



SIR BIDWELL BRANCH 110

SIR Region 1 – Area 1

Branch Executive Committee Meeting Manzanita Place, Chico, CA 95926

MINUTES OF May 20, 2024 BEC MEETING

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

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 22, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the April 22, 2024 balance was \$5723.89, and the May 20, 2024 balance is \$6206.13.

Big Sir Report: Big Sir Dave Jones delayed his report until the end of the meeting when lunch meal count problems will be discussed under New Business.

Little Sir Report: Little Sir Don Sturt was not at this meeting, so there was no Little Sir report.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* Bruce Heidemeyer reported that at the April 22, 2024 luncheon, 62 members attended and 70 lunches (including guests) were served. Current membership level is 132, so 47 % of members attended the luncheon.
- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that there are no applicants for membership this month.
- *Program Committee:* Jim Braziel reported that today's program will feature a presentation by Anthony Ferro, the baseball coach at Butte College. He replaces the planned speaker for the May program, Tyler Newton, the coach of the Butte College woman's basketball team who very recently changed jobs. Jim Braziel reported that district attorney Mike Ramsey has agreed to speak at the July luncheon about various local scams and in September Mike Egbert, CEO and president of the Chico Chamber of Commerce, will speak at the luncheon. A motion to approve today's program and the planned programs for July and September was made, seconded, and passed.

BEC Committees:

- *Recruitment:* Bill Colvin reported that the picture of BEC officers taken at the April luncheon was submitted to the Chico Enterprise-Record and appeared.
- *Data Base/Roster:* Rocky Rockwell reported that he has organized the procedure for following up on the initial meeting attendance request with additional emails a week later that seek a response from anyone who has not yet responded.
- *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the June 2024 issue is June 5. He asked that BEC members give him suggestions for improving the Rooster's Tale.
- *Nominations:* Don Alger reported that the Nomination Committee met and identified three members who will be proposed as new directors in 2025: Dave Jones, Mike Gross, and Jan Loring. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the proposed three new directors. The Nomination Committee has still not yet been able to entice any member into becoming the new Little Sir in 2025. A long discussion about techniques to identify and encourage a volunteer to become the 2024 Little Sir ensued. Techniques included asking a former Big Sir to become a Little Sir and publicizing the need for a Little Sir at the luncheon meeting.
- *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: Jim Braziel reported that the next tasting will be a liqueur tasting at Jim Braziel's house on May 30 at 2 PM. Members are encouraged to bring a liqueur to share; participation is free if they bring a bottle, or \$5 if they don't. Don Alger reported that he is working on an event for June but does not have the details firmed up yet. ABV 110 is planning to go on hiatus in July and August.

Bowling: Randy Benson reported that five to six members have been playing in the drop-in league at Chico Bowl every Tuesday at 6 PM. The activity will continue until the end of July and then go on hiatus for three weeks.

Bridge: Bob Dinger reported that there were two bridge sessions in the past month, and Bob Dinger and Ed Matzdorff were the winners at the sessions.

Hiking: Rich Utter reported that there was a hike on May 14 in upper Bidwell Park with low turnout. The hiking group will go on hiatus for the summer.

Golf: Darrell Hands reported that there was a tournament on April 29 at Rolling Hills Golf Course and 43 members played. On May 13, 35 members played in a tournament at Bailey Creek Golf Course. The next tournament will be held at Rolling Hills Golf Course on May 29.

History Club: Don Alger reported that the next meeting will be on June 11 at Don Alger's house. The topic of discussion will be research techniques and sources for uncovering the history of Butte County. At the meeting in May, the history club discussed the possibility of publishing the results of their research. Possible avenues included booklets printed with monetary support from SIR 110, files published on the SIR 110 website, and books made available through Amazon. Formal approval will await further exploration by the History Club.

Pickleball: Randy Benson reported that six or seven members have been meeting at Martin Luther King Park on Thursdays to play pickleball. The warmer temperatures going towards summer have necessitated moving the time up from 2 PM to 11 AM. The courts are getting crowded at earlier hours in the morning because of the warmer temperatures, and the pickleball activity may have to be put on hiatus until the end of summer.

Pinochle: Joe Navarro reported that the game scheduled for May 22 has been cancelled, but the game on June 26 will be played as scheduled (11 AM at Butte Creek Country Club).

Piscatology: Bill Colvin reported that the scheduled fishing trip to Bucks Lake on May 6-8 was cancelled because of weather. The next trip is scheduled for Davis Lake on June 4-6.

Travel: Jose Lopez reported that no new travel has been scheduled.

New Business:

Lunch Meal Count: Big Sir Dave Jones summarized problems with getting an accurate count of lunches that must be ordered ahead of time (the Thursday before the Monday luncheon) from the Elks Club kitchen. The number to order is obtained from responses to the email that Rocky Rockwell sends out requesting each members attendance plans. Based on experience, the number of lunches is then increased by about 5 % to account for members who don't respond, and for guests.

At the April 22 luncheon, the count was way off because 24 members who said they would attend did not show up. The branch paid \$480 for the excess lunches. Big Sir Dave Jones emphasized that such a discrepancy between number of attendees and number of meals should not be tolerated. After discussion, it was agreed by many that members who do not attend, after indicating that they would attend, should be charged for the meal. However, no easy method for doing this emerged in the discussion. The use of on-line payment methods such as Venmo was mentioned.

After discussion, Big Sir Dave Jones agreed to outline the problem to members at the May and June luncheons and state that a billing method will be implemented in July.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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