally initiated into the club at a meeting. Those applicants/members are Epi Sauseda, Roger Bowman, Corey Colla, Mike Collins, Jerry Cunningham, Greg Delucchi, Ken Dunham, Ken Dunham Jr., Andy Lagomarsino, John Youngberg, and John Yoh. Ten members names were added to the rolls because they are golfing. Harry said that if they have not paid their dues, they should not be on the

rolls. Stephen said they were added to the rolls because they were golfing , and they needed to be covered by the SIRS insurance. Bill will talk to them in the next month. A discussion ensued. *A **motion** was made by Harry M. and seconded by John C. that the four members, Roger Bowman, Mike Collins, Corey Colla, and John Youngberg, who have not been at a meeting and have not paid their dues will be dropped from our rolls. The motion passed unanimously.* There were four guests at the luncheon today and two of them completed and returned an application for membership. The first applicant for membership was Larry Kraus. *A **motion** was made by Bill R. and seconded by Harry M. to accept Larry's application for membership. The motion passed unanimously.* The second application for membership was from Joe Stephens. *A **motion** was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. to accept Joe's application for membership. The motion passed unanimously.*

**6.2 Golf:** Bill R. gave a review of golf during the general meeting. Bill mentioned he has scheduled and planned 9 of the twenty tournaments for next year. He mentioned doing joint tournaments with branches like Modesto which might enlarge our membership. The attendance at last week's State Tournament was marginal. Bill is considering the idea of opening our courses to other branches in our region or to the State organization. Harry noted that we need to be sure of our insurance coverage for such events. It was mentioned that as long as the members joining in the event are in Branches that are within our region, they would be covered by the SIRS insurance. If they are outside of our Region, then we would need to do some follow up regarding insurance requirements.

**6.3 Speakers:** Mark W. was absent from the meeting, but Paul noted our January speaker will be the Lodi Police Chief, Chief Brucia. Paul also reported that Tom will be assisting with speakers as Mark moves into the Big Sur position.

## **7.0 Old Business**

**7.1 Process of Scrubbing membership Rolls:** Paul thought it would be a good idea to meet with a sub-group of the BEC to "clean-up" the membership rolls. This subcommittee could then report back to the entire BEC at the January meeting. The sub-group would be Paul W., Mark W., John C., Bill R., and Harry M. Bill thought that the sub-group was a good idea, but that this process of cleaning up the membership rolls is an ongoing process. Paul reported that there are 25 names on the list for non-payment of dues as well as non-attendance. *A **motion** was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. to form this sub committee to do a major "scrub" of the membership rolls and to report their findings to the BEC in January.* The motion passed unanimously.

**7.2: 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. Paul also noted that the person should have some knowledge of financials, such as profit and loss as well as a good understanding of the excel spreadsheet. Paul will meet with Joe Stephens to see if he is interested in the position.

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**7.3 Orienting New Officers & Directors:** Thank you to those new BEC members in attendance today: Felix M., Ernie B., and Tom P.

**7.4. Holiday Luncheon:** Paul reported that there are 44 people signed up for the holiday luncheon thus far. Paul will again put an announcement in the newsletter. Members can then contact Paul for a reservation, and they can pay at the door.

**7.5 Status of Generating Activities:** Paul reviewed his report on the surveys at the last meeting. There are 4 activities that seem to have enough interest to form a committee. Paul will contact interested people, and then in January he will introduce the new activities to the members at the general meeting. The new activities with some interest were Poker or Pinochle, Travel & Baseball, Dine In and Dine Out, and Fishing & Boating.

### **8.0 New Business**

**8.1 Initial Discussion of Picnic 2022:** Paul started the discussion with a mention of the dates. May may be the best month as the temperatures are lower and the chances of rain on the 10th of May is very low according to the Farmer's Almanac. June is more of a challenge temperature wise as the temperatures are more likely to exceed 100 degrees. Which we have discovered is not a pleasant environment for our picnic. He reported we may also need some volunteer cooks as we are probably losing our former cooks. Paul offered to be a lead cook for Beef in a Barrel, and he believes if we have three barrels going at once we will be able to cook the food much faster, which would lessen the time preparation and thus the wait time. However, meat is expensive at this time. Harry suggested we stick with a more simple menu like hamburgers and hot dogs.

**9.0 Good of the Order:** Paul noted that we need to consider dividing up the duties of Big Sir and Little Sir and we need more volunteers to take on some of these roles as the Big Sir will not be able to set up for the lunches and checkin members as they have been doing in the past. This can be discussed more at our next meeting.

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

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.