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

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2025 BEC MEETING**

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Don Sturt at 9:32 AM.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the July 28, 2025 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charles Staser reported that the July 28, 2025 balance was \$5755.86, and the August 25, 2025 balance is \$5343.36.

**Big Sir Report:** Big Sir Don Sturt reported that he is undergoing medical treatments that mainly leave him tired, but he is able to continue as Big Sir with no problems.

**RAMP Committees:**

- *Attendance:* Rich Olsen reported that 74 members (58%) attended the July 28, 2025 meeting.

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

- *Program Committee:* Randy Benson reported today's program is a presentation by Katherine Schwab about the Butte Humane Society. Randy Benson summarized the schedule of the previously approved programs for September, October and November. In December the chorus group known as the Ladies of the Valley will sing. The Program Committee will meet next month to follow up on plans for the programs in 2026.

- *Publicity:* Don Alger reported on the publications by the History Group continue to be the best publicity vehicle for Branch 110. The books and pamphlets about various aspects of Chico history carry an acknowledgement about the support given to the writers by SIR 110.

**BEC Committees:**

- *Data Base/Roster:* Rocky Rockwell reported that he is getting ready for the 2026 roster. He will be sending out emails to get updates for the new roster.

- *Nominations:* Don Alger reported that a vote on the slate will be taken of all Branch 110 members at today's luncheon. A nominee for Little Sir has not yet been identified.

- *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the September 2025 issue is September 4, 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:** Don Alger reported that an ABV activity is planned for September 26 at the Live Vine Winery in Oroville, starting at 4:00 PM. A motion to approve this event was made, seconded, and passed. An event featuring beer tasting is being worked on for October.

**Bowling:** Randy Benson reported that weekly bowling is taking the summer off and will begin again in September.

**Bridge:** Bob Dinger reported that there were two bridge sessions in the past month.

**Golf:** Darrell Hands reported that there were two tournaments since the BEC meeting in June. The first tournament was held at the Peach Tree Golf Course on August 11. The tournament was a joint event with the Yuba City Sirs Branch and 30 members from Chico played golf. On August 18, a tournament was held at Bidwell Golf Course with 33 players. The next tournament will be held at the Table Mountain Golf Course on September 8.

**Hiking:** Rich Utter reported that the first hike after the summer recess will happen on September 16 in upper Bidwell Park. A hike on October 21 is planned for Paradise Lake. A motion to approve the Paradise Lake hike was made, seconded, and passed.

**Book Exchange:** Rich Utter reported that the book exchange continues and asked for contributions from the BEC to the exchange. He clarified that contributed books are displayed for two months; if not taken, the books are removed.

**Pickleball:** Randy Benson reported that pickleball is being played every Thursday unless the weather is too hot. Jay Hanson notifies the regular players if the weather is predicted to be too hot.

**Pinochle:** Joe Navarro reported that the next game is scheduled for August 27 at Butte Creek Country Club.

**Piscatology:** Dana Davis reported that eight members are signed up for a fishing trip on August 26 to Eagle Lake.

**Unfinished Business:**

**September BBQ:** Craig Lindquist reported that the branch BBQ will take place at the Elks Club outdoor BBQ area on September 6 starting at 4:00 PM. Cost will be \$35.00. Attendees are invited to bring their own liquid refreshment, including soft drinks, beer, and wine. So far 27 members have bought tickets.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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