



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

**MINUTES OF OTOBER 27, 2025 BEC MEETING**

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Don Sturt at 9:34 AM.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the September 22, 2025 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charles Staser reported that the September 22, 2025 balance was \$6224.36, and the October 27, 2025 balance is \$5859.36.

**Big Sir Report:** Big Sir Don Sturt reported that Little Sir Ralph Skytte will not be able to serve as Big Sir in 2026. A search for both a Big Sir and a Little Sir for 2026 is underway.

**RAMP Committees:**

- *Attendance:* Rich Olsen reported that 76 members (59%) attended the August 25, 2025 meeting.

- *Membership:* Sam Smith reported that there is one application for membership by Larry Spencer. A motion to approve his membership was made, seconded, and passed.

- *Program Committee:* Randy Benson reported that today's program will be a presentation by Amber Drake, who will speak on the history of John Bidwell and Bidwell Mansion. The program for November will be a presentation by Carlos Castle, who will talk about his service as a sergeant in the Army's 101st Airborne Division. The December program will feature a performance of Christmas music by the Sounds of the Valley Chorus. The January 2026 program will be a presentation about the Big Chico Creek ecological program, and the February 2026 program will be a presentation by Mike O'Malley about his experience with professional soccer.

- *Publicity:* Don Alger reported that publicity has been fairly sparse in the last few months; for example, no photos has been published in the Chico Enterprise-Record. Work is continuing on book projects described in the minutes of the past several months.

**BEC Committees:**

- *Data Base/Roster:* Rocky Rockwell reported that he is getting ready for the 2026 roster. He sent out an email to each member with their current data and photograph, and inviting the member to update their entry and photograph, if desired. The deadline for any modifications is December 12.

- *Nominations:* Don Alger reported that a nominee for Little Sir has not yet been identified.

- *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the November 2025 issue is October 30, 2025.

- *Webmaster:* Ron Braziel reported on the updates to the Branch website. He asked that when a photo is sent to him of a Branch activity, information about the photo (what event, when, where, etc) be included.

**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 event featuring beer tasting is planned for October 30 at Farmers Restaurant and Taproom at 2 PM.

**Bowling:** Don Alger reported that weekly bowling, which has taken the summer off, has now resumed. They meet on Tuesdays at 6 PM at the Bowlero bowling alley.

**Bridge:** Bob Dinger reported that there were four bridge sessions in the past month, and Bob Dinger was the winner at one of the sessions.

**Golf:** Darrell Hands reported that a tournament was held at Rolling Hills Golf Course on October 6. The next tournament is scheduled for November 3 at Bidwell Golf Course.

**Hiking:** Rich Utter reported that a hike around Paradise Lake took place on October 21 with five hikers. The next hike is planned along the Feather River on November 20. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve this hike.

**History:** Don Alger reported that a new book about the history of the street names in Chico is being written.

**Pickleball:** Randy Benson reported that rain has cancelled some of the games. Players are encouraged to show up on Thursdays at the 20<sup>th</sup> Street Park.

**Pinochle:** Joe Navarro reported that the next game is scheduled for November 19 at Butte Creek Country Club.

**Piscatology:** Dana Davis reported that the next fishing trip is scheduled for October 28-30 to Lewiston-Trinity Lake.

**New Business:**

**Zoom Call:** Big Sir Don Sturt asked for volunteers to join him on a zoom call with Lee Lamp, the retiring area leader, on November 4.

**Christmas Party:** Craig Lindquist reported that planning for the Christmas party is going well. The branch Christmas party will take place at the Elks Club on December 8 starting at 4:00 PM, cost will be \$35.00, and entertainment will be provided by the Children's Choir. Craig encouraged donations of items for the raffle.

**Big Sir for 2026:** As stated above in the Big Sir Report, Ralph Skytte will be unable to assume the Big Sir position in 2026. The four former Big Sirs that are current members (Dave Jones, Dave Rush, Rich Utter, and Jim Braziel) and Big Sir Don Sturt have agreed to serve as the Big Sir on a rotating basis in 2026 until a full-term Big Sir is identified. Big Sir Don Sturt reported that he will have a meeting of these five members in the next few weeks to come to agreement on a rotation plan.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:11 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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