



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

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 BEC MEETING

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Big Sir Dave Jones at 9:33 AM.

Officers and Directors Present: Officers: Dave Jones, Don Sturt, Bob Dinger, Dave Rush, Charles Staser, Rocky Rockwell. Directors: Ken Edson, Jose Lopez, Mike Nicholas, Ron Braziel, Joe Navarro, Randy Benson.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 26, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Staser reported that the August 26, 2024 balance was \$5,273.95, and the September 23, 2024 balance is \$5,316.55

Big Sir Report: Big Sir Dave Jones reported that he and Little Sir Don Sturt will be attending the State meeting to be held on September 24, 2024 in Lafayette. He will report on the meeting at next month's BEC meeting.

RAMP Committees:

- *Attendance:* Bruce Heidemeyer reported that at the August 23, 2024 luncheon, 67 members attended and 63 lunches were served. Current membership level is 133, so 50% of members attended the luncheon.

- *Membership:* Don Levensaler reported that three new applicants are applying for membership: Duncan Way, Kurt Himmler, and Jeff Owings. A motion to approve these applicants was made, seconded, and passed.

- *Program Committee:* Jim Braziel reported that he will not be able to continue as chairman of the Program Committee. Randy Benson has agreed to take his place for the remainder of 2024 and into 2025. Jim reported that the speaker planned for the October 2024 meeting, President of CSU Steve Perez, will not be able to be at the meeting, but Issac Brundage, vice-president of student affairs at CSU, will speak instead. The program for January 25, 2025 will be a presentation by Captain Andy Poyner of the California Highway Patrol. A motion to approve this program was moved, seconded, and passed.

BEC Committees:

- *Data Base/Roster:* Rocky Rockwell reported that he has completed the 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. He also has automated the generation of the yearly member roster.

- *Rooster's Tale:* Don Alger reported that the deadline for submissions for the October 2024 issue is October 10.

- *Nominations:* Don Alger reported that the position of Little Sir in 2025 continues to go unfilled.

- *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 1:00 PM, a wine tasting will be held at Don Alger's home. Price is \$10.00.

Bowling: Randy Benson reported that bowling resumed as planned on August 27 and continues each Tuesday night at 6 PM.

Bridge: Bob Dinger reported that there were three bridge sessions in the past month. Bob Dinger and Ed Matzdorff were winners.

Golf: Darrell Hands reported that 41 golfers played in a tournament on September 9 at Rolling Hills golf course. On September 16, 34 golfers played in a tournament at Bidwell golf course. The next tournament will be held on October 16 at Baileys Creek golf course.

Hiking: Randy Benson reported that a hike is planned on October 8 at 9:00 am on the Yahi Trail beginning at Horseshoe Lake in Bidwell Park.

History Club: Don Alger reported that the report about the history of the Post Office in Chico is now on the web and available on Amazon, and the report on the history of the Chico Brewery will be available very soon. The next book project is a history of grocery stores in Chico.

Pickleball: Randy Benson reported that pickleball playing will resume sometime in early October, but no date was given.

Pinochle: Joe Navarro reported that the next game will be played as scheduled on September 25 (11 AM at Butte Creek Country Club).

Piscatology: Bob Wekerly, the leader of the fishing group since 2005, reported that he wants to step down as leader. Bill Colvin has been his assistant but a new leader (or possibly someone designated as a co-leader with Bill Colvin) needs to be arranged for 2025. A search will begin. Bob Wekerly stated that the next fishing trip planned for October 7-9 is to Lake Almanor, as given in the schedule approved early in 2024, but he requested that Davis Lake be approved as a back-up location for the trip. A motion to grant this approval was made, seconded, and passed.

Old Business:

Approval of Branch 110 Parliamentarian: Big Sir Dave Jones asked that Ken Edson be formally approved as the Branch Parliamentarian (he had been an informal Branch Parliamentarian for some months). A motion for this approval was made, seconded, and passed.

New Business:

Planning for the 2024 Christmas Party: Craig Lindquist reported that the Christmas Party will be held on December 2 at 5:30 PM. The cost will be \$25, the menu will include turkey and roast beef, and there will be a raffle as in past years.

Reduction of Salad Price: Rocky Rockwell proposed that the price of a salad at the luncheon be reduced from the current \$20 price (the same price as asked for the cooked meal) to \$18. The reduction would be funded by the SIR 110 general fund. A motion to fund this reduction was made, seconded, and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bob Dinger

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