



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

**MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2023 BEC MEETING**

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Rich Utter at 9:31 AM.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the April 24, 2023 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charles Staser reported that the April 24, 2023 balance was \$4600.38, and the May 22, 2023 balance is \$4923.17.

**Big Sir Report:** Big Sir Rich Utter reported that the branch will resume the awarding of a free lunch to one member who has a birthday each month. The awardee will be chosen by having each birthday honoree draw from a deck of cards, with the one holding the highest-ranking card awarded a free lunch certificate for use at a future meeting. Rich Utter thanked everyone who helped on the Ladies Lunch (names given in the May Rooster's Tale), which was a very successful event.

**Little Sir Report:** No report.

**RAMP Committees:**

- *Attendance:* Bruce Heidemeyer reported that at the April 24 luncheon, 61 members attended. Current membership level is 119, so 51 % of members attended the luncheon.

- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that there is one new member applicant: Alex Lorenz. A motion to accept this new member was made, seconded, and passed.

- *Program Committee:* Jim Braziel reported that today's meeting will feature a talk by Butte County sheriff Kory Honea.

January and February 2024 Programs: Jim outlined the proposed programs for January and February 2024. For January a program by Carolina Burlson, CEO of the Honeybee Discovery Center in Orland is proposed, who will speak about the life of honeybees and honey production. For February, a program by Craig Kielb, head of the auto technology program at Butte College, is proposed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve these programs.

December 2023 Program: The Inspire School Chorus will perform. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to make a \$200 contribution to the Inspire School Chorus.

November 2023 Program: Jim Braziel reported that at a recent car show he spoke with members of the Red Tail Squadron of the Tuskegee Institute, who offered to make a presentation at the November 2023 luncheon meeting about the history of the squadron. They also asked to set up a table with memorabilia for sale as part of the presentation. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to contribute \$200 to the Red Tail Squadron in exchange for their presentation.

• *Recruitment:* Bill Colvin reported that a photo taken at the January 23 luncheon, when Jason Stiff was the speaker, was published in the May 15 issue of the Chico Enterprise-Record.

### **BEC Committees:**

• *Audit:* Cap Porterfield turned in the 2022 audit report and stated that there were no problems. The report will be forwarded to the State SIR organization.

• *Publicity:* Don Alger reported that a free announcement for each month's luncheon program has been in the on-line version of the Chico News and Review for a few months.

• *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that submissions for the June 2023 Rooster's Tale are due by June 8.

• *Website:* 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.

**ABV 110:** Don Alger reported that a tasting at the Gray Fox Winery in Oroville is planned for May 27 at 1 PM. Cost will be \$5.00. A beer tasting is planned at the Secret Trails Brewery on June 29, but further details (time, cost, etc) are not yet available.

**Bridge:** Bob Dinger reported that two bridge games were held in the last month.

**Golf:** Darrell Hands reported that 32 golfers played on May 8 at Table Mountain Golf Course, and 31 golfers played on May 16 at Wilcox Golf Course. The next tournaments will be held on June 5 at Rolling Hills and on June 19 at Canyon Oaks Golf Course.

**Hiking:** Big Sir Rich Utter reported that the hike on May 9 along Feather River parkway went as planned. A hike in Upper Bidwell Park starting at Horseshoe Lake is planned for June 13. The hiking activity will take a break in July and August.

**Pinochle:** Joe Navarro reported that a game is scheduled for May 24 at 11 AM at BCCC.

**Piscatology:** Bill Colvin reported that a fishing trip is scheduled for May 24 and 25 to Davis Lake. Because of weather forecasts for high winds on the lake, he asked that approval be given for Siskiyou Lake as an alternative. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for this

alternative.

**Travel:** Jose Lopez reported that he has brochures for trips (operated by other SIR branches) to Spain and Portugal, and to the East coast of the U.S.

**Woodworking:** Craig Lindquist reported that the woodworking group is still meeting at 10 AM to 2 PM every Thursday.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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