

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Feb 14, 2023

1.0 Call to Order at 12:57 pm.

2.0 Roll Call: The following officers and directors were present for the meeting: Mark Wahlman, Paul Wright, Stephen Hellmer, Juan Ochoa, Mike Lynn and Felix Moran. Tony Moles on cell phone. Absent: John Coakley, and Bill Rutherford

3.0 Guests: Jeff Chin, Area 18 Representative

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for Jan 17, 2023:

A motion was made by Mike L. and seconded by Juan O. to approve the minutes for the January 17, 2023, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

Juan reported that the beginning balance in January was \$3144.39, and the ending balance was \$3771.68. Expenses were about \$218 for the month. The first quarter state SIR assessment was \$174. Juan also reported we collected \$950 in dues. **A motion to accept the financial report was moved by Stephen H. and seconded by Felix M.. The motion passed unanimously.**

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Membership: Stephen reported that our Form 27 shows 88 members. We have three members pending for induction although there were no inductions at today's meeting. Stephen reported we had a membership application from Steve Escobar. **A motion was made by Juan O. and seconded by Felix M. to accept his application. The motion passed unanimously.**

6.2 Golf: There was no golf report.

6.3 Activities: Paul gave a report noting that the DineIn/DineOut group is meeting on February 16th. He still has three slots to be filled for the group this year. Paul also noted that the Wine Group has booked all of its meeting dates for the year.

6.4 Speakers: Mark reported we have several possible speakers for the coming months. They are Glenn, a former Vietnam Helicopter pilot, Premier Chiropractor, and the Lodi High Girls Golf Coach. The Stockton Branch #46 has also been in contact with Mark regarding Congressman Harder as a possible joint meeting speaker in August. Mark also noted that Branch 46, Stockton, is using Bud's Seafood Restaurant as their meeting place. The seating capacity there is 50.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Branch 145 Website: It was reported that Mark and John C. are working on the website, and it appears to be nearly ready. **A motion was made by Mike L. and seconded by Stephen H. to authorize Mark to decide when to open the website to members. The website address is www.sirinc2.org/branch145.**

7.2 2023 Annual Dues Collection: Paul reported that there are 63 members who have paid their dues. There are 24 members who have not paid their dues. One member is exempt as a life member. March 31st is the deadline for dues. Mark will put a dues notice in the Newsletter, and he will send an email to members as well. Mark will also call those members who have no email addresses.

7.3 2022 Annual Audit: 7.3 Annual Audit: Mark noted that the Annual Audit for calendar 2022 was completed and distributed on January 31, 2023, to the Area Representative, Branch Treasurer and Branch Secretary. The records and audit report were reviewed and approved by members Steve Hagen and Tony Canton, Sr.

7.4 SIR Awards: Mark noted that the "I am Doing My Part Award" Pins can be presented and approved by the chapter. This award is presented to members who step up when needed to do such things as assist with the picnic, or sponsor more than two or more new members. These awards can be presented at any luncheon meeting.

7.5 2023 Goals Discussion: Mark tabled this discussion until our next meeting.

8.0 New Business

8.1 2023 Picnic Planning: Paul reported that the date for the picnic has been approved for May 9th. Juan will check with Micke Grove to make the deposit on the picnic facility. Paul also noted that Branch 46 would like to participate in our picnic again as they did last year. **A motion was made to invite Branch 46 to participate in our picnic by Paul W. and seconded by Felix M. The motion passed unanimously.** Paul is also looking into whether Tri-tip would work as our main course. It was also suggested that we consider using food truck(s) as a caterer. It was noted by members that they have attended events with food trucks and they have run very smoothly with the food out on tables, and there were no long lines. Paul asked if anyone has ideas for food trucks, please let him know within a week. He will see what prices and menus can be negotiated. Paul stated this needed to be done soon if it is to work. Paul, Mark, and Juan will work to see if either a food truck or our own food preparation is the way to best proceed. Paul also noted he needs a volunteer to get the water and soda.

8.2 SIR Apparel: Mark will distribute information to members regarding SIR Apparel. There is no quantity discount, and there is a shipping charge. For example, shirts are \$25. You may go to the SIR's website , and click on the merchandise link to look at the apparel and to make an order.

9.0 Good of the Order: Juan mentioned we could use more revenue. He suggested we have a raffle that has multiple winners. For Instance, for a \$5 contribution there could be a 40% winner, and a 10 % winner. A discussion of ideas ensued such as charging \$5 extra for the lunch ticket and using that for the raffle. Some members thought this would provide more motivation for members to buy a ticket for the raffle.

10.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Feb 14, 2023

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.