



SIR BIDWELL BRANCH 110
SIR Region 1 – Area 1
Branch Executive Committee Meeting
Manzanita Place, Chico, CA 95926

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 27, 2023 BEC MEETING

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Rich Utter at 9:35 AM.

Officers and Directors Present: Officers: Rich Utter, Dave Jones, Bob Dinger, Rocky Rockwell, Dave Rush, Charles Staser, Jose Lopez. Directors: Don Alger, Ken Edson, Jim Braziel, Ron Braziel, Bill Colvin.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 23, 2023 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the October 23, 2023 balance was \$3942.73, and the November 27, 2023 balance is \$3795.57. He reported that the banking account for Branch 110 has been closed at Wells-Fargo Bank and moved to Tri-Counties Bank.

Big Sir Report: Big Sir Rich Utter asked Craig Lindquist to discuss the plans and status of the upcoming Branch 110 Christmas Party. The party will be held at the Elks Lodge on December 4, starting at 4:00 PM, with dinner at 5:00 PM. So far, 54 tickets have been sold. Approximately 16 items have been donated for the raffle.

Little Sir Report: No report.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* Bruce Heidemeyer reported that at the October 23 luncheon, 75 members attended. Current membership level is 126, so 64 % of members attended the luncheon.

- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that there are two new applicants for membership: Jim Williams and Rueben (Jim) Williams. A motion to accept these new applicants was made, seconded, and passed.

- *Program Committee:* Jim Braziel reported that today's program is a presentation by the Sacramento chapter of the Tuskegee Airman. The program for the remainder of 2023, and for the first four months of 2024, are unchanged from previous BEC minutes, and are summarized on the SIR 110 website.

BEC Committees:

- *Publicity:* Big Sir Rich Utter reported that a photo, taken at the October 2023 meeting, of Butte County DA Mike Ramsey with Dave Rush appeared in today's Chico Enterprise-Record.

- *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the December issue is November 30. He reported that he printed and mailed copies of the Rooster's Tale to the members who don't have internet access with no problems. As discussed at last month's meeting, the use of a printing shop for this purpose has been stopped because of the cost.

- *Webmaster:* Ron Braziel reported on the updates to the Branch website.

Committee Reports: The following committees were reported on. If a committee is not listed, either the chairman (or other representative) was not present, or there was no information to report.

Hiking: Big Sir Rich Utter reported that the hiking activity is on hiatus, and there is no hike in December.

History Club: Don Alger reported that 12 members attended a meeting of the club on November 14. The history of several of Chico's old downtown buildings was presented and discussed. Ray Wilson, a member of the club, has started extensive research on the history of the first brewery in Chico. The next meeting is on January 9, 2024.

Pinochle: Joe Navarro reported that the next game is scheduled for December 27 at 11 AM at Butte Creek Country Club.

Piscatology: Bill Colvin reported that no trip has been scheduled for November or December. Organization of the 2024 schedule will take place at a planning meeting in January 2024.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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