



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

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2023 BEC MEETING

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Rich Utter at 9:35 AM.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 25, 2023 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the September 25, 2023 balance was \$4272.48, and the October 23, 2023 balance is \$3942.73. He reported that the monthly assessment by the State organization will increase from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per member each month beginning in January 2024. After discussion, it was decided *not* to raise the ABC fee in 2024 to cover this increase.

Big Sir Report: Big Sir Rich Utter thanked Dave Rush for arranging for Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey to be the speaker at today's meeting.

Little Sir Report: No report.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* Bruce Heidemeyer reported that at the September 25 luncheon, 68 members attended. Current membership level is 122, so 56 % of members attended the luncheon.

- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that there are two new applicants for membership: Craig Potter and Michael Welsh. A motion to accept these new applicants was made, seconded, and passed.

- *Program Committee:* Dave Rush reported that today's meeting will feature a talk by Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey, who will talk about the current challenges for law enforcement in Butte County. Jim Braziel reported that 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. Don Alger reported that the proposed March 2024 program is a presentation about the history of the Chico's downtown Collier hardware building (and a few other nearby buildings) by Kathline Gabriel. A motion to approve this program was made, seconded, and passed. Jim Braziel reported that the proposed April 2024 program is a

presentation by Jeff Lugosi on his travels and adventures around the world. A motion to approve this program was made, seconded, and passed.

BEC Committees:

- *Publicity:* Don Alger reported that a photo of Doug Williams, the speaker at the September 2023 meeting, appeared in today's Chico Enterprise-Record. Information about Branch 110 also appeared with the picture.

- *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the November issue is November 9.

- *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: Don Alger reported that tours of the Sierra Nevada Brewery are scheduled for October 26 and November 2 at 2 PM, limited to 12 people in each tour. All positions on the two tours are taken. ABV 110 has made the decision that no group functions will take place in November and December because of the holidays.

Bowling: Randy Benson reported that the drop-in league at Chico Bowl continues every Tuesday. Six SIR members bowled last Tuesday.

Bridge: Bob Dinger reported that there were two bridge matches in September.

Golf: Darrell Hands reported on two tournaments since the September luncheon meeting. At Bidwell Golf course, 48 members played on October 2, and on October 16, 33 members played at Bailey Creek Golf Course. The next tournament is at Bidwell Golf Course on November 6.

Hiking: Big Sir Rich Utter reported that 4 members hiked in lower Bidwell Park on October 17. The next hike is planned for November 7 at Paradise Lake. A motion to approve this hike was made, seconded, and passed.

History Club: Don Alger reported that 12 members showed up at a meeting on October 10 at 10:00 AM at Don Alger's house. The history of several of Chico's old downtown buildings was presented and discussed.

Pinochle: Joe Navarro reported that the next game is scheduled for October 25 at 11 AM at Butte Creek Country Club.

Piscatology: Bill Colvin reported that a trip to Davis Lake is planned on October 24 and 25.

Christmas Party: Craig Lindquist reported that tickets are currently on sale for the Christmas Party on December 4. 19 people have signed up so far. Tickets will also be available at the November luncheon meeting.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:31AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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