

# SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023

**1.0 Call to Order** at 1:31 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, Mike Lynn, Juan Ochoa, Felix Moran, and Tony Moles (by Phone). **Absent:** Joe Stephens.

**3.0 Guests: None**

**4.0 Approval of the Minutes for Oct 10, 2023:**

*A motion was made by John C. and seconded by Mike L. to approve the minutes for the October 10, 2023, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.* Our thanks to Joe Stephens for his fine effort in taking the minutes for the October meeting.

**5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action**

Mark reported a beginning balance of \$3789.00. We had expenses for lunch, including dessert, the Newsletter, and office supplies. *Our ending balance was \$3617.82. 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 October, we had 84 members. We inducted two members on Tuesday: Dennis Morita and Hank Klor. Their sponsors are Jim Morita and John Coakley, respectively. This brings our total membership to 86 members.

Stephen also reported that the State is no longer requiring him to complete the Form 27. However, if members are interested, Stephen will continue to complete and distribute it to our members. The consensus was members would still like to receive Form 27 so Stephen will continue to email it to members. **A motion to accept Stephen's report was made by Paul W. and seconded by Bill R. The motion passed unanimously.**

**6.2 Golf:** Bill noted that there are about 80 members participating in golf. Some of those members are from the Stockton Chapter. Bill feels that having fewer golf tournaments has helped with attendance at the events we are having.

**6.3 Activities:** Paul reported that the Dias family will be chairs for the Wine group. Paul also said that attendance at the Dine In/Dine Out group has decreased recently. He supposes it may be that there are too many events for the group. At their next get together, they will discuss decreasing the number of events by half to once every other month. They will also discuss which day of the week will be best to meet as they have had conflicts with other events like the wine group.

**6.4 Speakers:** Mark noted we have the speakers for the January lunch. It will be Rick Maines and Keith Colgan who will speak on behalf of the Lodi Amateur Radio Club. They are going to share their experiences, their service to the community, and they will

also demonstrate what uses there are for their equipment. Mark also noted that February's speaker will be SIR member Ron Russell discussing Personal Security and Scams, which Mark thought would be very timely. Mark then followed up with a discussion of today's speakers on suicide prevention.

## 7.0 Old Business

**7.1 Branch Recruitment-Advertising:** Mark reported that an ad will be posted for our group in the monthly publication, Woodbridge & West Lodi Neighbors. Tony will contact the Lodi News Sentinel regarding a notice for our next luncheon meeting

**7.2 Holiday Luncheon:** Paul noted that in November 2022, we had 41 tickets sold for the luncheon, and this November we have sold 41 tickets so we are selling tickets at the same rate as last year. He reported that last year we had sold a total of 68 tickets. He expects the numbers will be similar this year. **A motion was made by Paul to pay the tip, approximately \$366, from our treasury instead of taking a collection from attendees. The motion passed unanimously.**

## 8.0 New Business

**8.1 2024 Financial Projection Discussion:** Mark projected income, from 77 members paying dues of \$20 each, to be \$1540. He did not include BEC members as they are not required to pay dues although it was noted a number of BEC members still pay their dues. Mark also estimated income from the picnic at \$600 and from the luncheon raffles to be \$300. Total projected income is \$2440. The expenses are estimated at \$3030, which includes the State SIR assessment fee of \$10 per member per year or \$850 total. These projections result in a net change of negative \$956. The result is an projected balance of \$2200. This includes the tip for the holiday dinner in December.

**8.2 2024 Branch Executive Committee:** Mark had emailed a list of the BEC Officers and Directors for the coming year. He stated that we are still in need of an Assistant Secretary, an Assistant Treasurer, and an Assistant Membership Chair.

**8.3 2024 Branch Activities Schedule:** Mark had also emailed a schedule for Activities for the coming year. The BEC meetings are on the schedule as well as tentative dates for the picnic and the holiday lunch. Ten golfing events were also on the schedule. Paul will provide the Dine In/Dine Out and Wine Appreciation group dates in an email, which will be followed by an email vote by BEC members. **A motion to accept the Activities Schedule and the Proposed Budget as provided was made by Paul W. and seconded by Mike L. The motion passed unanimously.**

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**9.0 Good of the Order:** Paul expressed concern for the amount of table talk that occurs during our luncheon speaker sessions. There are multiple conversations going on, and it seems rude to him.

Stephen noted that there are 4 members who have paid their dues, but they have not been officially inducted. A discussion followed about when we could induct these members.

Stephen said that 2024 dues will be due in January. Juan reported that he had collected dues from a few members, and he had a list of those members who had paid him early.

A discussion followed about how expenses for our organization and expenses for our members had generally gone up. The consensus was that this was difficult for all.

**10.0 Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.