



SIR BIDWELL BRANCH 110

SIR Region 1 – Area 1

Branch Executive Committee Meeting Manzanita Place, Chico, CA 95926

MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2024 BEC MEETING

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Dave Jones at 9:35 AM.

Officers and Directors Present: Officers: Dave Jones, Don Sturt, Dave Rush, Charles Staser, Rocky Rockwell. Directors: Ken Edson, Mike Nicholas, Ron Braziel, Bill Colvin, Randy Benson.

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

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the July 22, 2024 balance was \$5,109.35, and the August 26, 2024 balance is \$5,273.95. Charles asked the BEC for approval to be reimbursed \$70 for the software program that he uses to provide the monthly reports to the State SIR organization. A motion to allow this reimbursement was made, seconded, and approved. Charles raised the question of how the \$20 luncheon fee should be collected from members who stated they would attend, but then did not attend. A long discussion was held about this issue, but no decisions were made, or motions proposed.

Big Sir Report: Big Sir Dave Jones discussed the State meeting to be held on September 24, 2024 in Lafayette. Dave then discussed a list of members who have not attended any meetings in the last six or more months. About ninety percent on the list are golfers. A discussion ensued of whether these members should be asked to resign from SIR 110. Dave Jones instructed Darrell Hands, golfing chairman, to speak to each of the golfing members on the list about their intentions, if in fact they were asked to resign.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* Bruce Heidemeyer reported that at the July 22, 2024 luncheon, 70 members attended and 72 lunches (including guests) were served. Current membership level is 133, so 52% of members attended the luncheon.
- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that two new applicants are applying for membership: Leonard Spesert and Richard Waldsmith. A motion to approve these applicants was made, seconded, and passed.
- *Program Committee:* Don Alger reported that today's program will feature Larry Willis, retired Butte County defense attorney and member of SIR 110, who will speak about the history of public defender services in Butte County.

BEC Committees:

- *Recruitment:* Bill Colvin reported that he has submitted pictures taken at the August meeting to the Chico ER, but none of the pictures has appeared.
- *Data Base/Roster:* Rocky Rockwell reported that he is preparing step-by-step instructions of how the monthly member survey is taken and assembled, as an aid to anyone who would follow in his footsteps.
- *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the September 2024 issue is September 4.
- *Nominations:* Don Alger reported that the Nomination Committee has not yet been able to entice any member into becoming the new Little Sir in 2025. The election of 2025 officers will take place at today's luncheon meeting and be conducted by Don Alger.
- *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 on September 26 at 2:00 PM, a wine tasting will be held at Don Alger's home. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve this tasting.

Golf: Darrell Hands reported that 38 golfers played in a tournament on August 6 at Table Mountain golf course. On August 19, 29 golfers played in a tournament at Canyon Oaks golf course.

Bowling: Randy Benson reported that bowling will resume on August 27 at 6:00 PM at the Bowlero bowling alley.

History Club: Don Alger reported that the report about the history of the Post Office in Chico is now on the web, and the report on the history of the Chico Brewery will be on the web very soon. Currently, there are about ten history projects under way by the History club.

Piscatology: Bill Colvin reported that the fishing trip dates in October have to be changed from October 1-3 to October 7-9. No motion was needed to change the dates.

New Business:

New Membership Chairman Needed: Don Levensaler has asked to be relieved as the membership chairman in 2025. A new chairman is being sought.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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