

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Nov 8, 2022

1.0 Call to Order at 1:06 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, John Coakley, Mike Lynn and Felix Moran. Tony Moles on cell phone. All in Attendance

3.0 Guests: None

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for Oct 11, 2022:

A motion was made by John C. and seconded by Juan O. to approve the minutes for the October 11, 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 \$3607.33, and the ending balance was \$3657.33. Expenses were about \$840 for the month, and income was \$890 for a net gain of \$50 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 are 89 members enrolled. There were no new applications today, and there were no guests. ***A motion to accept the membership report was made by Mike L. and seconded by Paul W. The motion passed unanimously.***

6.2 Golf: Bill R. reported that there is \$200 in the golf account and \$215 in the reserve. So, he projects that we have sufficient funds, with over \$400, to start the new year.

6.3 Activities: Paul noted that ticket sales have already started for the Holiday Luncheon. At this time, 44 tickets have been sold. Six to eight of those will be paid at the door. Paul stated that we usually sell 4 to 8 tickets in December. That will put us around fifty total sales which is about where we were last year.

Paul also noted that the Dine In/Dine Out group is scheduled though February.

Paul reported that the wine group is working on getting volunteers for next year's schedule. We still have five slots open for a hosts.

6.4 Speakers: Mark reported that our January speaker will be the Manager of Business Development for the City of Lodi. Mike L. suggested a speaker he knows from the military.

John C. asked if we can have two mics at the meetings so we can hear the questions that are asked.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Branch 145 Website Update: John and Mark will soon be working on this with Richard Provost, our Area Governor.

7.2 BR 145-Cash Projections: A report of the cash projections for 2023 was sent to all BEC members via email. It shows that even with a dues of \$20, we would project a slight increase in our balance at the end of the fiscal year.

7.3 BR 145 Annual Dues Approval: At the general membership meeting today, a vote was taken to decrease the annual dues to \$20. The proposal passed. A proposal was also made by Bill R. at the general meeting to exempt BEC members from the dues. The general membership voted in favor of this proposal as well.

8.0 New Business

8.1 2023 Activities Approvals: A proposal with the scheduled activities for 2023 was sent via email to all BEC members. This includes the schedule for the Wine Group, Dine In/Dine Out Group, the Picnic, the Holiday Luncheon, and the BEC meeting schedules. Bill reported that Golf's schedule will be available in January. **A motion was made by John C. and seconded by Paul W. to accept the Activities Schedule as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.**

8.2 SIRS Awards: Recently at the State SIR level, the Awards policy was revised. The "Senior Certificates Awards" are in three categories: They are: Those members over 90 years of age: In our Branch there are four members in this category: They are Tony Canton, Jack Fiori, Roger McCormick, and David Mattheis. The second level are members who are 95 or older. We have two members in that age group, and they are Jim Morita and Howard Ferguson. The Third category are those members over 100 years of age of which we have none. **A motion was made by Mike L. and seconded by Paul W. to nominate these members for the respective awards. The motion passed unanimously.** The next award is the Honorary Life Member Award. Our Branch is eligible to nominate two members for this Award. Robert Gorbet and Howard Ferguson are Honorary Life Members. We have one opening we could fill. The criteria for this Award is the following: 1) Must have been a member of SIR for at least 5 years, 2) must have provided extraordinary service, 3) and steps forward when the need arises. It requires at least a two-thirds of the BEC members present to vote in favor of the member. **A nomination of Al Furr for Honorary Life Member was made by Paul W. and seconded by Mike L. The motion passed unanimously.** Now, Al Furr's name will be forwarded to the State SIR organization which must also approve his Honorary Life Member nomination. There are two other awards that may be awarded. The Distinguished Service Award (DSI) and the "I'm Doing My Part" Award. The DSI is a silver lapel pin and the "I'm Doing My Part" award is a SIR logo lapel pin. The DSI awards must be approved by the Area Governor. The "I'm Doing My Part"

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awards must be approved by the Branch BEC. Mark will place these awards on the agenda for discussion in January.

8.3 2023 Dues Collection: Mark reported that two members tried to pay their dues for next year at today's meeting, but it was the consensus of the group that dues for 2023 not be collected until January. It is his hoped that all dues will be collected by the end of March. New members will have there dues pro-rated by enrollment date. Mark will also include this information in the Newsletter. He will also note in the newsletter that dues may be paid by mail.

9.0 Good of the Order:

10.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:39.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.