

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 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, John Coakley, Bill Rutherford, Juan Ochoa, Mike Lynn, Joe Stephens, and Felix Moran. Tony Moles on cell phone. Absent: None

3.0 Guests: None

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for Feb 14, 2023:

A motion was made by Juan O. and seconded by John C. to approve the minutes for the Feb 14, 2023, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

Juan reported that the beginning balance in February was \$3371.55, and the ending balance was \$3874.33. Expenses were about \$938.35 for the month. Income for the month was \$1041. Juan also reported we collected \$220 in dues. ***A motion to accept the financial report was moved by John C. and seconded by Bill R. The motion passed unanimously.***

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Membership: Stephen reported that our Form 27 shows 88 members. We have four members pending induction although there were no inductions at today's luncheon. Stephen noted the passing of Peter Brown, which lowers our membership to 87. Stephen also reported that we had a membership application from Thomas Barrilla. He was sponsored by Frank Moroni. ***A motion was made by John C. and seconded by Mike L. to accept the application. The motion passed unanimously. Stephen also noted we had two guests for lunch today: Peter Hetzner and Frank Moroni, a former member. A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by John C. to accept the membership report, and the motion passed unanimously.***

6.2 Golf: Bill reported he has the financial report for golf complete. Mark W. will do an audit of the report.

6.3 Activities: Paul gave a report noting that the DineIn/DineOut group is meeting on March 16th and on April 20th. Paul noted the wine group may not meet this month due to a scheduling conflict with the hosts for March.

Paul reported that Juan was handling ticket sales today at the luncheon. Paul is setting up a meeting with Branch 46 to work on their responsibilities for the picnic. Paul and Juan will be handling the food prep. Paul noted he will be out of town from April 21 to May 6 so someone else will be handling ticket sales then. We need the final numbers for lunch a week before the picnic. We are getting the food from a Mexican style restaurant, which will supply the meats: chicken, carne asada, and al pastor. They will also supply tortillas, salsa, rice and beans, and the utensils, and plates. We will pick it up at 11:30 am. It will be a buffet style setup which should move quickly. All food will be

in serving trays, and it should serve 60 - 70 people even allowing for seconds. Paul thought that clean up should be easier than usual.

Activities at the picnic will be Bingo, which was very popular although we will start it earlier to avoid any delays for lunch. Bill will handle the golf activity. Since no one played any other games last year we will not have any this year. Raffle prizes will be handled by Ray, but we will need donations from members for the Raffle. Paul will go to Branch 46 first for volunteers. Mark mentioned that we must complete the SIR Insurance form and send it to the State Insurance Chairman, so as to be legal and covered. He noted it is on the SIR online website. ***A motion to accept the Activities report was made by Paul W. and seconded by Mike L. The motion passed unanimously.***

6.4 Speakers: Felix M. noted that the speaker for April will be Steve Willis, a former Army Captain and Helicopter pilot in Vietnam. The Stockton Branch #46 and Mark are planning on a joint August meeting with Congressman Harder as the speaker. The meeting will be held at the Elkhorn Country club due to space limitations at Bud's Seafood Grill. Felix is still working on speakers for June and July.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Branch 145 Website: Mark and John say we are ready to go with the updated website. The site will include the Treasurer's reports, the golf schedule, and the minutes, as well as other information. Membership will be included as well once we get those reports converted to pdf files. John will send an email to State Sir organization informing them of the fact that our website is ready to be updated. **The website address is www.sirinc2.org/branch145.**

7.2 2023 Annual Dues Collection: Paul reported that there are 68 members who have paid their dues along with 6 BEC members. Two additional members paid today. One member is exempt as a life member. March 31st is the deadline for dues.

7.3 2023 Apparel: Mark reported that the website has a complete listing of the clothing, hats and other items that are available for purchase. He also noted that the prices are reasonable. The link to the website is **sir.ourproshop.com**. These are also great ideas for raffle prizes for the picnic.

7.4 2023 Goals Discussion: Paul mentioned he thought two goals for this year might be to increase the number of active members and to increase the number of members in our branch. Mark reported that our lunch attendance hovers around 40% to 50 %, which is a good turnout. Mark stated that on the state website there are ideas for increasing membership. Mark tabled this discussion until our next meeting.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Zoom Presentation-Admin, Recruitment, Publicity: Mark noted that BEC members were invited to a zoom meeting with SIR State members to discuss ways to improve recruitment, publicity and membership in our branch using the latest AI (Artificial Intelligence) technology. The meeting is on Friday, March 17, at 4 pm.

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8.2 State SIR “Recipe Cards” 4-6: To promote membership in SIR, the state organization has suggested using recipe cards or items of this sort to encourage applications. Mark also suggested we could blend this with our goals discussion at next month’s BEC meeting.

8.3 COVID Protocol from State SIR: Attached below you will find the email with the new COVID protocols from the State SIR President.

9.0 Good of the Order: Nothing.

10.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.



A protocol to handle a case of Covid when it is reported after a SIR event

Circulation: Board members, State activity chairs and State advisors, Branch Big Sirs and Secretaries:

Fellow Sirs

Here is a recommended protocol to deal with the situation when an attendee at a Sir event reports to the event organizer that he (or his guest) has tested positive for Covid-19 after the event. All Branch members should understand this protocol and follow it if they are unfortunate enough to contract Covid-19 within a few days of attending a SIR event.

If you have any questions, please contact me at YOGONZO@YAHOO.COM or call me on 916-587-3538

Stay safe and take care

Dave Gonzales
State President

Recommended protocol

1. If someone attending any Sir event later tests positive for COVID-19, they are highly recommended to notify the Sir group running the event, and that group needs to inform every one present (including service providers) that an attendee has since tested positive for Covid. They should also advise attendees to follow guidelines from the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and appropriate local authorities. A suggested template letter is attached.
2. Anyone who was at the event and might have been exposed should get tested for COVID-19 right away. Testing options are available at <https://www.covid.gov/tests>.
3. The Sir group running the event should inform the SirInc. Vice President right away so he can determine if any further remedial action or compliance may be necessary.

A template for a letter that Branches are highly recommended to send to each attendee after such an event reads as follows, with applicable information about the SIR event replacing the text in red:

Dear [Attendee's Name],

We hope this message finds you well. We are writing to inform you that one of the attendees **[at the recent event]** has tested positive for Covid-19. Out of an abundance of caution, we strongly advise all attendees to get tested for the virus as soon as possible.

Self-testing advice is available at

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/self-testing.html>

We take the health and safety of our members and guests very seriously, and we want to ensure that everyone present **[at the recent event]** takes appropriate steps to protect themselves and others. We encourage you to monitor your symptoms closely and follow the guidelines of your local health authorities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,
[Organization Name]