



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

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2024 BEC MEETING

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Dave Jones at 9:36 AM.

Officers and Directors Present: Officers: Dave Jones, Don Sturt, Bob Dinger, Dave Rush, Charles Staser, Jose Lopez, Rocky Rockwell. Directors: Ken Edson, Mike Nicholas, Ron Braziel, Bill Colvin, Randy Benson, Joe Navarro.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 22, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the January 22, 2024 balance was \$3051.04, and the February 25, 2024 balance is \$4356.89.

Big Sir Report: Big Sir Dave Jones discussed a meeting he and Jim Braziel attended in Redding with other Big Sirs in Area One and with the State president. The principal topics of discussion were the difficulty in filling positions on the State board and in some of the Sir chapters, and the need to attract and keep new members.

Little Sir Report: Little Sir Don Sturt reported that he is concentrating on finding backups to several key BEC positions. His principal effort at the present time is finding a backup to data base manager Rocky Rockwell, a position that requires specialized computer skills.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* Bruce Heidemeyer reported that at the January 22, 2024 luncheon, 79 members attended and 77 lunches were served. Current membership level is 127, so 60 % of members attended the luncheon.

- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that there are two new applicants for membership: Ralph Skytte and Chris Schaller. A motion to accept these new applicants for membership was made, seconded, and passed.

- *Program Committee:* Don Alger reported that today's program is a presentation by Craig Kielb, chairman of the Butte College Automotive Technology program. Don Alger proposed a program for June, 2024, in which Tom Van Overbeek, Chico city council member, will speak on the homeless situation in Chico. A motion to approve this program was made, seconded, and passed.

BEC Committees:

- *Recruitment:* Bill Colvin expressed an interest in contacting former members and guests who decided not to stay or become members in Sir 110, and asked if anyone keeps such a list. Ken Edson replied that he can provide the names Bill Colvin is looking for.

- *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the March 2024 issue is March 7, 2024.

- *Publicity:* Don Alger reminded the BEC that a suitable picture of the speaker at today's program is needed for submission to the Chico Enterprise-Record.

- *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.

ABV 110: Jim Braziel reported that the next wine tasting will be held on March 28 in Jim Braziel's barn, starting at 2:00 PM. A special selection of wines chosen by Jim will be featured. A motion to approve this event was made, seconded, and passed.

Bowling: Randy Benson reported that four to six members have been playing in the drop-in league at Chico Bowl every Tuesday.

Bridge: Bob Dinger reported that there were four playing sessions in the past month, and Bob Dinger was the winner at one of them.

Hiking: Rich Utter reported that six members took part in the hike on February 13 on the bike path to the airport. A hike is planned at Oroville Dam along the crest of the dam beginning at 9:00 AM on March 12. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve this hike.

Golf: Darrell Hands reported that on February 22, 35 members played in a golf tournament at the Bidwell golf course. The next tournament will be held on March 11, 2024, at Bidwell golf course. A tournament will be held on March 19, 2024 at Wilcox golf course in Red Bluff.

History Club: Don Alger reported that the next meeting is set for March 12, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Ray Wilson's house. A presentation on the history of the Chico post office is scheduled. The club is studying the history of historic buildings and businesses in Chico.

Pinochle: Joe Navarro reported that the next game is scheduled for February 28 at 11 AM at Butte Creek Country Club.

Piscatology: Bill Colvin reported that the planning for trips in 2024 has been completed, and he distributed a list of the planned trips to the BEC. The dates and locations will be published in the March Rooster's Tale. The next trip is planned for Collins Lake on March 5-7. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the proposed schedule for 2024.

Travel: Jose Lopez reported that he has flyers for four cruises in 2024 and 2025 sponsored by various SIR branches. The flyers will be available on a table at the luncheon check-in.

Woodworking: Craig Lindquist reported that the picture frames for Enloe Hospital to frame pictures of cancer victims have been completed and donated.

Unfinished Business:

Mother's Day Luncheon: Randy Benson discussed some of the details for the Mother's Day luncheon planned for May 8, 2024. For entertainment he recommended Robert Karch, who sings and plays guitar. Tickets will cost \$25. A motion to provide \$200 for miscellaneous expenses (such as raffle items or gifts) was made, seconded, and passed. Sale of tickets will begin at the March 2024 luncheon meeting.

New Business:

Pickleball: Big Sir Dave Jones announced that Jay Hanson has volunteered to organize a pickleball activity in the branch, which will include coaching. There will be a sign-up sheet at today's luncheon check-in for interested members.

New Member Follow-Up Letter: Little Sir Don Sturt passed out copies of a letter he recently wrote inviting a friend to attend today's SIR 110 luncheon. He agreed to write a similar letter that would be sent to recent luncheon guests as a follow-up to encourage them to join Sirs.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

Copies sent to: Branch 110 Officers, Directors and interested members via email

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