

# SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024

**1.0 Call to Order** at 1:02 pm.

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

**Absent:** Juan Ochoa

**3.0 Guests: None**

**4.0 Approval of the Minutes for Jan 9, 2024:**

*A motion was made by John C. and seconded by Paul W. to approve the minutes for the January 9, 2024 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*

**5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action**

Joe reported a beginning balance of \$3453.35. The expense for the Newsletter was \$114.70, the deposit fee for the picnic area at Micke Grove was \$435, and the State Sir assessment was \$220.00 for 88 members. Total expenses were \$769.70. We had income from dues of \$260.00 and \$28.00 from the raffle. Leaving an ending balance of \$2683.65. *The motion to accept the financial report was moved by Mike L. and seconded by John C. The motion passed unanimously.*

**6.0 Committee Reports**

**6.1 Membership:** Stephen reported that Neil Altied, who was sponsored by Juan O., and John Foucrault have not been formally inducted as yet. Our membership remains at 88 members. *A motion was made by Paul W. and second by Bill R. to accept the membership report. The motion passed unanimously.*

**6.2 Golf:** Bill noted that State SIR wants to rejuvenate the State Golf Tournaments. They have planned several at this time including Reno in April, Carson City and Hagen Oaks in September. Bill reminded members we have a local golf event coming up in Manteca and then one in Davis.

**6.3 Activities:** Paul reported that Dine In/Dine Out and the Wine group meet on the alternating fourth Thursday of the month. Debi, who is the DineIn/Out Group coordinator, has scheduled a host for all DineIn/Out meets. Mary, who is the host for the Wine group, has one date in March yet to be hosted. Paul noted that if anyone is interested in trying one of these groups, they should speak with Paul or Mark.

Regarding the picnic, Paul noted it is scheduled for the second Tuesday, May 14th. The consensus of the group was that Mexican Food would be Ok again. Paul noted that Ray will be the Raffle Coordinator. The raffle is our biggest fundraiser. Paul said we are still in need of volunteers to sell raffle tickets and to do other jobs. Last year, tickets were \$20, and the dinner actually cost us \$16.40. Paul remarked that if we cut the food order, we could decrease the cost of the dinner to about \$12.95, and then we could lower the ticket price to \$15. It was decided to leave the ticket price as is. Since there will be members from the Stockton branch attending, we will need to have printed tickets.

Mark reported that our Audit report was due on February 10th. He also noted that we need someone to shadow Paul to take on the role of Picnic Chairperson for next year.

Mark also noted that one of our members, Silas Suits, passed away.

**6.4 Speakers:** Mark gave a big thank you and a shout out to Bill R. for his presentation today. Mark also noted that the speaker for March will be SIR member Ron Russell discussing Personal Security, ID Theft, and Scams. The April speakers will be Scott Hamilton, who is helping coordinate the remodeling of the original fire station in Lodi, and Cynthia Marsh who is with the Lodi City Planning Department. Our June speaker will be Christine Jaromay who is also with the City of Lodi.

## **7.0 Old Business**

**7.1 2024 Dues Collection:** Today we collected \$260, which means thirteen more members paid. So far this year, fifty members of our 80 eligible members, have paid their dues. Dues may be mailed to Joe Stephens. It was noted that our quarterly State SIR dues assessment for the entire year is based on our membership as of October 2023. So, the assessment will be based on 88 members for this year.

**7.2 2024 Activities Schedule Update:** Paul had addressed this in **Section 6.3 Activities above.**

**7.3 Advertising:** Mike L. sent information to Steve Mann for his column in the Lodi News Sentinel. Hopefully, this will be in the paper soon. Mark sent a statement to the Woodbridge & West Lodi Neighbors Magazine to invite people to our next meeting.

**7.4 Audit report for 2023, Form 29:** Joe S. has filed the report with the State SIR, and he will send the report to BEC members. Unfortunately, Paul W. and Bill R. cannot be on the Audit Committee because they are members of BEC. The following names were suggested as possible auditors. They are Roger Sperry, Andy Bailey, Hank Klor, and Ron Mettler.

## **8.0 New Business**

**8.1 Monthly meeting Location discussion:** Stephen H. reported a message from six to eight members who would not be at the luncheon today due to the price of the hamburger lunch. A discussion ensued about where to have our luncheons. Casa Flores was mentioned as a possible location for our meetings. Joe proposed taking a survey at our next luncheon with 3 or 4 survey questions. John C. felt that there was more buy-in when you asked people's opinion. The consensus of the group is that we survey our members about the luncheons. Joe will prepare a preliminary survey.

**9.0 Good of the Order:** None

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

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.

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