



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

**MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 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, Bob Dinger, Dave Rush, Charles Staser, Ken Edson, Jose Lopez. Directors: Mike Nicholas, Joe Navarro, Randy Benson, Mike Gross, Dave Jones.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the May 19, 2025 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charles Staser reported that the May 19, 2025 balance was \$5720.78, and the June 23, 2025 balance is \$5838.36.

**Big Sir Report:** Big Sir Don Sturt reported he is dealing with prostate cancer, which may affect his ability to carry out some of the duties of Big Sir. He will keep the BEC updated on his progress.

**RAMP Committees:**

- *Attendance:* Rich Olsen reported that 67 members (50%) attended the May 19, 2025 meeting.

- *Membership:* Sam Smith reported that there is one new applicant for membership this month: Mike Bates. A motion to accept this applicant was made, seconded, and passed.

- *Program Committee:* Randy Benson reported that the presenter for today's talk about the OLLI program at Chico State has the flu and is unable to present that program. In his place SIR member Don Alger will give a presentation about the country music singers of the 1980's. He summarized the schedule of the previously approved programs for July, September, and November. The program planned for August is a presentation by Katherine Schwab about the Butte Humane Society; the program planned for October is a presentation about Bidwell Mansion by Amber Drake, who was a tour guide at Bidwell Mansion for many years.

- *Publicity:* Don Alger reported on several books currently nearing completion by the History committee that will be published in the next several months.

**BEC Committees:**

- *Data Base/Roster:* No report.

- *Nominations*: Don Alger reported that Rich Utter has agreed to be nominated for treasurer in 2026 and Dana Davis has agreed to be nominated as a director. A nominee for Little Sir has not yet been identified. All the other officer and director positions for 2026 will be continuations of the 2025 roster. As directed by state bylaws, the officer and director slate for 2026 must be listed in the July Rooster's Tale ahead of a vote by all SIR members at the August luncheon meeting. A motion to approve the aforementioned slate for listing in the July Roosters Tale was moved, seconded, and passed.

- *Rooster's Tale*: Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the July 2025 issue is July 10.

- *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 the next ABV activity will take place at the Raging Bull Winery east of Orland on June 26 at 3:00 pm, followed by a dinner at the Farwood Restaurant in Orland.

**Bowling:** Randy Benson reported that weekly bowling will take the summer off and begin again in the Fall.

**Bridge:** Bob Dinger reported that there were three bridge sessions in the past month and Bob Dinger was the winner once.

**Golf:** Darrell Hands reported that a tournament was held on June 9 at Table Mountain Golf Course with 27 members playing. The next tournament will be held at Rolling Hills Golf Course on June 30.

**Hiking:** Randy Benson reported that the hiking group will take the summer off and will begin hiking again in September.

**History:** Don Alger reported that there was no meeting in June, but a tentative meeting is scheduled for July 8. The members continue to research and write about the history of Chico grocery stores and flower mills.

**Pinochle:** Joe Navarro reported that the next game is scheduled for June 25 at Butte Creek Country Club.

**Piscatology:** Dana Davis reported that a three-day fishing trip to Bucks Lake is planned for June 24-26. Eleven fishermen are planning to go.

**New Business:**

**September BBQ:** Dana Davis was asked about plans for the BBQ in September 2025. A plan is being developed to have an outdoor BBQ at the Elks Club. The BBQ will be mentioned at today's luncheon meeting, and a signup sheet will be available at the July luncheon meeting. Various food options were discussed (catering by the Elks Club, potluck provided by members, and outside catering), but no decisions were made.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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