



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

MINUTES OF November 17, 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, Ralph Skytte, Bob Dinger, Dave Rush, Charles Staser, Jose Lopez. Directors: Mike Nicholas, Joe Navarro, Dave Jones, Randy Benson.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 27, 2025 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the October 27, 2025 balance was \$5859.86, and the November 17, 2025 balance is \$6016.40. He reported that the election of Rich Utter as the new treasurer in 2026 must be affirmed in these minutes. The minutes will then be submitted to Tri-Counties Bank as legal proof that Rich Utter, as the new treasurer in 2026, will become the signatory on checks written for SIR 110 transactions. A motion to approve the change in signatories from Charles Staser to Rich Utter on January 1, 2026 was made, seconded, and passed.

Big Sir Report: There was no report.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* Rich Olsen reported that 64 members (49%) attended the October 27, 2025 meeting.

- *Membership:* Sam Smith reported that there is one application for membership by Frank Condon. 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 Carlos Castle, who will talk about his service as a sergeant in the Army's 101st Airborne Division. The programs for December 2025 to February 2026 have been described and approved in previous minutes. In March 2026 Amber Drake will give part two of a presentation about Bidwell Mansion and in April 2026 Mike Ramsey will give a presentation about Butte County's grand jury. The May 2026 program is a presentation by a retired U-2 pilot. A motion to accept the proposed speakers for the March 2026 through May 2026 programs was made, seconded, and approved.

- *Publicity:* Don Alger reported that copies of the books about Chico history that the History activity has been working on have been delivered to the Chico History Museum. As a result, the museum has issued invitations to Ray Wilson and Don Alger to give talks about the books. The president of the Chico Heritage Association has asked if she could come and make a presentation to SIR 110.

BEC Committees:

- *Data Base/Roster:* No report.

- *Nominations:* Big Sir Don Sturt reported that candidates for the Big Sir and Little Sir positions have been identified: Jose Lopez for Big Sir, and Alfredo Romero for Little Sir. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept these nominations.

- *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the December 2025 issue is November 27, 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 15 people showed up at the beer tasting event held on October 30 at Farmers Restaurant and Taproom. No ABV activities are planned in November or December.

Bowling: Randy Benson reported that weekly bowling will start up again in January 2026.

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

Golf: Darrell Hands reported that tournaments were held at Bidwell Golf Course on November 3 and November 10. The next tournament is scheduled for December 1 at Bidwell Golf Course.

Hiking: Rich Utter reported that the hike planned along the Feather River on November 20 has been cancelled because of the rainy weather forecast. The next hike will be in January 2026, but no date or location has been set.

History: Don Alger reported that Norm Stump (a past Big Sir) is writing a book about the history of fires in Butte County.

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

New Business:

Donations to Christmas Luncheon and Party Performers: A motion was made to donate \$200 to the Children's Choir for their planned performance at the December Luncheon meeting, and \$200 to the Ladies of the Valley for their planned performance at the Christmas Party. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ladies Day Luncheon Date: Randy Benson proposed a date and place for the Ladies Day luncheon: 1:30 PM on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at Beatniks Coffee House. A motion to approve this date and place was made, seconded, and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:13 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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