1.0 Call to Order at 12:59 pm.

2.0 Roll Call: The following officers and directors were present for the meeting: Juan O., Bill R., Stephen H., Felix M., Joe S., Mark W., and Tony M.

Absent: Mike L., Paul W., and John C.

3.0 Guests: David Haro

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for September 10, 2024, 2024: Tabled until the next meeting.

5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

Joe reported a beginning balance of \$3422.75. The expense for the Newsletter was \$117.20, and the lunch cost was \$1170. Total Expenses were \$1287.20. We had income from the raffle of \$55, transfer of \$611.19 from Branch 46 merger, and lunch income was \$1170. Income was \$1836.19. This left an ending balance of \$3971.71. *The motion to accept the financial report was moved by Bill R. and seconded by Felix M. The motion passed unanimously.*

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Membership: Stephen reported that we had 125 members at the beginning of October. This change was due to the merger with Branch 46. Stephen reported that there were no applications today. *The motion to accept the membership report was made by Bill R. and second by Felix M. The motion passed unanimously.*

6.2 Golf: Bill noted there is a tournament tomorrow, Oct. 8. The last tournament of the year will be October 30 at Micke Grove with a \$60 fee. Bill reported that the NCGA account is reconciled. *A motion was made by Mark W. and seconded by Joe S. to accept the golf report. The motion passed unanimously.*

6.3 Activities: Juan said the Dine Out/In group is meeting on Wednesday, October 23, at the Brickhouse Restaurant. Additional information is in the Newsletter. Juan noted that tickets for the Christmas Luncheon are on sale. The luncheon is \$35 per person and it begins at 11am, Wednesday, December 11, at the Woodbridge Country Club. The choir from Lodi High will perform for one half hour.

6.4 Speakers: Mark noted that no speaker has been scheduled for November. Dave Haro suggested a US Postmaster. They could speak on mail fraud and the recent break-ins and mail theft.

7.0 Old Business 7.1 None

8.0 New Business

8.1 Breakfast Meeting: Merged Branch 46 would like to continue having the informal no host breakfast at Huckleberry's in Stockton on the fourth Thursday of the month at 9 am. *A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Mark W. to continue the Breakfast get together. The motion passed unanimously.*

8.2 State SIR Name Change: Mark reported that there will be no name or logo change for the State SIR at this time. They are organizing an advisory council to discuss increasing membership and how to market our branches. The average age of a SIR member is 80 years.

8.3 Branch 46 Funds: Branch 46 merged with our branch with a total of \$611 balance in their account. *A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Mark W. to absorb those funds into our general account. The motion passed unanimously.*

8.4 Meeting Locations: Juan reported that we are again looking for venues for our meetings as Elkhorn Country Club has raised their prices to about \$32 per person. Our Branch treasury absorbed the increased fee today. The price for members was \$26 today. This includes a \$100 room rental fee. Juan asked David Haro to research and report on this matter. Dave checked with the Moose Lodge and the Elks Lodge. The Stockton Moose thought they could provide lunch for about \$18, but not on Tuesdays. The Elks thought they could do lunch for about \$15 plus a room fee, which might be about \$5 per person. This makes the total luncheon charge at the Elks about \$23. They can do Tuesdays meetings. If there is a member in our group, the fee may be reduced.

9.0 Good of the Order: None

10.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 pm. *The motion to adjourn was made by Bill R. and seconded by Joe S. The motion passed unanimously.*

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.