



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

MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2026 BEC MEETING

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Little Sir Al Romero at 9:37 AM.

Officers and Directors Present: Officers: Al Romero, Bob Dinger, Scott Brogden, Charles Staser, Rocky Rockwell. Directors: Mike Nicholas, Joe Navarro, Dave Jones, Mike Gross, Randy Benson, Dana Davis.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 23, 2026 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Brogden reported that the February 23, 2026 balance was \$5245.51, and the March 23, 2026 balance is \$5979.51.

Big Sir Report: Big Sir José Lopez was not present at this BEC meeting, so there was no report.

Little Sir Report: Little Sir Al Romero reported that he is working on updating the list of committee and activity chairmen.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* Rich Olsen was not present to make a report. The membership report distributed by Sam Smith reported that 67 members (54%) attended the February 23, 2026 meeting.

- *Membership:* Sam Smith reported that there are no new applicants for membership this month.

- *Program Committee:* Randy Benson reported that today's program will be a presentation by Amber Drake about the history and achievements of John Bidwell. In August Amber Drake will return to give a presentation about the connections and relationships between Native Americans and John Bidwell. The programs from April and May have been described in previous minutes. The June program will be a presentation about cemetery art by Douglas Keister and the July program will a presentation about the OLLI program.

- *Publicity:* Bill Colvin reported that there is no new publicity for to discuss. Big Sir Al Romero asked Bill Colvin if he could arrange for someone from Branch 110 to address a group of pastors in which he (Al Romero) is a member. Bill Colvin replied that such a presentation could be arranged.

BEC Committees:

- *Data Base/Roster*: No report.

- *Nominations*: Joe Navarro reported that he is working on the list of nominations for 2027. He confirmed that five current directors will be continuing in 2027 but one new director position has yet to be filled. However, it was pointed out that the BEC currently has *seven* directors (as approved by the SIR state organization), so that possibly the BEC could return to six directors in 2027 without having to identify a new director. After a long discussion, no decision was made about the number of directors to nominate for 2027. Joe Navarro also reported that a nominee for the Little SIR position has not yet been identified.

- *Rooster's Tale*: Rich Utter reported that the deadline for submissions for the April issue is April 9, 2026.

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

Activity 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.

Book Exchange: Rich Utter reported that the book exchange is going very well, and many books have been donated and are available for members to read.

Bowling: Randy Benson and Dan Solomon reported that two or three members have been showing up to bowl on Tuesday nights at 6:00 pm at Bowlero.

Bridge: Bob Dinger reported that there were three bridge sessions in the past month and Bob Dinger was the winner once. The bridge game is held at The Terraces most Thursdays starting at noon.

Golf: Darrell Hands reported that a tournament was held at the Canyon Oaks Golf Course on March 16 and there were 68 players (from four SIR branches), the highest ever turnout. The next tournament will take place at Rolling Hills Golf Course on March 30.

Hiking: Rich Utter reported that a hike is scheduled for the Yahi trail in upper Bidwell Park on April 28. A motion to approve this hike was made, seconded, and passed.

Pickleball: Randy Benson reported that pickleball, which is currently scheduled for noon on Thursdays, will be changed soon by Jay Hanson to 10:00 am on Thursdays.

Pinochle : Joe Navarro reported that a game will be held on March 25 at the Butte Creek Country Club starting at 11:00 AM

Piscatology: Dana Davis reported that the fishing group has a trip scheduled for March 24 to Lake Siskiyou. The original schedule approved for 2026 contained a fishing trip to Antelope Lake in April and to Lake Almanor in May. Dana Davis asked that the lakes be switched to Lake Almanor in April and Antelope Lake in May. A motion to approve this change in schedule was made, seconded, and approved.

Old Business: Randy Benson reported that the Ladies Luncheon will be held May 6 at Beatniks restaurant. He asked the BEC to approve \$200 for the entertainment (a guitarist) and decorations (flowers). A motion to approve the \$200 was made, seconded, and passed.

New Business: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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