



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

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 BEC MEETING**

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Rich Utter at 9:33 AM.

**Officers and Directors Present:** Officers: Rich Utter, Dave Jones, Bob Dinger, Rocky Rockwell, Dave Rush, Charles Staser. Directors: Don Alger, Ken Edson, Jim Braziel, Ron Braziel, Bill Colvin, Randy Benson.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the August 28, 2023 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charles Staser reported that the August 28, 2023 balance was \$4313.06, and the September 25, 2023 balance is \$4272.48.

**Big Sir Report:** Big Sir Rich Utter reported that a photo of himself and Nichole Carter, the speaker at the August luncheon, was published in today's Chico Enterprise-Record newspaper.

**Little Sir Report:** No report.

**RAMP Committees:**

- *Attendance:* Bruce Heidemeyer reported that at the August 28 luncheon, 64 members attended. Current membership level is 122, so 52 % of members attended the luncheon.

- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that there are three new applicants for membership: Richard Parsons, James Morgan, and Kenneth Glaziner. A motion to accept these new applicants was made, seconded, and passed.

- *Program Committee:* Jim Braziel reported that today's meeting will feature a talk by Doug Williams about the history of the Titan missile silo complex that used to exist north of Chico. The programs for the remainder of 2023, and for the first two months of 2024, are unchanged from previous BEC minutes, and are summarized on the SIR 110 website. There was a discussion about a few possibilities for future programs, but no decisions were made or motions passed.

**BEC Committees:**

- *Publicity:* The photo that appeared in the Enterprise-Record today was discussed a bit further. Don Alger reported that information about the SIR 110 branch was submitted to the

paper (anticipating that they might publish the meeting time, sponsor, etc), but it is the paper's policy that such photos of community activities do not include this type of information.

- *Rooster's Tale*: Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the September issue is October 5. The printing and distribution of the printed copies of the Rooster's Tale was again discussed (see earlier discussion in the August BEC minutes). It was decided (no motion was needed) that Don Alger will print the approximately 24 copies on his home printer and mail them out, with no involvement by Office Depot. This approach will save approximately \$500 in expenses for 2024. Many BEC members agreed to be backups for this process if Don Alger is unable to do it for some reason.

- *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 a wine tasting of an assortment of Italian wines is planned at his house on September 28 at 2 PM.

**Bowling:** Randy Benson reported that the drop-in league at Chico Bowl continues every Tuesday. Tomorrow night, five Branch 110 members have signed up to play.

**Bridge:** Bob Dinger reported that there were three matches in September.

**Golf:** Darrell Hands reported on two tournaments since the August luncheon meeting. At Rolling Hills Golf course, 35 members played on August 29. On September 18, 48 members played at Canyon Oaks Golf Course. The next tournament is at Bidwell Golf Course on October 2.

**Hiking:** Big Sir Rich Utter reported that there will be a hike in lower Bidwell Park on October 17. A motion to approve this hike was made, seconded, and passed.

**History Club:** Don Alger reported that 12 members have expressed interest in starting up the History Club again, with an initial interest in studying the history of some of the old buildings in Chico. There will be a meeting on October 10 at 10:00 AM at Don Alger's house.

**Pinochle:** Joe Navarro reported that the next game is scheduled for September 27 at 11 AM at BCCC.

**Piscatology:** Bill Colvin reported that a trip to Lake Almanor is planned on September 26, 27, and 28. Twelve members have signed up to go.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** Big Sir Rich Utter asked the BEC to consider the appropriate conditions under which people who are not members of SIR (and who have no interest in becoming a member or are not eligible to become a member) could be invited to hear the speaker at a luncheon meeting. After discussion, it was decided that such invites are permissible, but the invitee should sit in the rear of the room rather than with the members at the dining tables.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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