



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

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2024 BEC MEETING**

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 18, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charles Staser reported that the November 18, 2024 balance was \$5131.95, and the November 18, 2024 balance is \$7677.84. He also reported that the assessment charged by the State SIR organization will increase by \$1.00 per year per member in 2025. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to raise the ABC fee to \$25.00 per year to cover this increase.

**Big Sir Report:** Big Sir Dave Jones thanked Craig Lindquist and his helpers for the success of the Christmas Dinner. He announced that a volunteer for the Little Sir position has been found. His name is Ralph Skytte, and he will be formally nominated at today's luncheon and a voice vote taken.

**Little Sir Report:** Little Sir Don Sturt reported that the State advisory committee meeting in December discussed the possible change of titles of Big Sir and Little Sir to president and vice-president. No consensus was reached at the meeting. Other topics such as changing the name from Branch to Chapter were discussed, as well as changing the name of the organization from Sons in Retirement to some other name were discussed. The general opinion of the committee members was to not make any of these changes.

**RAMP Committees:**

- *Attendance:* Bruce Heidemeyer reported that at the November 18, 2024 luncheon, 80 members attended and 73 lunches were served. Current membership level is 135, so 59% of members attended the luncheon.

- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that there is one new membership application this month by Mick Grey. A motion to approve his membership was moved, seconded, and passed.

• *Program Committee:* Chairman Randy Benson reported that today's program will be a performance by the choral group Sounds of the Valley. A motion to approve a payment of \$200 to this choral group was proposed, seconded, and passed. The January program will feature a presentation by Frank Valdepena, the public service information officer for the California Highway Patrol. In February 2025 there will be a presentation by Cal Fire, as previously scheduled. In March 2025 the program will feature Felipe Restrepo, the men's soccer coach at Chico State University. A motion to approve this program was made, seconded, and passed. The committee will have its next meeting on January 6 at 1:30 pm in Jim Braziel's office.

### **BEC Committees:**

• *Data Base/Roster:* Rocky Rockwell reported that he has most of the data for the roster ready for Wilson Printers but is awaiting input from ten members. He will submit the data to the printer in early January 2025.

• *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the January 2025 issue is January 9, 2025.

• *Nominations:* Don Alger reported that having identified a member for the Little Sir position (see the Big Sir Report, above), the work of the Nomination Committee is completed.

• *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 tentatively a wine tasting is planned in January at a new distillery in Paradise (name not stated) for a date and time that is awaiting discussion with the distillery. A motion to approve this tentative distillery visit was made, seconded, and passed.

**Bowling:** Randy Benson reported that bowling continues each Tuesday night at 6 PM, typically with 6 participants. However, there will be no bowling for the next two weeks because of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

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

**Golf:** Darrell Hands reported that 49 golfers played in a tournament on December 2 at Bidwell Park golf course. A schedule of tournaments for 2025 was presented, but it was pointed out that the tournament scheduled for March 24 conflicts with the Sir 110 luncheon on that date. That tournament will be rescheduled. A motion to approve the schedule for the year will await the rescheduling.

**Hiking:** Randy Benson reported that the hike planned at Paradise Lake on December 11 was postponed because of rain. The hike is now planned for January 14, 2025. A motion to approve the new date was made, seconded, and passed

**History Group:** Don Alger reported that a new book project about the history of Chico flumes and flour mills has been started.

**Pickleball:** Randy Benson reported that pickleball is being played on Thursdays at noon, weather permitting.

**Pinochle:** Joe Navarro reported that the game for the month of December will be played on December 18 at the Butte Creek Country Club.

**Piscatology:** Dana Davis reported that the next fishing trip is planned for Lake Oroville on February 26, 2025.

**New Business:**

**In-and-Out Luncheon:** Big Sir Dave Jones announced the In-and-Out Luncheon will be held at the Farmer's Skillet restaurant on January 15, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

**Fall BBQ in 2025:** Don Alger raised the question of whether there will be a Fall BBQ in 2025. After discussion, Big Sir Dave Jones directed that a committee be formed in 2025 to plan the event and obtain a cost of catering the event by the Elks Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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