

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2023

1.0 Call to Order at 1:08 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, and Felix Moran. Tony Moles on cell phone. Absent: Mike Lynn and Joe Stephens

3.0 Guests: None

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for April 11, 2023:

A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by John C. to approve the minutes for the Apr 11, 2023, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

Juan reported that the beginning balance in March was \$3421.65, and the ending balance was \$4404.18. The picnic netted \$836.68. Paul noted that the PA system was not ready at the event. For future reference when signing up with Mickle Grove, we need to request a microphone from the office for the picnic. John asked what Form 28 is. Juan reported that this is a monthly financial report that must be made to the State SIRS. Mark noted that he was asked at the meeting what do we do with any excess money our Branch has. He noted we should give some thought as to suggestions for what we might do with the excess funds. John mentioned that our by-laws indicate we are to do any community service or fundraising. Mark stated that at the zoom meeting with State Representatives, which had 60 in attendance, one or two members said that they always do community service, like join the local Chamber of Commerce. Paul said it probably would cost about \$100 to \$150 to join the Chamber. A discussion followed. Also, Howard Ferguson stated at the general meeting that he would no longer be running the informal Golf Linksters group on Mondays. ***A motion to accept the financial report was moved by John C. and seconded by Felix M.. The motion passed unanimously.***

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Membership: Stephen reported that as of June 1 we have 81 members. We had a guest today, Mario Galvan. He was a guest of Juan Ochoa. He completed an application for membership. **A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Juan O. to accept the application. The motion passed unanimously.** Three men have filled out applications, but they have not been inducted as yet. Stephen asked if anyone knew of their situations. It was noted that Tom Taverna and Neil Altheide are still working and are unable to attend the meetings. It was also reported that Jim Nickolau is no longer interested in joining at this time. There were 42 members present at lunch today.

6.2 Golf: Bill R. noted that attendance at Golf Events is down about 20%. Bill is working on getting feedback from members on this matter.

6.3 Activities: Paul is organizing a group to go to a River Cats night game on August 30th. He plans to have all the information by our July meeting.

Paul also reported on the picnic. He thought we could probably use about half the food we ordered as several members took left-over food home. Stephen reported that we had about 20 members at the picnic, and there were about 20 members from Branch 146, and there were also 20 guests for a total of 60 attendees at the picnic.

Paul also noted that the Dine-In group was meeting this Thursday (June 15).

6.4 Speakers: Mark noted that the speaker for July will be the Director of Lodi Electric, Jeff Berkheimer. He reported that the tentative speaker for August will be Congressman Josh Harder. This will be a joint meeting with Branch 146 to be held at the Elkhorn Country Club. This is tentative because of the Congressman's potential schedule changes. Mark is looking into a backup speaker just in case. Paul asked if we could invite guests? Mark will look into this with Branch 146. Mark said that Phil Lenser could be a potential speaker.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 State SIR Guidance- Admitting Women: Mark reported that the State SIR results for the poll on admitting women was "no" on both of the following questions:
Does your BEC approve of allowing women to join your branch as members?
Does your BEC approve of allowing other branches to have women join their branches as members?

8.0 New Business

8.1 Branch Recruitment-Local Advertising: There was a discussion of ways to advertise our meetings and its activities locally. Paul will contact the Local Chamber of Commerce regarding membership. Tony will contact the Lodi News Sentinel regarding publishing meeting information in the Sentinel.

8.2 SIR Travel Information-State SIR: Mark noted we use to have a Travel Chairman. Paul also remarked that the Modesto and Turlock Branches have extensive travel activities. Mark stated that the State SIR has many travel activities as well, such as trips to Spain, Portugal, Croatia, and France. Mark will email the travel newsletter to members.

9.0 Good of the Order: Paul said that the Memorial Day ceremony at Cherokee Park was a "striking presentation" and that 762 Californians have been lost in the most recent wars.

10.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.