



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

MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2024 BEC MEETING

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Dave Jones at 9:35 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 February 26, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the February 26, 2024 balance was \$4356.89, and the March 25, 2024 balance is \$4879.89.

Big Sir Report: Big Sir Dave Jones did not present a report.

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 February 26, 2024 luncheon, 70 members attended and 75 lunches were served. Current membership level is 129, so 55 % of members attended the luncheon.

- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that there are no new applicants for membership, but there is an application for reinstatement from Dan Bequette. He is returning to Sir 110 after being away for 16 years. A motion to approve his reinstatement was made, seconded, and passed.

- *Program Committee:* Jim Braziel reported that today's program is a presentation by Kathleen Gabriel about the history of the Collier Hardware building in downtown Chico. The April program will feature a presentation by Jeff Legosi about his world travels and adventures. Jim Braziel asked that Jeff Legosi be allowed to extend his presentation to one-and-a-half hours. The proposed May program will feature a presentation by Tyler Newton, the coach of the Chico State woman's basketball team. A motion to approve this program was made, seconded, and passed. The proposed program for October is a presentation by Steve Perez, president of Chico State University; a motion to approve this program was made, seconded, and passed.

BEC Committees:

- *Recruitment:*

Follow Up Letter: Little Sir Don Sturt discussed a letter he drafted and passed around for review intended as a follow-up letter that would be sent to a luncheon visitor. The letter thanks the visitor for attending the luncheon meeting and encourages them to join Sir 110. It was agreed that the letter is appropriate and should be adopted.

Retention: Rich Utter raised the need to make a new member feel welcome at the meetings. In particular, the practice of reserving seats by using name cards can have a negative effect on a new member, and several examples of the negative effect were given: a new member sitting by himself, sitting where he doesn't feel welcome, and other problems. Several solutions were discussed, including a new member table and picking up of name cards as soon as possible to reveal available seats.

- *Data Base/Roster:* Rocky Rockwell reported that he has put together a booklet with instructions for generating the Branch 110 roster. The booklet is intended for whoever follows in Rocky's footsteps.

- *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the April 2024 issue is April 4.

- *Nominations:* Don Alger reported that there will be a meeting of the nomination committee immediately following today's BEC meeting focused on identifying possible Little Sir candidates for 2025.

- *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.

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. On April 25 a tasting will be held at the Common Social Emporium in Chico. A wide variety of wines, beers, and cider will be available. A motion to approve this tasting was made, seconded, and passed.

Bowling: Randy Benson reported that five to six members have been playing in the drop-in league at Chico Bowl every Tuesday at 6 PM.

Bridge: Bob Dinger reported that there were two bridge sessions in the past month, reduced from the usual four sessions because of a Covid outbreak at The Terraces assisted living center where the games are played.

Hiking: Rich Utter reported that two members took part in the hike on March 12 at the Oroville Dam. The turnout was low because of the weather. A hike is planned on April 17 on Table Mountain, and on May 15 at the Oroville Dam (hopefully with better weather). A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve these hikes.

Golf: Darrell Hands reported that on March 11, 27 members played in a golf tournament at the Bidwell golf course. On 19 March 39 members played in a tournament at Wilcox Golf Course. The next tournament will be held on April 1 at Canyon Oaks Golf Course.

History Club: Don Alger reported that a presentation by Ray Wilson on the history of the Chico Brewery at 8th and Broadway is scheduled for April 9 (no place or time was given). The club is studying the history of historic buildings and businesses in Chico.

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

Piscatology: Bill Colvin reported that the trip planned for Collins Lake on March 5-7 was postponed because of weather. The trip originally planned on April 2-4 for Antelope Lake will instead be made to Collins Lake. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve this trip.

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 at the luncheon check-in.

Old Business:

Mother's Day Luncheon: Rich Utter reported that he and Randy Benson are continuing to work on details for the Mother's Day luncheon planned for May 8, 2024 at 11:30 AM. For gifts to present to the ladies, Jim Braziel is making wood key fobs (for which Dave Jones has offered to pay for the wood and ring clips), and Craig Lindquist is making bottle openers with a turned wood handle.

New Business:

Joint Activity with Branch 84: Alex Van Patton from Sir Branch 84 spoke about a possible joint activity between Branches 110 and 84: participation in a fantasy baseball league (FBL). He provided contact information and agreed to make a presentation about the FBL at today's luncheon meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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