



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

**MINUTES OF JULY 28, 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, Rocky Rockwell. Directors: Mike Nicholas, Joe Navarro, Randy Benson, Dave Jones.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the June 23, 2025 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charles Staser reported that the June 23, 2025 balance was \$5838.36, and the July 28, 2025 balance is \$5755.86.

**Big Sir Report:** Big Sir Don Sturt reported that the annual meeting of the SIR State Board of Directors will take place in Lafayette on August 26. Members of the BEC are invited to attend, and details of the meeting and location were given on a hand-out. Dave Rush mentioned that several members of Branch 84 are planning to attend and might be able to be a source of transportation to the meeting.

**RAMP Committees:**

- *Attendance:* Rich Olsen reported that 57 members (43%) attended the June 23, 2025 meeting.

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

- *Program Committee:* Randy Benson reported today's program is a presentation by Greg Sanger about the past, present, and future of commercial airline service at the Chico airport. Randy Benson summarized the schedule of the previously approved programs for July, August, and October. In September a program about artificial intelligence will be given by Zack Justus, and in November, the speaker will be Carlos Castle, who will speak on behalf of veterans.

- *Publicity:* Don Alger reported on the publications by the History Group that are currently the best publicity vehicle for Branch 110. Details are given in the History Group report in the Activity Committee Reports below.

**BEC Committees:**

- *Data Base/Roster*: Rocky Rockwell reported that he is getting ready for the 2026 roster.

- *Nominations*: Don Alger reported that the officer and director nominations for 2026 were published as required in the July Rooster's Tale. A vote on the slate will be taken of all Branch 110 members at the August luncheon. A nominee for Little Sir has not yet been identified.

- *Rooster's Tale*: Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the August 2025 issue is August 7, 2025. Don Alger updated the cost of printing and mailing 17 printed copies of the Rooster's Tale to those members who have requested a printed copy: the cost is approximately \$20.00.

- *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 ABV activity is on vacation for the rest of the summer. A tentative event is proposed for September 28 at Jim Braziel's house.

**Bowling:** Randy Benson reported that weekly bowling is taking the summer off and will begin again in September.

**Bridge:** Bob Dinger reported that there were two bridge sessions in the past month.

**Golf:** Darrell Hands reported that there were three tournaments since the BEC meeting in June. The first tournament was held at the Rolling Hills Golf Course on June 30. The second tournament was held at Bidwell Golf Course on July 7 and there were 36 players. The third tournament was held at Plumas Lake Golf Course on July 21. The next tournament will be held at Wilcox Oaks Golf Course on August 8.

**Hiking:** Rich Utter reported that the hiking group is taking the summer off and will begin hiking again in September.

**History:** Don Alger reported that a pamphlet on the history of Shearer Park in Chico written by Ray Rolls and Don Alger is available on the Branch 110 website. The book about the history of notable names in Chico is nearing completion, and the Chico History Museum has asked the history group to give a presentation to them about the book (not yet scheduled). The book about Dr. Enloe written by Ray Wilson is nearly finished and will be available soon.

**Pickleball:** Jay Hanson reported that pickleball is playing every Thursday unless the weather is too hot. Ten to 12 members are playing.

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

**Piscatology:** Dana Davis reported that seven members went on a three-day fishing trip to Bucks Lake on June 24-26. The next trip is planned for Medicine Lake on July 29. In August a trip to Eagle Lake is planned for August 26.

**New Business:**

**September BBQ:** Big Sir Don Sturt reported that the branch BBQ will take place at the Elks Club outdoor BBQ area on September 6 starting at 4:00 PM. Cost will be \$35.00. Attendees are invited to bring their own liquid refreshment, including soft drinks, beer, and wine. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to invite members of SIR Branch 84 to attend the BBQ.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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