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

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 BEC MEETING

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Don Sturt at 9:34 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, Dave Jones, Jan Loring.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 25, 2025 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the August 25, 2025 balance was \$5343.36, and the September 22, 2025 balance is \$6224.36.

Big Sir Report: Big Sir Don Sturt reported that Little Sir Ralph Skytte, who has been away all summer, will return for the October 2025 meeting.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* Rich Olsen reported that 79 members (61%) attended the August 25, 2025 meeting. 9:06 maybe come back to this.

- *Membership:* There was no report, but there are no new applicants for membership this month.

- *Program Committee:* Don Alger reported that today's program is a presentation by Zack Justus (professor in Communication Arts and Sciences Department at Chico State University) about generative AI and its role in higher education. Work continues on development of programs for 2026.

- *Publicity:* Don Alger reported that the publications by the History Group continue to be the best publicity vehicle for Branch 110. Work is continuing on projects described in the minutes of the past several months.

BEC Committees:

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

• *Nominations:* Don Alger reported that a nominee for Little Sir has not yet been identified. Nominees for all other BEC positions have been identified and were voted on at the August luncheon meeting.

• *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the October 2025 issue is October 9, 2025. He reported on the cost of printing and distributing mailed hardcopies of the Rooster's Tale. There are three categories of recipients of a mailed hardcopy: widows of deceased members (3); members who do not have email (3); and members who have email, but also would like a hardcopy because they do not have a printer (10). The total cost for the printing and mailing is \$190 per year. After discussion, several members volunteered to contribute to this cost, but the majority of the cost will be funded out of the SIR 110 treasury.

• *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 an ABV activity is planned for September 26 at the Live Vine Winery in Oroville, starting at 4:00 PM. An event featuring beer tasting is planned for October 30 at Farmers Restaurant and Taproom at 2 PM. A motion to approve this event was made, seconded, and passed.

Bowling: Don Alger reported that weekly bowling, which has taken the summer off, has now resumed. They meet on Tuesdays at 6 PM at the Bowlero bowling alley.

Bridge: Bob Dinger reported that there were three bridge sessions in the past month, and Bob Dinger was the winner at one of the sessions.

Hiking: Rich Utter reported that the first hike after the summer recess took place on September 16 in upper Bidwell Park with five hikers. A hike on October 21 is planned for Paradise Lake.

History: Don Alger reported that four history books written by members are ready to go, and group members are working on ways to publicize and market the books.

Book Exchange: Rich Utter reported that the book exchange continues and is going well.

Pinochle: Joe Navarro reported that the next game is scheduled for September 24 at Butte Creek Country Club.

Piscatology: Dana Davis reported that four members went on the fishing trip on August 26 to Eagle Lake. The next trip is a three-day trip to Lake Davis leaving on September 23. A trip to Lewiston-Trinity Lake was originally planned for October 10-12, but a change to October 28-30 is now requested. A motion to approve this change in date was made, seconded, and passed.

Unfinished Business: Rocky Rockwell proposed that a change be made in the way the count for the number of attendees at the monthly luncheon meeting is made. He proposed that members who plan to attend the meeting send a check for the cost of lunch to the treasurer no later than the Thursday prior to the Monday luncheon. After a long discussion, it was decided that starting at the October luncheon, any member showing up who had not contacted Rocky Rockwell with his plans to attend will have to wait until all other attending members (who did contact Rocky Rckwell) have been processed. If there are meals available, the waiting member can buy a meal ticket.

New Business:

Christmas Party: Craig Lindquist reported that the branch Christmas party will take place at the Elks Club on December 8 starting at 4:00 PM. Cost will be \$35.00. Entertainment will be provided by the Children's Choir.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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