

# SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Jan 17, 2023

**1.0 Call to Order** at 1:33 pm.

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

**3.0 Guests:** None

**4.0 Approval of the Minutes for Nov 8, 2022:**

*A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Mike L. to approve the minutes for the November 8, 2022, meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

**5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action**

**5.1 Treasurer's Report:** Mark reported that the beginning balance in December was \$3362.58, and the ending balance was \$3144.39. Net expenses were about \$218 for the month. The Christmas Luncheon generated ticket sales of \$1880.00 but the cost of the luncheon was \$2009.84, which was slightly higher than expected due to sales tax. In January the beginning balance was \$3144.39. Expenses were \$88 for the newsletter and \$174 for the first quarter state SIR assessment. Leaving an ending balance of \$2882.04. *A motion to accept the financial report was moved by Bill R. and seconded by Felix M.. The motion passed unanimously.*

**6.0 Committee Reports**

**6.1 Membership:** Stephen reported that there are 89 members enrolled, and there were no new inductions at today's meeting. It was reported that Jack Fiori was dropping his membership, which brings our member count to 88. We had one guest today, Ted Lair, but he did not turn in an application. We did have three applications. Jim Nickolau, who was sponsored by Felix M, turned in an application. *A motion was made by Mike L. and seconded by Bill R. to accept Jim's application for membership. The motion passed unanimously.* Another application for membership was received from Tommy Taverna, who was sponsored by Juan O. *A motion was made by Mike L. and seconded by Bill R. to accept Tommy's application. The motion passed unanimously.* The final application for membership was from Neil Altheige, who was sponsored by Juan O. *A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Mike L. to accept Neil's application. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to accept the membership report was made by Bill R. and seconded by Felix M. The motion passed unanimously.*

**6.2 Golf:** Bill R. presented the Golf Schedule for 2023. He mentioned he is including a Father-Son Tournament in Dec. He reported he has 82 members in the golf cohort, which does include about 20 members from the Stockton Branch. Financially, he feels golf is in good shape with about \$1240 in reserve. *A motion was made by Bill*

***R. and seconded by Mike L. to accept the Golf Schedule for 2023. The motion passed unanimously.***

**6.3 Activities:** Mark gave the report noting that the DineIn/DineOut group is meeting on the third Thursday of the month. This month they are meeting at the Oakmont Senior Living Center at 4 pm, Thursday, January 19th with Andy Neil as the host.

Mark reported that the Wine Appreciation Group is scheduled to meet on January 24 at Felix Moran's house. This group meets every other month.

**6.4 Speakers:** Mark reported that we are working with three possible speakers for the coming months, and Tom is "all fired up" about the list of potential speakers we have.

## **7.0 Old Business**

**7.1 Branch 145 Website Update:** John and Mark met with Richard Provost. It had not been updated since 2019. Our decision is to take the old one down and put up a new one. It has several pages including History, Minutes, Treasurer's Reports, Activities, Local and State Officers, and How to Join. There was a concern about publishing our officer's phone numbers, but most BEC members felt this was Ok since our numbers are already published in the Newsletter. Mark and John will maintain the website, and Mark, as the Big Sir, will determine what items should be published. It was noted we could also publish the Golf Schedule. All officers should look at the website, and so we will table this item until our next meeting. **The website address is [www.sirinc2.org/branch145](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch145).**

**7.2 Activities Approval-Golf:** This was approved earlier in the meeting in **Section 6.2 Golf**.

**7.3 BR 145 Annual Dues Collection:** Mark stated that Paul W. is collecting the dues, and this is going well. We had 46 members for lunch today. Mark thinks sending out an email in advance of the luncheon helped with attendance, and he will continue to do so. Elkhorn Country Club now wants firm numbers in advance for the lunch order.

**7.4 SIR Award Update:** Mark noted the awards we have presented were published in the last Newsletter. He said there was another award called "I am Doing My Part Award" which is presented and authorized by the chapter. This award is presented to members who step up when needed to do such things as assist with the picnic, or sponsor more than one new member. It is a simple lapel pin. If you have a nominee for this award please let Mark know. Mark is also looking for ideas on how to get new members involved. We are especially in need of a Little Sir that will become the Big Sir in 2024. Mark stated that we also need assistant officers for Treasurer and Secretary as well. A discussion ensued.

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### **8.0 New Business**

**8.1 2022 Annual Audit:** Mark will get together with Juan O. to prepare the Audit Report for 2022 and will have the report approved by two members. Juan O. will present the Audit Report for BEC approval at the February meeting.

**8.2 2023 Goals Discussion:** Our branch currently has 88 members. Mark suggested we have a goal of so many new members by December 2023. There was a short discussion about joining with the Stockton Branch. Bill believes they have recovered some of their membership losses. Mark noted that they did join our branch for the picnic this last year and that worked out well. Mark suggested we table this discussion for a future meeting.

### **9.0 Good of the Order: None**

**10.0 Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.