



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

**MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2024 BEC MEETING**

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Dave Jones at 9:30 AM.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the May 27, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charles Staser reported that the May 27, 2024 balance was \$6206.13, and the June 24, 2024 balance is \$5242.65.

**Big Sir Report:** Big Sir Dave Jones delayed his report until the end of the meeting when several new business items will be discussed.

**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 May 27, 2024 luncheon, 75 members attended and 80 lunches (including guests) were served. Current membership level is 130, so 57 % of members attended the luncheon.

- *Membership:* Don Alger reported that there are two former members applying for reinstatement: Joe Galloway and James Cagno. Two new applicants are applying for membership: Gilbert Jones and Steven Miller. A motion to approve the two new membership applications and the two requests for reinstatement was made, seconded, and passed.

- *Program Committee:* Jim Braziel reported that today's program will feature Tom van Overbeek, a Chico City Council member, who will talk about the homeless situation in Chico. The proposed program for August 2024 is a presentation by Larry Willis, a SIR 110 member, about criminal defense stories. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve this program. The programs for September through November 2024, which have been approved in earlier BEC meetings, were briefly mentioned and details are in the earlier minutes. Plans for the November meeting, which will focus on military veterans, were discussed.

**BEC Committees:**

- *Recruitment:* Bill Colvin reported that he is continuing to submit pictures to the Chico Enterprise-Record for Monday's Snapshots section, and they are appearing. He asked for pictures to be submitted to him by SIR activity leaders so he can forward them to the ER.

- *Data Base/Roster:* Rocky Rockwell reported that he has continued to work on organizing the procedure for obtaining an accurate meal and attendance count and has automated many of the steps.

- *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the July 2024 issue is July 4. He thanked the activity leaders for generally responding by the stated deadline "without having to be bugged."

- *Nominations:* Don Alger reported that the Nomination Committee has not been able to entice any member into becoming a new Little Sir in 2025. An announcement related to the director nominations will appear in the July Rooster's Tale, and a vote will be held at the August 2024 luncheon.

- *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 planned tasting will be at the New Clairvaux Winery in Vina at 3 PM on June 27, followed by a dinner at the Lassen Steakhouse at 5 PM. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve this tasting. 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 the month of August.

**Golf:** Cap Porterfield reported that the next golf tournament will be held at Bidwell Golf Course on July 8.

**History Club:** Don Alger reported that two history reports have been written by the History Club: one on the history of the Post Office in Chico, and one on the history of the Chico Brewery. Each report is about 40 pages long. The History Club proposes that these reports be published as two paperback books, with a statement at the bottom of the cover page that they are a publication from SIR. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the placement of the SIR statement. A further discussion was held about the cost of publication. Jim Braziel has agreed to support the publication costs of these two books, and Don Alger stated that he, Ray Rolls, and Ray Wilson are also planning to contribute to the publication costs. Possible direct support from SIR 110 of publication costs for future History Club reports will be considered by

the BEC when such reports are written.

**Pickleball:** Randy Benson reported that the pickleball activity will be put on hold until the end of summer because of the heat.

**Pinochle:** Joe Navarro reported that the next game will be played as scheduled on June 26 (11 AM at Butte Creek Country Club).

**Piscatology:** Bill Colvin reported that the next fishing trip will be to Bucks Lake on July 8 to 10. He also reported that the fishing trip in August will be to Lewiston and Trinity Lakes from August 5 to 7. Both of these trips are dates and locations that differ from the fishing schedule approved in February. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve these trips.

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

### **Old Business:**

**Venmo and Checks:** As discussed at the May 2024 BEC meeting, starting in July any member who responds with a “will attend the upcoming luncheon” on the monthly survey but does not attend and fails to notify Big Sir Dave Jones or Rocky Rockwell to change his response will be required to pay the \$20.00 luncheon fee. The use of the payment system known as Venmo was proposed as a paperless and rapid way to pay the fee. Big Sir Dave Jones inquired if anyone had investigated the procedure for paying by Venmo. No one had done this investigation. However, treasurer Charles Staser stated that there was no problem in accepting the payment by check.

**Providing Rides to Members:** As discussed and approved at the April 2024 BEC meeting, the branch will attempt to provide rides to and from the luncheon to members who are unable to drive. Big Sir Dave Jones inquired if anyone on the BEC knew of anyone who is providing a ride for today’s luncheon, and several were mentioned. Rocky Rockwell agreed to solicit and maintain a list of members who are willing to provide rides.

### **New Business:**

**State Zoom Meeting:** Big Sir Dave Jones reported that there will be a Zoom meeting discussing membership issues run by the State SIR organization on June 26, 2024 at 2:00 PM. Any BEC member interested in this Zoom meeting can participate in Jim Braziel’s office.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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