

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Sept 12, 2023

1.0 Call to Order at 1:22 pm.

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

3.0 Guests: None

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for August 10, 2023:

A motion was made by John C. and seconded by Paul W. to approve the minutes for the August 10, 2023, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

Mark reported a beginning balance of \$4,359.28. We raised \$73 with the raffle, we received \$100 from Micke Grove for our cleaning deposit, but we paid \$179 for the Newsletter. *The net change for the month was -\$355.40, and our ending balance was \$4,003.88. The 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 as of August, we have 83 members. There were no adds or drops. The induction of four members is still pending. With Larry B. paying his dues this brings our total membership to 84 members. Stephen reported the passing of our long-time member Chester George. He was 89 and a very active member of our Branch. Stephen has also changed our application to reflect that vaccination is no longer a requirement for membership. Mark also noted that Jim Morita had hip surgery due to a fall, and he will not be active for a while. Mark and Stephen had visited him recently.

6.2 Golf: Bill noted that any reserve funds that remain in the golf account at the end of the fiscal year is given back to the golf members in some fashion. Bill also stated that there is a golf Tournament tomorrow (September 13). There are 46 players scheduled to play.

6.3 Activities: Paul will continue as Activity Chairman for the Picnic and the Holiday Luncheon. He will be seeking a new chair for the Picnic in 24-25. He does need someone to Chair the Dine In/Dine Out group as well as the Wine Appreciation group. The Dine Out group is meeting on Thursday, Sept. 21st. The Wine group is meeting on Sept. 26 at Paul and Lynn's home. The date for the Holiday Luncheon is yet to be set. Paul noted that Branch 146 would like to join our Branch for the Holiday Luncheon. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the group that Paul would follow up with Branch 46 and come back to our group.

6.4 Speakers: Mark noted we are still looking for speakers for October and November. It was agreed that our speaker for today was very good.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Branch Recruitment-Advertising Update: Mark reported that an ad will be posted for our group in the monthly publication, Woodbridge & West Lodi Neighbors. An email was sent to the LNS for publishing, but it apparently was not published. Mark mentioned that we should drop the phrase “for men over 50” on our LNS post.

7.2 Update Bank Account Authorized Signers: Mark and Juan are currently authorized signers on our checking account. Joe S. still needs to be added as an authorized signer.

7.3 Directors and Officers for 2024: Juan has agreed to be Big Sir for next year. All current Officers and Directors have also agreed to maintain their office except for Mark and Felix who will not seek reelection to their current positions.

7.4 Assistant Secretary and Asst. Treasurer: A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. to elect Joe Stephens to be Assistant Secretary/ Assistant Treasurer for the remainder of the 2023 term. The motion passed unanimously.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Review of Various SIR Policies and Procedures: Mark went over some the State SIR organization’s policies.

Policy 6. How to Provide and Serve Alcoholic Beverages at Meetings and Events. At any Branch function where SIR is providing alcoholic beverages, the alcoholic beverages must be served by certified SIR member bartenders OR the participants must serve themselves...no exceptions.

Policy 8. Community Involvement Program. The Policy states that Branches shall not provide monetary support directly or indirectly to any entity: charitable or civic project party, affiliation, group, or organization other than SIR. A discussion ensued. Mark said that he would pursue further guidance from State SIR.

Policy 12. Managing Funds states that no member of SIR shall be given nor receive any compensation for performing his assigned duties from the funds of the Branch but may be reimbursed for authorized expenses. Also, special activities, including in lieu luncheons, dinners or picnics, shall not be intended to be profit-making.

Policy 20. Membership Criteria states that membership shall be open to any man regardless of age, race, color or religion. Also, a guest may attend a Branch’s activities, luncheons or events a total of three times. The Big Sir may extend that to five times.

Policy 22A. **New Member Induction Oath**. Mark noted that the State Policy asks that following wording that reinforces SIR’s Member Expectations should be included. “As a SIR member, we count on you to work toward achieving SIR’s Member Expectations of

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being a friendly, sociable guy, participating in our activities, luncheons and events, volunteering when asked (as your interests and capabilities will allow) and bringing guests to perpetuate and enhance the diversity of our Branch.” Mark will bring this back to our October meeting as a draft of a revised induction oath.

Policy 24. Member Transfer. Mark noted the policy states that the Branch secretary is to notify the former Branch of a member who transfers to our Branch.

Policy 25. Member Attendance It was also noted that if a member misses 3 consecutive meetings, the Branch should contact the members to ascertain the reason.

9.0 Good of the Order: None

10.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.