

# SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2024

**1.0 Call to Order** at 1:08 pm.

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

**Absent:** Juan Ochoa, Mark Wahlman, Mike Lynn, and John Coakley.

**3.0 Guests:** Rick Kendall (Area Director of SIR), Angel Sebazco (Big SIR Branch 146), David Stull (Secretary/Newsletter Manager Branch 146), Chuck Argus (Treasurer Branch 146), Glenn Nellman (Director/Membership Branch 146)

**4.0 Approval of the Minutes for June 11, 2024:**

***A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Stephen H. to approve the minutes for the June 11, 2024 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.***

**5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action**

Joe reported a beginning balance of \$3881.73. The expense for the Newsletter was \$115.20, a slip for \$83.52, office supplies \$18.86, lunch cost \$832, and miscellaneous \$26. Total Expenses were \$1075. We had income from dues of \$80.00, raffle was \$24, and lunch was \$832. Total income was \$936. This left an ending balance of \$3742.15. ***The 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 we had 3 guests today, two were sponsored by Stephen H. They were Rick Okazaki and Steve Ogata. Mr. Diaz sponsored Peter Heltzer as a guest today as well. Rick Okazaki completed an application for membership. His sponsor is Stephen H. ***The motion to accept his application for membership was made by Bill R. and second by Paul W. The motion passed unanimously.***

**6.2 Golf:** Bill noted that flyers for the State SIR Golf Tournament, which will be August 7th and 8th, are going out. He would like to see one or two teams from our branch participate. Bill noted that we have a tournament tomorrow, July 10, and then we will have a mixed scramble tournament in August. Bill also reported that our Branch is going to help with the State Tournament along with the Turlock Branch.

Bill also stated that he had personally spent \$52.52 on gas for travel to a SIR golf meeting.

**6.3 Activities:** Paul reported that the Wine Appreciation group will meet on July 25th at the Wright/DeFilippi residence. If anyone is interested and would like to join the group, please see Paul.

Glenn N. purchased beverages and ice for the picnic, but he lost the receipts, and so he has requested that he be reimbursed \$90 for the purchase. ***A motion was***

***made by Paul W. and seconded by Bill R. to reimburse Glenn \$90. The motion passed unanimously.***

**6.4 Speakers:** Paul noted that speakers are arranged til September. (See Attachment). Our next speaker will be Paul Marsh, the Lodi Visitor Center Manager and Wine Club Director.

## **7.0 Old Business**

**7.1 Member Directory Update:** Paul will follow-up with Temple regarding a printed directory.

## **8.0 New Business**

**8.1 State SIR Town Hall Discussion:** Rick K., SIR Area Director, reported that our organization is at a critical junction. He noted that we have a declining membership. He suggested each member go to the SIR Website and link using the QR Code to view the video on our web page. Rick also feels that going coed is our only way of maintaining our organization.

David S. spoke to the need to change the articles of incorporation in order to be a 513C Nonprofit. He said there was a lot of discussion at the town hall meeting regarding allowing women into SIRs. Bill R. said that if we do not vote to allow women into our chapter there is a potential for other issues. Rick noted that if we do not change we are going to continue to loose members. Rick reported that in '92-93, we had over 30,000 members, and as of last year we had 8400 members. Rick commented that we have been dealing with this issue for a long time. It is time to make a decision regarding gender neutrality.

**8.2 Branch 46 Merger:** Paul stated that the State SIR is recommending a merger with Branch 46 Stockton as Branch 46 has a declining membership issue. It was noted that Branch 46 will vote on a merger. After some discussion, Rick announced that at the next Branch 46 luncheon meeting, they will have a vote, and any members not present will be called or emailed for their vote. There must be an 80% voter turnout of all members to be valid. Rick noted that Branch 145 need only have a BEC vote as Branch 145 is only accepting the merger of Branch 46. Since Branch 145 BEC had four members absent, Paul suggested that we have our vote at the next BEC meeting.

David S. suggested a vote on a new name for the Branch. He suggested "Lodi/Stockton". A discussion followed with two other names being suggested: "San Joaquin" and "Delta". After a discussion, it was the consensus of the group that we wait till the next meeting to vote on a name for the Branch.

Angelo S. noted that some members may not vote. So, he will put in the newsletter that not voting will be considered a yes vote for the purpose of the merger. Angelo also noted that Branch 46 dues is \$40. Rick noted that the balance in Branch 46's account will be turned over to Branch 145 when the merger is complete.

Paul summarized the following for Branch 145. The BEC needs to vote on the merger, reach an agreement on the name for the merged Branch, and discuss the dues

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amount. A question was brought up about the new BEC. Paul noted we had two members terming out. Paul also reported that we have an opening for the Picnic Chairperson. The BEC can have 4 Officers and 6 Directors. Paul remarked that those activities that were coed seem to be more successful.

Angelo S. noted that Branch 46 plans to vote in August and then they will send the results to the State SIR. He hopes the merger can be complete by September.

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

**10.0 Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm. ***The motion to adjourn was made by Bill R. and seconded by Joe S. The motion passed unanimously.***

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.