



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

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2023 BEC MEETING**

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Rich Utter at 9:32 AM.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 27, 2023 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charles Staser reported that the November 27, 2023 balance was \$3795.57, and the December 18, 2023 balance is \$5921.13.

**Big Sir Report:** Big Sir Rich Utter reported that Charles Priddy reached the age of 90 years and will be given a Senior Sir Presidential award at today's luncheon. The In-and-Out breakfast will be held on January 10, 2024 at the Farmer's Skillet restaurant at 9:00 AM.

**Little Sir Report:** Little Sir Dave Jones asked that the committee chairmen confirm whether they will continue in 2024 as the chairman of their committee.

**RAMP Committees:**

- *Attendance:* Bruce Heidemeyer reported that at the November 27, 2023 luncheon, 84 members attended. Current membership level is 128, so 67 % of members attended the luncheon.

- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that there are no new applicants for membership. Ron Imhoff has applied for reinstatement as a member. A motion to accept Ron Imhoff's reinstatement was made, seconded, and passed.

- *Program Committee:* Jim Braziel reported that today's program is a choral performance of Christmas music by the Sounds of the Valley chorus. The programs for the first four months of 2024 are unchanged from previous BEC minutes and are summarized on the SIR 110 website. Jim Braziel announced that there are four new members of the Program Committee in 2024: Randy Benson, Jan Loring, Don Sturt (ex officio), and Dave Jones (ex officio). The present members of the committee (chairman Jim Braziel, Don Alger, and Dave Rush) will remain, so that there is a total of seven members of the committee in 2024.

**BEC Committees:**

• *Publicity:* Don Alger reported that he submitted information about the November presentations by the Tuskegee Airmen Sacramento Chapter to the Chico Enterprise-Record and they asked for some follow-up information. The indication is that the E-R will publish an article about that program in the future.

• *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the January 2024 issue is January 4, 2024.

• *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.

**Vino 110:** Don Alger reported that in January an apple cider tasting is being planned at the Lassen Cider facility in Chico. The date and details of the tasting have not yet been finalized.

**Bowling:** Randy Benson reported that four to five members have been playing in the drop-in league at Chico Bowl.

**Bridge:** Bob Dinger reported that there was only one session of bridge since the last report. The Thanksgiving holiday, other scheduled uses for the game room, and illness (colds) cancelled the other weekly planned games.

**Golf:** Darrell Hands reported that on December 4, 53 members played in a golf tournament at the Bidwell golf course. On December 11, 50 members played in a tournament, again at the Bidwell Golf Course.

**History Club:** Don Alger reported that there was no meeting in December, and the next meeting is set for January 9, 2024.

**Pinochle:** Joe Navarro reported that the next game is scheduled for December 27 at 11 AM at Butte Creek Country Club.

**Piscatology:** Bill Colvin reported that there was no fishing trip in December, but there was a breakfast meeting on December 14. At the meeting, there was a discussion and vote on whether the fishing trips should be made on a new moon instead of the full moon. The vote was split "right down the middle." No changes in the schedule have been made.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Luncheon Cost. The cost of the lunch charged by the Elks Lodge has been raised from \$17.00 to \$18.00. A long discussion was held to determine how much the Bidwell Branch should increase the amount collected from each member for the lunch meal. A motion to increase the charge to \$20.00 per member was made, seconded, and passed.

Backups for Committee Leaders. Jim Braziel raised the point that three of the members of the BEC and one activity leader need to have an identified assistant because of the importance and effort of their work. The BEC positions needing assistance are (1) webmaster, (2) Rooster's Tale, and (3) database manager; the activity needing assistance is golf. A search will start to find backups for these four areas.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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