

# SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023

**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, Stephen Hellmer, Bill Rutherford, Juan Ochoa, Felix Moran, and Tony Moles. Absent: Mike Lynn, Juan Ochoa, and John Coakley

**3.0 Guests: None**

**4.0 Approval of the Minutes for June 13, 2023:**

*A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by Felix M.. to approve the minutes for the June 13, 2023, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*

**5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action**

In Juan's absence, Mark reported that the beginning balance in June was \$2698.30, and the ending balance was \$2643.60. We had income of \$1105.00 and expenses of \$1159.70. This was a net loss of \$-54.70. ***A motion to accept the financial report was moved by Felix M. and seconded by Joe S. The motion passed unanimously.***

**6.0 Committee Reports**

**6.1 Membership:** Stephen reported that as of June 30, we have 81 members. Mario Galvan, who was approved at the last meeting, was not here today for his induction. The memberships for Neil Alhiede and Tom Taverna are pending as well. All of these new members have paid their dues. We also received two new applications today. Paul Bestolarides was sponsored by Gene Davenport. ***A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by Felix M. to accept his application for membership. The motion passed unanimously.*** Dennis Morita was sponsored by Jim Morita. ***A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Joe S. to accept the application. The motion passed unanimously.*** Frank Flores requested to be reinstated, but did not attend today's meeting and has not yet paid 2023 dues. This brings our total membership to 82. Stephen also noted the passing of one of our members, Phil Schrock.

**6.2 Golf:** Bill R. reported that there are two State Golf events coming up on August 2 and August 18. Currently, no one has signed up from our area. Bill also reported on upcoming golf events in our area. Bill is still concerned about the lower number of signups for golf events. Bill announced, after 11 years, that he is stepping down from being Golf Chairman. This will be his last year as Chair. He may look at helping with the linkster group and is considering doing handicaps for golf.

**6.3 Activities:** Paul reported that the Dine In/Dine Out group is meeting on Thursday, July 20, at Papavalos and the Wine Group is meeting at the Mettlers on Tuesday, July 25. He also noted that when he contacted the River Cats regarding group tickets for a game in August, the largest group they could seat together was 6. So he

will try to organize something early in the season for next year so our group can be together.

**6.4 Speakers:** Mark said the speaker today, the Director of Lodi Electric, Jeff Berkheimer, was good. He reported that the tentative speaker for August will be Congressman Josh Harder. This will be a joint meeting with Branch 46 which will be held at the Elkhorn Country Club. This is tentative because of the Congressman's potential schedule changes. Mark will contact Branch 46 to firm up the plan. Mark is looking into a backup speaker. Bill volunteered to speak on his experiences in the US Air Force. Other possible speakers for Sept. and Oct. could be Brad Dickey's son who would also speak on his military experiences. Phil Lenser could be an **future** speaker as well to speak on the book he **wrote** about a Marine sniper during the Vietnam War. Mark again brought up the idea of inviting spouses to the Josh Harder meeting. After some discussion, ***Paul motioned that if Josh Harder is confirmed for the meeting, and there is enough time to send a notice out to members to invite wives, then wives would be invited as guests to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill R. The motion passed unanimously.***

## **7.0 Old Business**

**7.1 State SIR Travel Information Distributed:** Mark distributed the State SIR Travel information to all members, but he has not heard from anyone.

**7.2 Branch Recruitment-Advertising Update:** Tony reported on the SIR notice of our July meeting that was reported in the "News Brief" section of the Lodi News Sentinel. The LNS will publish this information once a month at no cost to the organization as long as we send them the information. Mark also mentioned the "Woodbridge West Lodi" Newsletter as another possibility for publication of our meetings.

**7.3 Guest Lunch Payment Policy Discussion:** Paul mentioned that during our tight budget situation during the pandemic, we stopped paying for guest lunches. Now that we have funds and the pandemic has ended, ***Paul motioned that our branch will pay once for a perspective member's lunch. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**7.4 Golf Review Report and Summary 2022:** Mark presented his golf review, and remarked that Golf Committee records are well maintained and Mr. Rutherford should be commended for a job well done. There were no omissions or errors reported in the review. ***A motion was made by Tony M. and seconded by Felix M. to approve and accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.***

## **8.0 New Business**

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**8.1 Lodi Chamber of Commerce Membership Info:** Paul reported that the membership fee for a nonprofit is \$309, and that we would be expected to have a member present for each meeting. He also noted that we would be expected to be an active member of the chamber with our membership. At this time, Paul suggests that we not join the chamber.

**8.2 Directors and Officers for 2024:** Mark asks which members of the BEC are willing to hold or run for office again. Mark reported that Juan O. is willing to be Big Sir next year. Joe Stephens is willing to be Treasurer. Mark also noted that we are in need of a Little Sir. Mark asked members of the BEC to let him know by the next meeting if they are willing to run for office. Paul stated that he is looking for someone to chair the Dine Out/Dine In group as well as the Wine group for next year.

**8.3 Update Bank Account Authorized Signers:** Mark reported that we need to update the signers on our bank account. ***A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by Bill R to add Joe Stephens as a signer, delete Harry Martin as a signer, and retain Mark W. and Juan O. on the account. The motion passed unanimously.*** It was also noted that the signers on the Golf Account are Bill Rutherford, Chad Palmer, and Mark Wahlman.

**9.0 Good of the Order:** None

**10.0 Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.