



SIR BIDWELL BRANCH 110

SIR Region 1 – Area 1

Branch Executive Committee Meeting Manzanita Place, Chico, CA 95926

MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2024 BEC MEETING

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Dave Jones at 9:30 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 March 25, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the March 25, 2024 balance was \$4879.89, and the April 22, 2024 balance is \$5723.89.

Big Sir Report: Big Sir Dave Jones thanked Rocky Rockwell for sending out as many as three reminders to members who did not respond to the initial request for luncheon meeting attendance plans. The reminders resulted in a more accurate count of lunches to order.

Little Sir Report: There was no Little Sir report.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* Bruce Heidemeyer reported that at the March 25, 2024 luncheon, 76 members attended and 78 lunches were served. Current membership level is 132, so 57 % of members attended the luncheon.
- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that there are five new applicants for membership: Kevin Hennessy, William Kundsén, Gary Marquis, Paul Tullius, and Dana Davis. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept these applicants for membership. Big Sir Dave Jones led a discussion of the enforcement of the attendance rule in the bylaws which states that any member missing six luncheon meetings in a year (without a valid excuse) must be asked to resign from SIR 110. A related issue in the discussion was members who have not yet paid the \$24 ABC fee: should they be asked to resign? No motions were made and the discussion will continue at the May BEC meeting.
- *Program Committee:* Jim Braziel reported that today's program will feature a presentation by Jeff Legosi about his world travels and adventures. The planned speaker for the May program (Tyler Newton, the coach of the Chico State woman's basketball team who very recently changed jobs) may not be available. A number of other possible speakers were proposed

and discussed, but no decision could be made until they are contacted. Jim Braziel urged SIR 110 members to consider speaking at future programs.

BEC Committees:

- *Recruitment:* Bill Colvin reported that he wants to submit a picture of BEC officers to the Chico Enterprise-Record along with a mention of the 40th anniversary of SIR 110. A discussion ensued of ways to enhance existing activities and of possible new activities to enhance recruitment; possible activities discussed included a book club, a movie club, and biking. Opening the luncheon meeting at 10:30 am instead of 11:30 am to allow a social hour was discussed. No decisions or action items followed from the discussions. A need for sufficient extra seating for visitors was also discussed, and it was proposed that an extra table should be set up to accommodate visitors.
- *Data Base/Roster:* Rocky Rockwell reported that he has organized the procedure for following up on the initial meeting attendance request with additional emails a week later that seek a response from anyone who has not yet responded.
- *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the May 2024 issue is May 2. He reported that the cost of reproducing and distributing the printed versions of the Rooster's Tale is now about \$10 per month, whereas last year the cost was \$40 per month when a printing company was used.
- *Nominations:* Don Alger reported that the Nomination Committee met and identified four members who are willing to serve as a new director (although only three are needed) in 2025. However, they have not yet been able to entice any member into becoming the new Little Sir in 2025. A discussion of the challenges of finding a Little Sir candidate ensued, but no answer to solving the challenge emerged. The Nomination Committee will continue to address the problem.
- *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: Don Alger reported that on April 25 a tasting will be held at the Common Social Emporium in Chico at 2:00 pm. A wide variety of wines, beers, and cider will be available. Jim Braziel reported that the wine tasting held on March 28 in Jim Braziel's barn was a success, with 32 members and wives attending. The next tasting will be a liquor tasting at Jim Braziel's house on May 20 at 2 PM.

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, and
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Ed Matzdorff was a winner at one of the sessions.

Hiking: Rich Utter reported that a hike is planned on May 14 in upper Bidwell Park. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve this hike.

Golf: Darrell Hands reported that there was a tournament on April 1 at Canyon Oaks Golf Course, and 26 members played. On April 15, 35 members played in a tournament at Table Mountain Golf Course. The next tournament will be held at Rolling Hills Golf Course on May 29.

History Club: Don Alger reported that a fantastic presentation was given by Ray Wilson on the history of the Chico Brewery at 8th and Broadway on April 9. The next meeting will be on May 14 at Don Alger's house. Tentatively, the June meeting will hear a presentation on the history of the homeless in Chico.

Pinochle: Joe Navarro reported that the next game is scheduled for April 24 at 11 AM at Butte Creek Country Club.

Piscatology: Bill Colvin reported that 11 members made a fishing trip to Collins Lake on April 2-4. The next fishing trip will be made to Bucks Lake on 6-8 May.

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:

Ladies Day Luncheon: Randy Benson reported that tickets will be available for sale today for the luncheon to be held on May 8 at 11:30 AM.

New Business:

Possibility of Providing Rides to the Luncheon Meeting: Big Sir Dave Jones asked if members who drive would be willing to provide a ride to members who are unable to drive. It was generally agreed that offering to provide a ride would be a very good practice. An offer of a ride will be mentioned in the next Rooster's Tale, and on the website.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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

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